

CONVENTION ON THE CONTROL AND MARKING OF ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS METALS

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Questionnaire on Finenesses and Weight Exemptions	AUSTRIA	SWITZERLAND	CYPRUS	CZECH REPUBLIC	DENMARK	FINLAND	HUNGARY	IRELAND	ISRAEL	LITHUANIA	LATVIA	NETHERLANDS	NORWAY	POLAND	PORTUGAL	SWEDEN	SLOVENIA	SLOVAK REP.	UNITED KINGDOM	
	AT	CH	CY	CZ	DK	FI	HU	IE	IL	LT	LV	NL	NO	PL	PT	SE	SI	SK	UK	
1. CCM Finenesses																				
Q1: Are the following CCM finenesses legally recognised standards of fineness in your country?																				
a) Platinum																				
999		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
950	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
900		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
850		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
b) Gold																				
999		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
916		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
750	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
585	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
375		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
c) Palladium																				
999		X	X		X	X				X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
950		X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
500		X	X		X	X				X	X	X		X		X	X		X	
d) Silver																				
999		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
925	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
830			X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
800	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Comments (if any):	PL: We accept all CCM - even if the fineness are different than our national standards.																			
Q2: If CCM articles do not comply with your national legislation because the fineness or the precious metal is not legal (e.g. Pd), do you nevertheless accept these CCM articles on your market as:																				
a) precious metal articles	YES	NO	YES					NO	YES				NO		YES			YES	NO	YES
b) non-precious metal articles	YES	NO		YES			YES	NO							YES			YES		
Comments (if any):	AT: All articles above the national minimum standard of fineness are accepted. Substandard articles and palladium articles are regarded as non-precious metal articles, even if marked with the CCM. CY: The market surveillance did not find any Pd articles (with or without CCM) in the local market. IL: A mandatory standard applies only to gold articles. LT: All current CCM finenesses are accepted in Lithuania. NO: Articles with other fineness imported from EU can be marketed as precious metals, all other can only be marketed as non-precious metal. PL: all CCM are accepted. In Poland Palladium is recognized as precious metal. SI: Slovenia accept any precious metal article marked with CCM! UK: The fineness of 830 for silver is not permitted for UK national hallmarks. Any CCM articles so marked are allowed on the UK market.																			

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2. Standards of Fineness																			
Q3: In addition to the CCM finenesses, which other standards of fineness are legally recognised in your country?					All higher than the minimum						All higher than the minimum					All higher than the minimum			
a) Platinum					min 850						min 850					min 850			
850					X						X					X		X	
800				X														X	
b) Gold					min 333						min 375					min 375			
990					X			X			X					X	X		X
986	X			X	X						X					X	X	X	
960					X						X			X		X			
900	X			X	X						X					X	X	X	
875					X				X		X					X			
840					X						X					X	X		
833					X			X			X					X			
800					X						X				X	X	X		
500					X						X					X	X		
417					X			X			X					X	X		
333					X									X			X		
c) Palladium					min 500						min 500					min 500			
850					X	X				X	X			X		X			
d) Silver					min 800						min 800					min 800			
900	X			X	X		X				X					X	X	X	
959				X	X						X					X		X	
958.4					X			X			X					X			
958					X						X					X			X
875					X						X			X		X			
835	X			X	X		X		X		X				X	X	X	X	
Comments (if any):	CY: The same with CCM																		
3. Weight Exemptions																			
Q4: Do you have weight exemptions in your country for the marking or hallmarking of precious metal articles?																			
	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Q5: If yes, what is the limit (in g)?																			
a) Platinum	2			0.5	1	1	1		None		Marking > 0.5 g			1	0	1	None	None	< 0.5 g
b) Gold	2		1	0.5	1	1	1		2		Marking > 1 g			1	0	1	1	0.5	< 1 g
c) Palladium					1	1	1		None		no national marks			None	0	see comment below	1	N/A	< 1 g
d) Silver	30		3	3	3	10	2		None		Marking > 8 g			5	1	see comment below	7	2	< 7.78 g
Comments (if any):	CZ: Palladium is not legal precious metal, substandard goods is accepted in the case of second hand or antique pieces. SE: Marking of articles of silver and palladium is voluntary regardless of weight.																		
Final remarks (if any):	PL: According to our new Hallmarking Act: 999 standards for Pt, Pd, Au and Ag and standard 850 for Pt is introduced (this part of Act will be in force on 7th May 2012)																		