



STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

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I, HEATHER HUMPHREYS, Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 50 of the Consumer Protection Act 2007 (No. 19 of 2007), as adapted by the Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation (Alternation of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2017 (S.I. No. 364 of 2017), hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Consumer Information) (Articles of Precious Metals) Regulations 2019.
2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2019.
3. In these Regulations “approved hallmark” and “articles of precious metal” have the meanings assigned to them by section 1 of the Hallmarking Act 1981 (No. 18 of 1981), as amended by section 2 of the Hallmarking (Amendment) Act 2019 (No. 2 of 2019).
4. A trader supplying an article of precious metal to a consumer shall ensure that the article is marked with an approved hallmark.
5. Subject to Regulation 6, a trader shall not supply an article of precious metal to a consumer unless the article is marked with an approved hallmark.
6. An article of precious metal which complies with Regulation 3 of the European Communities (Hallmarking of Articles Imported from Other Member States) Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 579 of 2001) shall be deemed to comply with Regulation 5.
7. A trader who supplies an article of precious metal from premises to which the public has access shall exhibit a notice in the form set out in the Schedule.
8. A notice exhibited pursuant to Regulation 7 shall—


*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in  
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 3rd September, 2019.*

- (a) be located in a position so as to be clearly visible and easily accessible to a consumer before or immediately after entering the premises,
- (b) be displayed on not less than A4 size paper, and
- (c) contain letters and figures at least three millimetres in height and of proportionate width, which are not hidden, obscured, or interrupted by other pictorial or written matter.

9. The Consumer Protection (Consumer Information) (Articles of Precious Metals) Regulations 2012 (S.I. No. 143 of 2012) are revoked.

SCHEDULE




# Check it's Hallmarked























In Ireland all articles of silver, palladium, gold and platinum are subject to compulsory assaying and hallmarking and there are no exemptions by weight.

Precious metal articles must bear an Irish Hallmark or an International Convention Hallmark or a hallmark applied by an independent body in another Member State of the EU that provides equivalent information to the marks referred to in Irish Legislation.

























**COMPULSORY MARKS**    The Irish hallmark comprises three compulsory marks:  
**Maker or Sponsor's Mark + Assay Office Mark + Metal & Fineness Mark**

<b>Maker or Sponsor's Mark</b> <small>This mark is registered in the Assay Office</small>	<b>Assay Office Mark</b> <small>Hibernia is the mark of the Dublin Assay Office</small>	<b>Metal &amp; Fineness (Purity) Mark *</b> <small>Precious metal content, expressed in parts per thousand</small>
		

\* Full list of Metal & Fineness marks:

<b>SILVER</b>	   
<b>PALLADIUM</b>	  
<b>GOLD</b>	       
<b>PLATINUM</b>	    

**OPTIONAL MARKS**    Traditional Mark, Date Letter and Convention Marks

<b>TRADITIONAL MARKS</b> <small>Traditional fineness symbol</small>	    <small>STERLING SILVER    750 GOLD    833 GOLD    916 GOLD</small>
<b>DATE LETTER</b> <small>Depicts the year the article was hallmarked</small>	          
<b>CONVENTION MARKS</b> <small>This mark can be used by countries, including Ireland, that are signatories to the International Convention on Hallmarking and is recognised by all those countries</small>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <small>Silver</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <small>Palladium</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <small>Gold</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <small>Platinum</small> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>TYPE 1</small>     </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <small>TYPE 2</small>    </div> </div>

*For more information on hallmarking please visit [www.assay.ie](http://www.assay.ie)*

**THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED BY THE MINISTER FOR BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION PURSUANT TO REGULATION NO. 7 OF S.I. NO. XXX OF 2019**



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
29 August, 2019.

HEATHER HUMPHREYS,  
Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

These Regulations require that articles of precious metal being supplied to consumers are marked with approved hallmarks and prohibit the supply of such articles to consumers in the absence of hallmarks. These Regulations also require that a certain notice is placed at premises at which traders supply articles of precious metal to the public.

These Regulations revoke the Consumer Protection (Consumer Information) (Articles of Precious Metals) Regulations 2012 (S.I. No. 143 of 2012).

These Regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Consumer Information) (Articles of Precious Metals) Regulations 2019.

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