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The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Application to Palladium and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2009

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5. Title

The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Application to Palladium and Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2009

6. Products Concerned

The Order applies the Hallmarking Act 1973 to the precious metal palladium. This makes it an offence to describe an unhallmarked article as palladium or to supply or offer to supply an unhallmarked article to which such a description is applied.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The order applies the same technical requirements to palladium articles as are already applied to articles of gold, silver and platinum. The Order also corrects the omission of platinum from some of these requirements. The technical requirements include the permitted finenesses, exemption weight, coating requirements, mixed metal requirements, and the date from which palladium articles should be hallmarked.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The market in palladium articles is expected to grow considerably due to lower manufacturing costs and increases in the prices of other precious metals. Palladium is visually indistinguishable from platinum or white gold and given the value of the metal, there is an increased danger of fraud. Hallmarking of palladium articles is, therefore, being introduced as a consumer protection measure.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

b) 1998/0194/UK - Hallmarking Act 1973.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached.



16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

Yes

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement

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