CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL AND MARKING OF ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS METALS

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QUESTIONNAIRE ON PALLADIUM

Note by the Secretariat

The following survey was carried out by the Secretariat in 2011 amongst the 19 Contracting States of the Convention. The replies given to the questionnaire are purely indicative and may have changed in the meantime. For the latest, up-to-date situation, competent Ministries or Assay Offices of Contracting States should be contacted. For the list, see http://www.hallmarkingconvention.org/members-observers.php

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Questionnaire on Palladium	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	CYPRUS	CZECH REPUBLIC	DENMARK	FINLAND	HUNGARY	IRELAND	ISRAEL	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	POLAND	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	SLOVENIA	SLOVAK REP.	UNITED
	AT	CH	CY	CZ	DK	FI	HU	ΙE	IL	LT	LV	NL	NO	PL	PT	SE	SI	SK	UK
Q1: Is palladium (Pd) a precious metal under your national legislation?	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q2: What are the legally recognised finenesses?		500 950 999			from 500‰ to 999‰	500 850 950 999				500 850 950 999	500 950 999			500 850		from 500‰ to 999‰	500 950 999	None	500 950 999
Q3: Can Pd articles be hallmarked (i.e. assayed and marked with the Assay Office mark)?		Yes			Yes	Yes				Yes	Yes			Yes		No	Yes	No	Yes
a) Compulsory or Voluntary?		Compulsory (watch cases) voluntary for all other articles			Voluntary	Voluntary				Compul- sory	Compul- sory			Compulsory		-	Compul- sory	-	Compul- sory
b) Weight limit?		No			No	No				No	No			No		-	No	-	1 g
c) If voluntary: other marks?		Yes			Yes	-				-	-			-		-	-	-	-
+ If yes, which ones?		["Palladium", "Pall." or "Pd"] + [fineness standard] + [the responsibility mark]			[fineness standard] + [the responsi- bility mark]	if hallmarked, [fineness standard]				-	-					-	-	-	-

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Q4: Do you intend to recognise palladium as a precious metal in your country?	No		Yes	No			Yes	Maybe	Yes			No	No		Yes				
a) By when approximately?	-		2012	-			2011	-	during 2011			-	-		-				
b) If planning: Compulsory or Voluntary?	-		Compul- sory	-			Compul- sory	-	Voluntary			-	-		Compul- sory				
Q5: In the meantime, do you hallmark Pd articles with the CCM for export only (or intend to do so)?	Yes		No	Yes			No	Maybe	No			No	No		No				
Q6: In the meantime, do you accept Pd articles on your market as non-precious metal articles?	Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		-				
Q7: If yes, do Pd articles need to be marked at all in the meantime?	"palla- dium"		No	No			No	No	No			No	No		-				
Q8: Do you accept additional marks on articles made of palladium (e.g. "Pd" or "Palladium")?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Q9: Any remarks you would like to add:					Hallmarking not used in practice.						Pd articles are very rare.	Convention Pd mark is a voluntary mark		Over 50 years of tradition with Pd standards & hallmarks but in practice only few articles (e.g. art works).					As of 1 Jan 2010