

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE ASSAY OFFICES
OF GREAT BRITAIN

HALLMARKING OF FINE CHAIN BRACELETS AND NECKLETS

After the 1st January 1975 a chain bracelet or necklet intended to be described as gold, silver or platinum must be hallmarked unless it is exempt under the Hallmarking Act 1973, Schedule 1, Part II, paragraph 12 as being less than minimum weight or paragraph 13 as being so small or thin that it cannot be hallmarked. In both cases the chain bracelet or necklet must be of minimum fineness in all its parts.

The Assay Offices accept that a chain bracelet or necklet will be exempt under the said paragraph 13 if it is of minimum fineness in all its parts and it conforms to ALL the following limitations:-

- (i) all the links and jump rings are made of wire of less than 0.9 mm. maximum cross section;
- (ii) the external diameter of the jump rings is less than 5 mm. AND
- (iii) there is no other attachment which in the opinion of the Assay Offices is capable of bearing a hallmark.

Minimum fineness in relation to any precious metal means the lowest standard of fineness therefor so specified, namely for gold the standard of 375, for silver the standard of 925, and for platinum the standard of 950 parts per thousand. It is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure that any chain bracelet or necklet claimed to be exempt under the said paragraph 12 or the said paragraph 13 is of minimum fineness.

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