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Q: I have some old gold that I took to the jeweler's to make new bracelets for myself. He told me that he will refine it, then make them, and that he will only take the costs of manufacturing, meaning, in return for his effort. Please be aware that the old gold decreases in weight by approximately 2-3 grams

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when it is being refined. Therefore, the new bracelets will be less in weight than the old ones. Please enlighten us in this regard. May Allah reward you!

A: If the jeweler will manufacture your gold upon your request, and take a wage for his work, there is no harm in this. However, if he makes you the jewelry from new gold other than your old gold, and then takes yours in return for his wage, this is impermissible. Equivalence must exist in quantity when selling gold for gold, along with mutual exchange at the same session.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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