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The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Application to Palladium) Order 2009

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5. Title

The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Application to Palladium) 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 technical requirements include the permitted finenesses, exemption weight, coating requirements, mixed metal requirements, and the date from which palladium articles should be hallmarked.

The changes made to the order in this re-notification (of Notification 2008/0479/UK) are:

- a. The addition of an exemption for palladium thread (paragraph 6(3)).
- b. The exemption from "wholly or mainly" has been changed to "wholly or partly" to bring it in line with the offence in the Act (paragraph 6(4)).
- c. We have removed the changes to paragraph 14A of Schedule 1, Part II (paragraph 7(f) of Notification 2008/0479/UK).
- d. The addition of pictorial mark for palladium (paragraph 7(3)).

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

d) 2008/0479/UK

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

Impact Assessment sent with notification 2008/0479/UK

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No.

The change does not have a significant effect on international trade.

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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