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## Order on the accreditation agreements and the approved inspection bodies relating to the hallmarking of gold, silver and platinum articles

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### Message

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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#### **4. Notification Number**

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#### **5. Title**

Order on the accreditation agreements and the approved inspection bodies relating to the hallmarking of gold, silver and platinum articles

#### **6. Products Concerned**

Articles made of precious metals of legal fineness sold in France

#### **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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#### **8. Main Content**

The draft decree covered by the present notification amends the content of the specifications that professionals and bodies are required to attach to applications for accreditation and approval as inspection bodies so that they themselves can hallmark precious-metal articles. If laser hallmarking is used, French inspection bodies and professionals must implement an IT security protocol covering the installation and configuration of IT workstations, the security measures for access to the control room for the laser engraving machine and the methods for saving data. The technical specifications for laser marking are provided in a specifications document.

#### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

Several French operators have applied for the right to use laser hallmarking. The advantages of this process are, on the one hand, the ability to mark small articles without any risk of damage and, on the other hand, the reduction of manufacturing costs by incorporating laser marking into the production chain.

#### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

References to reference texts: General Tax Code - Collection of indirect taxes: Articles 56 J duodecies and 56 J terdecies of Annex IV to the General Tax Code.

#### **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**

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**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT aspect

No – The draft has no significant impact on international trade.

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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