



BOTSWANA BUREAU OF STANDARDS

PRESS RELEASE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPULSORY STANDARD FOR PLASTIC AND CARRIER BAGS AND FLAT PLASTIC BAGS

The Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) would like to remind the local manufacturers and trading outlets and public in general that the plastic carrier bags and flat plastic bags **compulsory standard (BOS 186:2006)** came into force on 12th May 2007. In terms of this compulsory standard, it is illegal for to **“manufacture or import plastic carrier bags and flat plastic bags of a thickness which is less than 24 micron for use in Botswana”**. The compulsory standard does **not** cover the thin bread wrapping plastics, refuse plastic bags, bin plastic liners, household plastics or primary packaging plastics such as barrier bags.

Since the commencement of the compulsory standard for plastic carrier bags and flat plastic bags on 14th May 2007, it has been observed that some trading outlets such as shops, supermarkets, take aways, hardware stores, restaurants, etc continue to use plastic carrier bags and flat plastics bags of **a thickness which is less than 24 micron**, violating Section 10(6) of the Standard Act, CAP.43:07 and in term of terms of Section 14 (1)(b) of the Standards Act, they are liable to imprisonment for three years and a fine of P5 000. BOBS would, therefore, like to warn trading out lets which continue to use plastic carrier bags and flat plastics bags, which are not allowed in Botswana to immediately stop doing so.

Various Government agencies responsible for law enforcement, including the Botswana Police Service will intensify monitoring to ensure that those who violate the law are brought to book.

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Ba Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS) ba gakolola badiri ba dipolaseteke mono le mabenkele kana marekisetso le sechaba ka kakaretso gore tekanyetso e e patelatsang go dirisiwa kana e e tlamiwang ke molao (compulsory standard - BOS 186:2006) ya dipolaseteke tse dinang le, le tse di senang mekgothu tse gantsi di dirisiwang go phuthela dilwana mo marekisetso a tshwana le mabenkele e mo tirisong go simolola kgwedi ya Motsheganong e tlhola lesome le bobedi ngwaga ono (12 May 2007). Goya ka tekanyetso e, ke molato go dira kana go tlisa kana go gweba mo lefatsheng leno ka dipolaseteke tse di bokima bo ko tlase ga 24Micrometer. Tekanyetso e ga e ame dipolaseteke tse di phuthelang borotho, tsa matlaka, tse di dirisiwang go olela dithini tsa matlakala le tse di dirisiwang mo malapeng go phuthela dilwana.

Go lemogilwe gore e sale jaaka tekanyetso e e tsena mo tirisong ka Motsheganong a tlhola lesome le bone ngwaga ono mabenkele kana marekisetso mangwe a santse a dirisa dipolaseteke tse di seng ka fa molaong (tse bosesane jwa tsone bo leng ka fa tlase ga seelo se beilweng sa 24 micro-meters), mme se, se kगतलhanong le temana ya 10(6)ya molao wa ditekanyetso, Standards Act, CAP.43:07. Molao wa ditekanyetso, (Standards Act) temana ya 14 (1)(b), o supa gore motho ope yo o tla bonwang molato e le ka ntlha ya go tlhoka go sala morago tekanyetso e e tlamiwang ke molao e tshwana le e e sa tswang go umakwa, o tlaa atlholelwa kgolegelo ya dingwaga di le tharo le madi a a tshwarang dikete di le tlhano tsa dipula (P5000.00). BOBS e tlhagisa marekisetso kana bagwebi ba batsweletseng go dirisa dipolaseteke tse di seng kafa molaong go emisa go dira jalo ka bofefo.

Maphata a ga Goromente a a tlhokometseng kobamelo ya molao go a karediwa le ba Sepodisi sa Botswana, ba tlaa tlhomamisa gore molao o, o a obamelwa ka go dira gore ope yo o sa o obameleng a tseelwe dikgato tse di lebanyeng.

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