

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE ASSAY OFFICES
OF GREAT BRITAIN

1. CONSENT TO THE MAKING OF AN ADDITION COMPRISED OF BASE METAL TO A HALLMARKED ARTICLE

Where an article intended to be comprised of precious metal and other materials including base metal, which, by Regulation Number 1 made by the British Hallmarking Council is authorised to be hallmarked, is submitted for hallmarking before the addition thereto of the base metal, CONSENT is hereby given, by and on behalf of each of the Assay Offices, in accordance with Section 5 of the Hallmarking Act 1973, to the making of an addition or alteration to such article by adding to such article the base metal part provided that, unless such base metal part is clearly distinguishable by the colour of that part from any part which is of precious metal, such base metal part is struck with the word "metal" by or on behalf of the sponsor in accordance with the said Regulation prior to the article being supplied or offered for supply under a description indicating that it is wholly or partly made of gold, silver or platinum.

2. CONSENT TO THE MAKING OF AN ADDITION COMPRISED OF NON-METALLIC MATERIAL TO A HALLMARKED ARTICLE

Where an article intended to be comprised of precious metal and non-metallic materials is submitted for hall-marking before the addition thereto of non-metallic materials, CONSENT is hereby given by and on behalf of each of the Assay Offices, in accordance with Section 5 of the Hallmarking Act 1973, to the making of an addition or alteration to such article by adding to such article the part made of non-metallic materials only if, either:-

- (i) those non-metallic materials when added will be clearly distinguishable from any part of the article which is of precious metal and they are not plated or of a colour to resemble any precious metal and their extent is visible; or
- (ii) in respect of any article wherein the non-metallic materials will be wholly or mainly enclosed by precious metal (except in the case of a handle to a knife, fork or spoon where the quantity of filling in the handle is not more than is necessary for joining), the article is struck by or on behalf of the sponsor on the precious metal with the word "filled" in accordance with Regulation Number 2 made by the British Hallmarking Council prior to the article being supplied or offered for supply under a description indicating that it is wholly or partly made of gold, silver or platinum.

3. CONSENT TO THE COATING OF A SILVER ARTICLE BEARING AN APPROVED HALLMARK

Subject to the condition mentioned below, CONSENT is hereby given by and on behalf of each of the Assay Offices, in accordance with Section 5 of the Hallmarking Act 1973, to the addition to articles of silver bearing approved hallmarks of a coating not exceeding 10 micrometres of gold of a standard of fineness not less than 585 parts per thousand.

The condition mentioned above is that any Assay Office shall be given such facilities as it may reasonably require to make checks of the thickness and the fineness of the coating added.

Nothing herein contained authorises the addition of a coating of gold

- (a) to articles comprised of two or more precious metals; or
- (b) to the base metal parts of articles comprised of precious metal and base metal (where such parts are permitted) unless those parts are marked with the word "metal", or
- (c) to the non-metallic parts of articles comprised of precious metal and other materials.

This Consent shall remain in force until withdrawn by the Joint Committee of the Assay Offices of Great Britain.

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