

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order further amends Part II of Schedule 1 to the Hallmarking Act 1973. That Part lists articles which are exempted from the prohibition on describing articles in the course of trade as being of gold, silver or platinum if they are unhallmarked.

Certain article of more than one precious metal are exempted from that prohibition.

Exemption for articles containing one precious metal only is to be determined by reference to the weight of the precious metal in the article and not as hitherto by reference to the weight of the article itself, but such articles which contain materials other than precious metal must in future comply with the provisions of Part III of Schedule 2 to the Act.