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The Hallmarking (Hallmarking Act Amendment) Regulations 1998

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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 Affairs and



Competition Policy Directorate.

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Hallmarking (Hallmarking Act Amendment) Regulations 1998

6. Products Concerned

Articles of gold silver and platinum.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Section 2 of the Hallmarking Act 1973 is amended to allow articles of precious metals to be marketed in the United Kingdom without further hallmarking where they have been struck by an independent body in accordance with the legislation of another EEA State with hallmarks containing information which is equivalent to the information provided by marks already recognised in the United Kingdom and is intelligible to UK consumers. The requirement in section 4 of the Act that articles of precious metals should bear a letter indicating the date of hallmarking is removed. The distinction between hallmarks to be struck by UK assay offices on domestic products and on imports in section 4 is ended.

The mandatory hallmarks indicating fineness to be struck by UK assay offices set out in Schedule 2 to the Act are changed to purely millesimal marks and the range of finenesses therein is increased.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

To align UK hallmarking legislation with the provisions of Article 30 et seq of the Treaty concerning the free movement of goods by recognising hallmarks from other EEA States which have been struck independently and which provide information which is equivalent to that provided by UK marks and which is intelligible to UK consumers. To ensure that UK manufacturers are not subject to more onerous provisions than those which would apply to other EU manufacturers of articles of precious metals who would be able to market their products in the United Kingdom without further hallmarking.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. The Hallmarking (Hallmarking Act Amendment) Regulations



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Copy of the UK Hallmarking Act 1973.

Copy of the British Hallmarking Council's draft guidelines.

ii. -

iii. -

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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