



## Market Access to Botswana



## Standards Import Inspection Regulations (SIIR)

The Standards Import Inspection Regulations (SIIR) were published on 12 September 2008 in the Botswana Gazette by the Botswana Bureau of Standards (BOBS). The main purpose of the SIIR is to control the quality of prescribed imports into Botswana.

Current regulations for all products imported into the Republic of Botswana must comply with the BOBS standards and regulatory framework. A BOBS Compliance Certificate is accepted as a proof of compliance and is sufficient for the release of shipments of imported products. TÜV Rheinland's documents, such as its Inspection Certificate, are recognised by BOBS as a basis for issuing the BOBS Compliance Certificate.

Commodities that have received a BOBS Compliance Certificate based on documents from a recognised body such as TÜV Rheinland are not subjected to tests during customs clearance.

A person who contravenes the provisions of the SIIR regulations (which includes not obtaining a BOBS CoC before shipment) commits an offence and is liable to a fine or to imprisonment or both.

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### Product scope

- Fire safety
- Electrical
- Tyres and safety glass
- Food and agriculture
- Chemicals



## Service Procedure

- 1 Document preparation
- 2 Testing (if necessary)
- 3 Pre-shipment inspection
- 4 Shipment inspection certificate issued by TÜV Rheinland
- 5 Certificate of Compliance issued by BOBS

## Documents required to obtain the Shipment Inspection Certificate

### For non-food products

- User manual
- Technical specifications
- Declaration of Compliance with the relevant BOS/IEC standard
- Test reports issued by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited lab (if they exist)
- Certificates issued by an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body (if they exist)
- Names and addresses of importer, exporter and manufacturer
- Packing list and shipping invoice (pro forma invoice)

### For food products

- List of ingredients
- Declaration of Compliance with the relevant BOS/IEC standard
- Analysis reports issued by an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited lab (if they exist)
- Certificates issued by an ISO/IEC 17065 accredited certification body (if they exist)
- Company's quality management system documents (ISO 9001, ISO 22000, ISO/TS 16949 etc.)
- Names and addresses of importer, exporter and manufacturer
- Packing list and shipping invoice (pro forma invoice)

## Technical information

- Rated voltage in the country is 230 V/50 Hz
- Plugs types D, G and M
- Electrical ratings on products intended to be operated from an AC mains supply should include AC 230/50 Hz
- Local climate conditions – equipment used outdoors will be tested in the context of local climate conditions
- Marking requirements – in accordance with BOS 9: Fundamental requirements on labels
- Language requirements – English/Setswana or both are required



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