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The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Amendment)(Exemption) Order 2006

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department of Trade and Industry: Consumer and Competition Policy Directorate

4. Notification Number

2006/0416/UK – X10M

5. Title



The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Amendment)(Exemption) Order 2006

6. Products Concerned

Articles of precious metal (gold and silver) made between 1920 and 1950.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This measure extends the current exemption from hallmarking for gold and silver goods made prior to 1920 to goods made prior to 1950, thus permitting trade in articles of gold and silver made before 1950 which meet the UK's permitted minimum finesses, but which do not bear an approved hallmark (effectively removing the requirement to hallmark these goods in the UK).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The UK is aware that many goods of gold and silver from the period 1920 to 1950 which appear on the UK market are not hallmarked. To mark these goods with a modern hallmark (as currently required if the goods are to be described as of gold or silver) is to alter their original state or provenance and decrease their value. The UK has therefore taken the view that the market in these goods is unduly restricted in the UK and that, provided the goods meet the permitted minimum fineness, they should not be required to be hallmarked before they can be accurately described to consumers.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

b) 1998/0194/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

Information on the impact assessment can be found on page 30 of Consultation Document

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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