



Department for  
Business, Energy  
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# BRITISH HALLMARKING COUNCIL: BUSINESS IMPACT TARGET

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions  
(NQRPs) summary reporting template

**Regulator:** British Hallmarking Council

**Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

<b>Excluded Category*</b>	<b>Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available**</b>
<p>Measures certified as being below <i>de minimis</i> (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)</p>	<p>One of the Council's statutory functions is to consider applications to open assay sub-offices. No new sub-Assay Offices were approved in the period.</p> <p>Offshore Hallmarking: The BHC decided in principle that hallmarks struck overseas by UK Assay Offices should be distinguished by way of a special mark whose form has now been agreed, and communications by way of a revised Dealer's Notice are in hand. The outcome of the consultation on overseas marks was published on gov.uk. The new mark was introduced with effect from 1 April 2019.</p> <p>EU Exit: the BHC participated in a number of discussions with government regarding the uncertainties thrown up by the planned EU Exit.</p> <p>With the support of the Assay Offices the Council ran the Touchstone Award during 2018 and is planning to repeat this during 2019. 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>EU Regulations, Decisions and Directives and other international obligations, including the implementation of the EU Withdrawal Bill and EU Withdrawal Agreement</p>	<p>EU Exit: the BHC participated in a number of discussions with government regarding the uncertainties thrown up by the planned EU Exit.</p>

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Measures certified as concerning EU Withdrawal Bill operability measures	EU Exit: the BHC participated in a number of discussions with government regarding the uncertainties thrown up by the planned EU Exit.
Pro-competition	One of the Council's statutory functions is to consider applications to open assay sub-offices. No new sub-Assay Offices were approved in the period.
Systemic Financial Risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion
Civil Emergencies	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion
Fines and Penalties	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion
Misuse of Drugs	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion
Measures certified as relating to the safety of tenants, residents and occupants in response to the Grenfell tragedy	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion
Casework	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.
Education, communications and promotion	With the support of the Assay Offices the Council ran the Touchstone Award during 2018 and is planning to repeat this during 2019. 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.
Activity related to policy development	Offshore Hallmarking: The BHC decided in principle that hallmarks struck overseas by UK Assay Offices should be distinguished by way of a special mark whose form has now been agreed, and communications by way of a revised Dealer's Notice are in hand. The outcome of the

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Changes to management of regulator	There were no changes to the management of the regulator during the reporting period.

\* For detailed guidance on the exclusion categories, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-regulation-framework>

\*\* 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.