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HALLMARK

The Hallmarking (Exempted Articles) Order 1986

Made - - - - 9th October 1986

Laid before Parliament 15th October 1986

Coming into Operation

Article 2(c) 11th May 1987

Otherwise 10th November 1986

The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under paragraph 1(1)(b) of Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Hallmarking Act 1973(1) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") hereby makes the following Order:—

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Hallmarking (Exempted Articles) Order 1986 and shall come into operation otherwise than for the purposes of Article 2(c), on 10th November 1986, and for the purposes of Article 2(c), on 11th May 1987.
 - 2. Part II of Schedule 1 to the Act shall be amended as follows:—
 - (a) in paragraphs 11, 13 and 14 at the beginning there shall be inserted the words "Subject to paragraph 14AA below,";
 - (b) in paragraphs 12 and 14A at the beginning there shall be inserted the words "Subject to paragraph 14AA and";
 - (c) in paragraph 13 after the words "any article" there shall be added the words ", except an article made of chainwork,"; and
 - (d) after paragraph 14A, there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—
 - "14AA. Paragraphs 11 to 14A above do not apply to any article in which solder containing precious metal is used unless the solder is of a standard of fineness equivalent to that which would be required under section 4(3) of this Act if the article were submitted to an assay office for hallmarking."

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9th October 1986

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order varies the provisions of Schedule 1 to the Hallmarking Act 1973, by which various precious metal articles are exempted from the requirement of hallmarking. The Order requires any solder used in certain exempt articles to be of the standard of fineness required if the article were to be hallmarked. The Order also removes the existing exemption for small chainwork, subject to a transitional period of six months from the coming into operation of the Order.