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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 10.6.2 AND 12.2.2 OF
THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM BOTSWANA

The following communication, dated 15 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Botswana for Members' information.

Article 10, paragraph 6.2

In line with the TFA, the Customs Act of 2018 does not call for the mandatory use of customs brokers. Customs clients are free to either engage the services of a clearing agent or not.

On that note, those with the necessary capacity and credentials are allowed to do in-house clearance, subject to set terms and conditions. The Customs Act also provides for the registration, licensing and regulation of Customs brokers by BURS.

As a requirement, for a Customs broker to be licensed, at least one of the directors of the company shall be a qualified clearing clerk. In addition to the testing they undergo, a minimum of 2 years Customs or related work experience is required for one to be licensed as a clearing clerk.

Article 12, paragraph 2.2

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