

**THE TRADE RETURNS PROCLAMATION
(CHAPTER 152)**

as amended by

THE TRADE RETURNS (AMENDMENT) PROCLAMATION, 1961
(No. 26 of 1961)
(Promulgated 26th April, 1961)

and

**THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (ADAPTATION OF EXISTING LAWS)
ORDER, 1966**
(Legal Notice No. 84 of 1966)
(Date of Commencement 30th September, 1966)

and

THE TRADE RETURNS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1966
(No. 9 of 1966)
(Date of Commencement 21st December, 1966)

together with

THE TRADE RETURNS (PRESCRIBED FORMS) REGULATIONS, 1966
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CHAPTER 152

TRADE RETURNS

To provide for the rendering of returns of goods imported and exported.

(1st April, 1923)

Short Title.

1. This Proclamation may be cited as the Trade Returns Proclamation.

Return by Licensees of Imports and Exports.

2. Every holder of a trading licence in Botswana¹ and every other person upon whom notice may be served in the form prescribed by regulation requiring him to make a return under this Proclamation, shall make annually to the President² a return of all articles imported by him into or exported by him from Botswana¹ during the period of twelve months from the² first day of July in any year to the thirtieth day of June in the following year.

The term "article" as used in this Proclamation shall include livestock, vehicles, farm produce, metals and precious stones, and all goods, wares and merchandise of any description whatsoever.

Procedure.

3. The return required under this Proclamation shall be in such form as may be prescribed by regulation, and² shall be filed with the³ Ministry of Finance, Gaborone not later than² thirty days after the expiration of the period in respect of which the return is to be made.

Offences and Penalties.

4. (1) Any person required to make a return under this Proclamation who fails to make such a return in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R100 or to imprisonment for any period not exceeding three months, or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

(2) If any holder of a trading licence in Botswana¹ fails to make a return as required by this Proclamation it shall be in the discretion of any³ licensing authority to refuse to issue to such trader a new licence at the expiration of his current licence.

(1) amended by L.N. 84/1966

(2) amended by Proc. 26/1961

(3) amended by Act 9/1966

False Statements in Returns.

5. Any person who makes in any return filed by him under this Proclamation any statement which is false in any material particular, knowing the same to be false, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R100 or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Publication of Information.

6. Compilations of information contained in returns obtained under this Proclamation may be made and published in such manner as the President¹ may direct; provided that no return furnished by any person shall separately and alone be made public without the consent of the person making the return.

Secrecy to be Observed.

7. Any officer in the service of the Government who divulges except as allowed by this Proclamation the contents of any return filled up in pursuance of this Proclamation shall be guilty of an offence and be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding R100 or in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to the like period of imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Regulations.

8. The President¹ may by notice in the *Gazette* make regulations not inconsistent with this Proclamation prescribing the form of returns to be made under this Proclamation and the particulars to be furnished therein and the form of notices to be served under this Proclamation and generally for carrying out the purposes of this Proclamation.

Service of Notices.

9. Any notice authorised under this Proclamation to be served upon any person shall be sufficiently and effectively served —

- (a) if personally served upon him; or
- (b) if left at his usual or last place of abode or office or place of business in Botswana¹; or
- (c) if sent in a registered letter addressed to such place of abode, office or place of business or to his usual or last postal address in Botswana¹;

and in the case of a company shall be sufficiently and effectively served if served on any manager or agent of the company in Botswana¹.

(1) amended by L.N. 84 of 1966

L.N. 9 of 1966.

TRADE RETURNS

FORMS OF RETURNS TO BE MADE

(Under section 8)

(21st January, 1966)

THE TRADE RETURNS (PRESCRIBED FORM) REGULATIONS, 1966

Return of imports and exports for the twelve months ending on the 30th June,

PART I — RETURN OF IMPORTS

Please state the value in Rands and the quantity (where applicable) of all goods in the following categories purchased by you directly from outside Botswana from 1st July, 19.... to 30th June, 19....

	Value of Imports from			Quantity Imported
	South Africa	Rhodesia	Elsewhere (specify)	
	R	R	R	
FOOD, DRINK TOBACCO				
Sorghum				Bags
Maize				Bags
Maizemeal				Bags
Millet				Bags
Wheat				Bags
Wheatflour				Bags
Sugar				Pockets
Salt				Lbs.
Eggs				Gross
Groundnuts				Bags
Dairy Products				Lbs.
Beans, Peas Lentils				Bags
Processed Meat and Fish				
Beer				Galls.
Wines				Galls.
Spirits				Galls.
Carbonated Soft Drinks (e.g. Sodas, Colas, etc.)				
Other Food and Drink				
Cigarettes and Tobacco				
LIVESTOCK				
LIVESTOCK FEED				
Cereal By-products				Bales/Bags
Oilcakes and meals				Bales/Bags
Other concentrates				Bales/Bags
Carried Forward Values Only				

	Value of Imports from			
	South Africa	Rhodesia	Elsewhere (specify)	Quantity Imported
	R	R	R	
Brought Forward				
Hays, various				Bales/Bags
COTTON SEEDS				
CLOTHING & TEXTILES				
Shoes and boots				Pairs
Blankets and rugs				Number
Other clothing				
Textile Fabrics and piece goods				
BUILDING MATERIALS				
of Wood				Cub. Ft.
of Glass				Sq. Ft.
Cement				Pockets
Bricks				Number
Corrugated Iron Sheeting				Feet
Other Building Materials				
MACHINERY & TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT				
Farm Machinery and Implements				
Tractors				Number
Motor Vehicles				Number
Vehicle Part and servicing				
Radios				Number
Bicycles				Number
Sewing Machines				Number
Other Machinery and Equipment				
FUELS AND CHEMICALS				
Coal				Tons
Petroleum Products				
Fertiliser				Bags
Pesticides				Galls./Lbs.
Carried Forward				

	Value of Imports from			Quantity Imported
	South Africa	Rhodesia	Elsewhere (specify)	
	R	R	R	
Brought Forward				
Fungicides				Galls./Lbs.
Medical and Pharmaceutical				
Other Chemical Products				
FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION				
ALL OTHER IMPORTS				
TOTAL IMPORTS (Values Only)				

Tick here if values include cost of transport.

Tick here if you wish to receive the national total.

PART II — RETURN OF EXPORTS

Please state the value in Rands and the quantity (where applicable) of all goods in the following categories sold directly outside Botswana, between 1st July 19.... and 30th June 19....

	Value of Export to			Quantity
	South Africa	Rhodesia	Elsewhere	
	R	R	R	
Sorghum				
Maize				
Maizemeal				
Wheat				
Wheatflour				
Beans, Peas, Lentils				
Groundnuts				
Tobacco				
Citrus Fruits				
Cotton				
Butter and Butterfat				
Other Animal Products				
Other Exports (Please Specify)				
TOTAL EXPORTS				