

British Hallmarking Council

**Department for Business, Energy & Industrial
Strategy**

**Non-qualifying regulatory provision assurance
statement: confirmed**

The Regulatory Policy Committee (RPC) is content that, on the basis of the summary information provided, none of the measures or activities covered in the summary document should be considered as a qualifying regulatory provision for the purposes of the business impact target. This statement does not provide a detailed view of any specific activity in the regulator's summary document. Nor does it comment on any activities not included in the summary. Some activities might, however, have been the subject of separate assessments of qualifying regulatory provisions.

The regulator has submitted its statement in a template covering the exclusion categories for the 2015-2017 Business Impact Target. The RPC is nevertheless content that all of the measures listed would also fall within the de minimis exemption, which is the only one available under the 2017-2022 BIT at the time of writing.

Regulatory Policy Committee

Non-qualifying Regulatory Provisions Summary Reporting Template

Regulator: British Hallmarking Council

Business Impact Target Reporting Period Covered: 8 June 2017 to 20 June 2018

Excluded Category*	Summary of measure(s), including any impact data where available
De minimis (measures with an EANDCB below +/- £5 million)	
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.
Systemic financial risk	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
European Union Regulations, Decisions and Directives (and other international obligations)	<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>
Monopoly providers (or those with significant market power)	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Pro-competition	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.
Price controls	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
Other exclusions	
Large infrastructure projects	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.
National Living Wage	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.

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Regulator case work	<p>The Council’s complaints procedure was not invoked during 2017.</p> <p>The Council’s primary function is to ensure that there are adequate facilities for hallmarking as required in the UK from time to time. The Royal Mint conducts annual inspections of the assay offices and provides a copy of its report to the Council. This assists the Council in assessing its performance in respect of this function. The Royal Mint conducted its inspection of the hallmarking and assaying operations of the four Assay Offices in late 2017. It concluded that the methods and procedures of the main assay offices were satisfactory and noted that there were improvement opportunities for the sub offices.</p>
Educational, communications activities etc by regulators	<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>
Policy development by regulators	<p>The Council continued to work within the recommendations of the Triennial review.</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. At its meeting on 22 March 2018 the BHC decided in principle that hallmarks struck overseas by UK Assay Offices should be distinguished by way of a special mark. Once the form that mark should take has been finally agreed it will be implemented within one year.</p>
Changes to the organisation and management of the regulator	<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>
Misuse of Drugs Act and National Minimum Wage	<p>Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.</p>

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Industry Codes	Following consideration of the exclusion category there are no measures for the reporting period that qualify for the exclusion.

*This column will be updated with the other exemption categories once the Business Impact Target has been announced. 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.