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Guidance for Business in the United Kingdom

This guidance should be read primarily by businesses engaged in the manufacture, sale or hallmarking of precious metal articles.

The Order implements the 2001 Amendment to the Convention on the Control and Marking of Precious Metal Articles done at Vienna on 15 November 1972 by amending the Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 2002. It adds palladium to the list of precious metals they may be affixed with the Hallmarking Convention's Common Control Mark (CCM) in paragraph 3 and specifies the permitted finenesses for palladium. The design of the shield that contains the palladium CCM is illustrated in paragraph 5 and a schematic of the CCM is shown in paragraph 6.

Paragraph 7 of the Order updates the illustrations of the marks of these assay offices that are authorised to affix the CCM. It adds marks they have changes (that have been drawn to our attention) and marks of Contracting States that have joined the Convention since 2002. The omission of an authorised assay office mark from the Order does not prevent articles bearing that mark from being lawfully marketed in the UK.

The Order (paragraph 3) also updates the permitted fineness levels for the other precious metals; gold, silver and platinum.

Copies of the Hallmarking (International Convention) (Amendment) Order 2011 are available from the legislation.gov website
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi> .



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This guidance is addressed to the organisations that are required to comply with hallmarking law. Although reference is made to existing legal obligations, following the guidance is not itself obligatory. However, if you do not follow it you will normally be doing enough to help your organisation meet its legal obligations.

Ultimately, only the courts can provide a definitive interpretation of the law. However, for further information on how to comply with the law, you can contact Citizens Advice Bureau (<https://www.adviceguide.org.uk/>) or your local Trading Standards Office, who provides this service free of charge.





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