

**BANK OF BOTSWANA**  
**Press Release**

**BANKNOTES COUNTERFEITING**

The public is advised to be vigilant when handling banknotes to avoid being defrauded through circulation of counterfeits, more so during the festive season. The public should be particularly careful when receiving payments in high denomination banknotes of P200, P100 and P50 to ensure that only genuine banknotes are circulated. If in doubt, the public is advised not to accept any banknotes suspected to be counterfeit and should, instead, seek assistance from either the nearest police station, commercial bank or Bank of Botswana.

In determining whether the banknotes are genuine, the public should continue to use posters and other publicity material distributed by the Bank of Botswana, to reinforce their knowledge of all the essential features of the Pula banknotes. In addition, the public should take the following precautions:

**Paper Feel**

Generally genuine banknote paper has a rough feel and does not have a smooth surface.

**Colour**

The public is encouraged to closely study the colours of the various banknote denominations. The colours of a counterfeit, invariably do not exactly match those of the genuine banknote.

## **Holographic Stripe**

The holographic stripe on the high denomination banknotes (P200, P100 and P50) has shifting images thereon, and the public is encouraged to tilt the banknote, at various angles, to ascertain if indeed they can observe the switching images within one area of the holographic stripe of a particular banknote.

## **Other Tips**

- (a) always examine each banknote closely upon receipt;
- (b) do not receive banknotes in areas and/or poorly lit places;
- (c) when banknotes are received in a bundle, they must be examined individually;
- (d) pay closer attention to worn out or soiled banknotes.

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