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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

2006/0417/UK – X10M

5. Title



The Hallmarking Act 1973 (Amendment) Regulations 2006

6. Products Concerned

Articles containing more than one precious metal (gold, silver and platinum) and articles consisting of precious metal(s) and other materials.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This measure is designed to relax the current restrictions in the UK on hallmarking articles consisting of combinations of different precious metals and combinations of precious metals and other materials (e.g. base metal). The changes are designed to widen the scope for hallmarking mixed metal items by requiring UK assay offices to mark to manufacturer instructions where it would not be misleading to do so, or, in the absence of such instructions, or where the assay office refuses to mark to instructions, to apply, as appropriate, the scheme set down in the amendment when deciding where to apply the hallmarks in each case. As is the case currently, no hallmarks will be placed on precious metals which do not meet the permitted fineness (purity) and the Assay offices will not mark goods if, when they have been marked, there might be doubt as to which precious metals are present in an article.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The UK has concluded that the current hallmarking regime is too restrictive in relation to the market for goods made from combinations of different precious metals or of precious metals and other materials. Taking account of the views of the British Hallmarking Council, and the UK assay offices we are relaxing these rules to encourage market opportunities in relation to these goods, but retaining the basic consumer protection tenets of the UK hallmarking regime (third party, independent, assaying (testing) and marking).

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 13 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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