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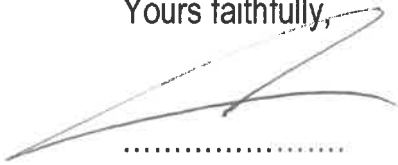
Dear Sir,

**RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF MANDATORY PRE-LODGE-
MENT OF CUSTOMS
DECLARATIONS IN BOTSWANA**

1. The above matter refers.
2. The Botswana Unified Revenue Service (BURS) wishes to inform your esteemed Administration that, with effect from 1 August 2026, Botswana will implement mandatory pre-lodgement of customs declarations in accordance with Section 107 of the Customs (Amendment) Act, 2026.
3. Under this requirement, customs declarations must be submitted to the Botswana Unified Revenue Service electronically and accepted prior to the arrival of the goods at the border
4. This measure is intended to strengthen risk management and facilitate the efficient movement of legitimate trade. Traders who fail to comply with the pre-lodgement requirement commit an offence and may be liable to a penalty of up to P50,000.

5. We kindly request your Administration to bring this development to the attention of your stakeholders engaged in trade with Botswana to facilitate awareness and ensure the smooth implementation of this requirement.
6. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at contactcentre@burs.org.bw.
7. Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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Phodiso Valashia

ACTING COMMISSIONER GENERAL

