



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy

BRITISH HALLMARKING COUNCIL: BUSINESS IMPACT TARGET

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions
(NQRPs)

July 2018

Regulator: British Hallmarking Council

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 9 June 2017 to 20 June 2018

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**
Measures certified as being below de minimis (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)	<p>In the light of continuing uncertainties in relation to the UK's planned withdrawal from the EU, the BHC wrote to the relevant Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in March 2017 seeking confirmation that the UK assay offices will not be disadvantaged by Brexit and that the Government's negotiators will work to ensure a system of reciprocal recognition of hallmarks. The reply noted the concerns and recognised that mutual recognition is an issue of importance for hallmarking, as for many businesses and sectors in the UK.</p> <p>The BHC considered the question of the need to have a distinguishing mark for items marked overseas during 2017. A consultation was carried out to obtain the views of consumers and industry. The outcome is currently being discussed.</p> <p>One of the Council's statutory functions is to consider applications to open assay sub-offices. One sub-Assay Offices was approved in the period.</p> <p>With the support of the Assay Offices the Council ran the Touchstone Award during 2017 and is planning to repeat this during 2018. The Touchstone Award, whose purpose is to enhance awareness of hallmarking and is presented to the Trading Standards Department which has taken the most innovative approach to raising the profile of hallmarking, is regarded as an important, yet cost-effective, way of raising the profile of hallmarking among the Trading Standards community.</p> <p>The Council via the Secretary receives numerous telephone and email queries from members of the public usually relating to the application of hallmarking law or concerns about jewellery purchased which did not appear to be hallmarked. Responses are sent to all queries.</p> <p>The Council continued to work within the recommendations of the Triennial review.</p> <p>In January 2018 it was announced that the work of the former Regulatory Delivery Directorate of BEIS would be carried out by a new Office for Product Safety and Standards. This new Office will be the sponsor for hallmarking.</p>
All other excluded categories	Following consideration of the other exclusion categories there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusions.

* For full, legal definitions of these exclusion categories, please see: www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2018-06-20/HCWS776/

** Complete the summary box as 'Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.' where this is appropriate.