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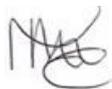
PROHIBITION OF EXPORTING PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WITHOUT A LICENCE

The Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority wishes to inform the nation that it has taken a decision to ban export of petroleum products without a valid licence issued by the Authority. In the past the Authority had an arrangement with the Botswana Unified Revenue Service that allowed a person to export up to 100 litres for own use without the need for an export license. However, we have noted that such an arrangement is being abused by the fuel smugglers hence the decision to rescind it until such a time when better means of addressing fuel smuggling would have been devised.

The authority to temporarily prohibit export of petroleum products for own use is derived from Section 37(2) of the Botswana Energy Regulatory Authority Act on exemption from the requirements of an export licence.

The decision is with immediate effect and shall be in force until further notice.

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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