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PROHIBITION ON EXPORT OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) CYLINDERS

The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority wishes to inform the nation that:

No person is allowed to export liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders without acquiring prior authorization from the Authority.

Any person who wishes to export LPG cylinders must request for authorization in writing from the Authority. The request should be accompanied by the following information:

1. Number of cylinders to be exported
2. Destination country and exit point
3. Serial numbers of all cylinders to be exported
4. Condition of the cylinders (whether full or empty, maintainable or out of service etc.). Cylinders should be made available to the Authority for inspection
 - a) If full, the applicant should possess a valid LPG Export licence issued by the Authority
5. Reasons for the export
6. Whether permanent or temporary
 - a) If temporary state the intended duration in the destination country and
 - b) Re-entry port during the re-importation
7. Cylinder ownership details
 - a) If owned; proof of ownership
 - b) If third party cylinders; proof of ownership and owner's consent
8. Intended dates of the export.
9. Letter from the LPG Association of Botswana consenting to the export.

This decision is with immediate effect.

When LPG cylinders are exported, it means the local market experiences shortage of packaging equipment and therefore reducing access to LPG by the consumers. This may create an illusion that there is LPG shortage and drive prices upwards unnecessarily. Further to this uncontrolled export may lead to uncompetitive behaviors where companies may export their competitor's cylinders in order that they take them out of business.

The Authority is mandated with regulating export of LPG under Section 37 (1) g of the BERA Act. LPG cylinders are used in packaging LPG and uncontrolled export of cylinders could lead to illegal export of LPG.

For further clarification on this the Authority may be contacted at 0800 00 2372/ 5330932/ 76701055 or info@bera.co.bw and gift.bakumbi@bera.co.bw.



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