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PUBLIC NOTICE

**CAUTION ON TRADING OF TOY CANDIES/ SWEETS / COLLOIDS IN
FANCIFUL AND DECEPTIVE PACKAGING**

The Ministry of Health and Wellness cautions the public against buying an assortment of sweets which are presented in fanciful and deceptive packaging mostly to attract young children. These are mainly toy candies, sweets and colloids. The packaging of these products is in violation of the Botswana Food Control Act of 1993 and the Labelling of Pre-packaged Foods Regulation Statutory Instrument 15 of 2003.

The packaging of the said products contravenes **Regulation 4 (1) (c), 5, 7 (8)(c), 9, 10, 11, 12, 20(1) and 21(3)**). It is mandatory that packaging should indicate expiry date, list of ingredients, use of either English or Setswana languages, name and address of manufacturer and should not be presented and packaged in a misleading or deceptive manner such as syringe or gun-like packaging.

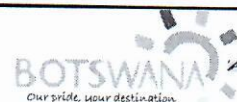
The public is strongly advised to maintain a high index of suspicion for this type of products and avoid buying or giving them to their children as they pose a health hazard. The Authorities are working round the clock to remove the products from the market and strengthening border controls.

For more information please visit the nearest Local Authorities or contact 363 2500/1.


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