

BRITISH HALLMARKING COUNCIL

REGULATION NUMBER 2

*(as amended by resolutions of
the Council passed 4th July 1988
and 9th November 1992)*

REGULATION OF THE COUNCIL MADE THE 21ST OCTOBER, 1974 (to take effect on 1st January 1975) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART III, PARAGRAPH 6, OF SCHEDULE 2 TO THE HALLMARKING ACT 1973 RELATING TO THE STRIKING ON ARTICLES OF THE WORDS "METAL" AND "FILLED".

This Regulation applies to the striking of the word "metal" or the word "filled" upon articles complying with Part III Paragraph 6 of Schedule 2 to the Hallmarking Act 1973.

1. Where the word "metal" is used to distinguish any part of an article of base metal from any part of that article comprised of precious metal, the word shall be struck by or on behalf of the sponsor on the part comprised of base metal.
2. Where the word "filled" is used on an article to indicate that materials other than base metal are wholly or mainly enclosed by precious metal, the word "filled" shall be struck by or on behalf of the sponsor upon that part of the article made of precious metal and close to the sponsor's mark.
3. Whenever the word "metal" or "filled" is struck by or on behalf of the sponsor, that word shall be so struck as to be clearly legible.
4. The sponsor is responsible for ensuring that the word "metal" or "filled" as the case may be is struck on the appropriate part of the article before it is supplied or offered for supply.
If the article is submitted for hallmarking with the filling in place then the word "filled" must be struck before hallmarking either by the sponsor, or, if prior arrangements have been made, by the Assay Office.

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REGULATIONS NUMBER 3 & 3A

NUMBER 3

REGULATION OF THE COUNCIL MADE THE 21st OCTOBER, 1974, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HALLMARKING ACT 1973 RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SPONSORS' MARKS.

1. Every application for registration or renewal of registration of any sponsor's mark with an Assay Office shall be accompanied by a declaration giving that Assay Office the following information:-
 - (1) (a) In the case of an individual or individuals their full names, together with the business name (if any) under which he or they trade.
 - (b) In the case of a partnership the business name of the partnership, together with the full names of all the partners.
 - (c) In the case of a company the name of the company, together with the full names of all the directors and the secretary of the company.
 - (2) The address of the applicant or applicants (in the case of a company the registered office of the company).
 - (3) The address of the principal place of business if different from (2) above.
 - (4) The nature of the applicant's business.
 - (5) In the case of an applicant resident outside the United Kingdom the name and address of an Agent in the United Kingdom authorised to accept notices, intimations and referrals on behalf of the applicant.
 - (6) The private address of the person making the declaration.
2. Any sponsor's mark registered hereunder shall (except in the case of the renewal of the registration by an applicant of the same mark as has been authorised for use by him on or before the 31st December, 1975) include the initial letters of the name or names of the sponsor, and shall be of such design as may be approved by the Assay Office.
 3. Any registration under these regulations shall be subject to a condition that every punch or other equipment intended to be used for the purpose of striking the sponsor's mark must, before use, be forwarded to the Assay Office for approval and entry in the Assay Office records.
 4. An Assay Office may refuse to register more than one sponsor's mark on behalf of any applicant.

Notes:

- (a) Renewal of registration means registration of a mark already registered at that Assay Office and includes registration of an existing mark in accordance with section 3 (2) of the Act.
- (b) A new registration made between the 1st January and the 31st December, 1975 will be accepted also as a renewal of registration so as to be effective after the 1st January, 1976 without any additional charge.
- (c) The registration of a sponsor's mark ceases to have effect after the expiration of ten years following registration or renewal of registration.

This Regulation takes effect on the 1st January, 1975.

NUMBER 3A

REGULATION OF THE COUNCIL MADE 13th MARCH 1984, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3 OF THE HALLMARKING ACT 1973 RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SPONSORS' MARKS

1. Every application for registration or renewal of registration of any sponsor's mark shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee (plus VAT). At the date of the passing of this regulation the following are the approved fees.

(1) Renewal of registration	£20.00
(2) New registration	£40.00
2. Paragraph 5 of Regulation Number 3 is hereby rescinded.

This regulation takes effect on the 1st July, 1984.

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REGULATION NUMBER 4

REGULATION OF THE COUNCIL MADE THE 27TH OCTOBER 1997, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 13(2)(g) OF THE HALLMARKING ACT 1973 RELATING TO THE MARKING OF ARTICLES BY USE OF LASER TECHNIQUES

Laser marking is the concept of carrying out the process of hallmarking by use of a laser with an integrated computer system through which the depth of cut and pattern of the mark is controlled. The operator controls where the mark is to be applied and its size which can be varied dependent on the article to be hallmarked.

The use of laser marking on articles of precious metal is authorised in accordance with section 13(2)(g) of the Hallmarking Act 1973 subject to the following conditions:-

1. Laser marking may be applied only at the discretion of an Assay Office, to articles made of silver, gold or platinum.
2. The sponsor must give permission for their sponsor mark to be applied by laser.
3. Such marks will be clear, distinct and clearly legible.
4. Laser marks shall not be less than a depth of 25 microns (.001 inches). The height of the mark should not be less than 0.5 mm and should not exceed 6.00 mm.
5.
 - (a) An impression of each first off approved pattern of a laser mark will be recorded on a metal plate, catalogued and retained for reference purposes.
 - (b) Laser marks are to include recorded and approved security features confidential to the appropriate Assay Office.
 - (c) Only designs approved by Assay Offices are permitted.
 - (d) All records relating to laser marks, patterns, plates and discs will be kept secure under lock and key when not in use.
6. The Assay Offices may make an additional charge for laser marking subject to the maxima authorised by the Council.