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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 2

APPROVED HALLMARKS

[^{F1}PART 2

ARTICLES COMPRISED OF TWO OR MORE PRECIOUS METALS

Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 2 Pts. 2, 3 substituted (6.4.2007) by [The Hallmarking Act 1973 \(Amendment\) Regulations 2007 \(S.I. 2007/872\)](#), reg. 2(6), [Sch.](#)

- 6 An article comprised of two or more precious metals shall not be hallmarked unless, upon assay, each precious metal is of a standard of fineness not less than the minimum fineness for that precious metal.
- 7 The article shall be struck with—
- (a) the assay office mark, and
 - (b) the appropriate standard mark for each precious metal.
- 8 (1) The person who submits the article to an assay office may request the assay office to strike the marks mentioned in paragraph 7 on a particular precious metal part.
- (2) The assay office must comply with such a request unless they think that, in consequence of doing so, it would not be clear which part of the article is made of which precious metal.
- 9 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) an assay office have refused to hallmark an article in accordance with a request under paragraph 8(1), and
 - (b) the person making the request refers the matter in writing to the Council.
- (2) The Council may direct the assay office to comply with the request.
- (3) The assay office must comply with the direction.
- 10 (1) This paragraph applies to the striking of hallmarks other than in accordance with a request under paragraph 8.
- (2) Each standard mark must be struck on the precious metal part to which it relates.
- (3) The assay office mark must be struck together with the standard mark for the least precious metal.
- (4) If it is not practical to strike the marks in accordance with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) they must be struck as follows—

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- (a) they must be struck together on the least precious metal part,
 - (b) if sub-paragraph (a) is not practical, they must be struck together on another precious metal part, or
 - (c) if neither sub-paragraph (a) nor (b) is practical, the assay office mark and the standard mark for the least precious metal must be struck on the least precious metal part and all other hallmarks must be omitted.
- 11 (1) If the person who submits the article to the assay office so requests, the assay office must, if it is practical to do so—
- (a) strike the marks set out in section 4(1)(a)(iii) for the least precious metal part, and
 - (b) strike the marks set out in section 4(1)(a)(iv) and (v).
- (2) The absence of an approved hallmark as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) does not render the article unhallmarked for the purposes of this Act.
- 12 Any small working parts contained within an article which for technical reasons are of a lower standard of fineness or of a less precious metal than the remainder of the article shall, if it is practicable to strike a mark on those parts, be struck with the standard mark only but shall otherwise be ignored for the purpose of determining which hallmarks are to be struck on the remainder of the article.
- 13 Where any article of gold, silver [^{F2}, platinum or palladium] is coated in whole or in part with rhodium the rhodium shall be ignored for the purpose of determining which hallmarks are to be struck.

Textual Amendments

F2 Words in [Sch. 2 para. 13](#) substituted (22.7.2009) by [Hallmarking Act 1973 \(Application to Palladium\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2040\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 7\(4\)](#)

- 14 Where any article of silver [^{F3}, platinum or palladium] is coated in whole or in part with gold the gold coating shall be ignored for the purpose of determining which hallmarks are to be struck.

Textual Amendments

F3 Words in [Sch. 2 para. 14](#) substituted (22.7.2009) by [Hallmarking Act 1973 \(Application to Palladium\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2040\)](#), art. 1, [Sch. para. 7\(5\)](#)

- 15 For the purposes of this Part and Part 3—
- [^{F4}(a) the ranking of precious metals (with platinum being the most precious and silver the least precious) is—
 - platinum
 - gold
 - palladium
 - silver,
 and “least precious” and “less precious” shall be construed accordingly,]
 - (b) “assay office mark” means the mark determined in accordance with section 4(1)(a)(i), and

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- (c) “standard mark” means the mark determined in accordance with section 4(1)(a)(ii) as if the precious metal part comprised a single article.]

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Textual Amendments

- F4** Sch. 2 Pt. 2 para. 15(a) substituted (22.7.2009) by [Hallmarking Act 1973 \(Application to Palladium\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2040\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. para. 7(6)**

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