

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

**2002 No. 506**

**HALLMARK**

**The Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 2002**

*Made* - - - - *7th March 2002*  
*Laid before Parliament* *7th March 2002*  
*Coming into Force* - - *1st April 2002*

The Secretary of State in exercise of her powers under sections 2(1)(c), 2(3) and 21(1) of the Hallmarking Act 1973 <sup>M1</sup> (hereinafter called “the Act”) hereby makes the following Order:

**Marginal Citations**

**M1** 1973 c. 43, as amended by The Hallmarking (Hallmarking Act Amendment) Regulations 1988 S.I. 1998/2978.

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 2002, and shall come into force on the 1st April 2002.

(2) The Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 1976 <sup>M2</sup> is hereby revoked.

**Marginal Citations**

**M2** S.I. 1976/730; as amended by S.I. 1981/559, 1983/1608, 1984/1131, 1987/1892, 1988/2286, 1995/2488 and S.I. 1998/2978.

2. In this Order “the Convention” means the Convention on the Control and Marking of Articles of Precious Metals done at Vienna on 15th November 1972.

3.—(1) The following marks are designated for the purposes of section 2 of the Act as marks recognised pursuant to the Convention, that is to say—

(a) except in a case in which the number is applied to the article by a person other than an assay office authorised as mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) below, a number in Arabic numerals indicating the standard of fineness of an article being—

[<sup>F1</sup>(i) in the case of gold, 999, 916, 750, 585 or 375;

- (ii) in the case of silver, 999, 925, 830 or 800;
  - (iii) in the case of platinum, 999, 950, 900 or 850; and
  - (iv) in the case of palladium, 999, 950 and 500.]
- (b) a mark which has been notified in accordance with the Convention as being the mark of an assay office authorised for the purposes of the Convention in the territory of a Contracting State other than the United Kingdom;
- (c) The Common Control Mark comprising a number specified in sub-paragraph (a) above.
- (2) The Common Control Mark consists of the representation of a balance together with the number in Arabic numerals showing the standard of fineness of the article in relief on a lined background surrounded by a shield indicating the nature of the precious metal. The shields are illustrated in Part 1 of Schedule 1 hereto; and examples of the Common Control Mark are illustrated in Part II of that Schedule.
- (3) The marks referred to in paragraph (1)(b) are illustrated in Schedule 2 hereto.

**F1** Art. 3(1)(a)(i)-(iv) substituted for art. 3(1)(a)(i)-(iii) (15.1.2012) by virtue of [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, 3

4. Every mark, being the name of a person who submits articles for hallmarking, or an abbreviation thereof or a symbol indicating such a person which has been entered in the official register of a Contracting State other than the United Kingdom, or in the official register of an authorised assay office in the territory of such a Contracting state, is designated—

- (a) as a mark recognised pursuant to the Convention; and
- (b) as a sponsor’s mark for the purposes of the Act.

5.—(1) A person submitting an article for hallmarking to an assay office in the United Kingdom authorised for the purposes of the Convention may request the assay office to strike the article with the marks specified in Article 3(1)(a) and (c) above whether or not the article bears or is to bear other approved hallmarks, and (subject to the provisions of the Act and, in particular, section 4 as having effect in the manner indicated in paragraph (2) of this Article) the assay office shall give effect to any such request; and the following provisions of this Article shall apply:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall require an assay office to strike an article with the mark specified in Article 3(1)(a) if the article already bears approved hallmarks struck in the United Kingdom which include the mark so specified.

- (2) Section 4 of the Act shall have effect in relation to the striking of such specified marks as if—
- (a) subsection (1)(a)(ii) required the striking on the article of the marks specified in Article 3(1)(a) (subject to the proviso in paragraph (1) of this Article), and in Article 3(1)(c), instead of the standard mark;
  - (b) subsection (1)(a)(iii) were omitted;
  - (c) the words in subsection (1) (“and, as respects all such articles” to the end of the subsection and Part IV of Schedule 2 to the Act, did not apply in relation to the Common Control Mark;
  - (d) in subsection (2) the reference to subsection (1)(a)(iii) were omitted;
  - (e) in subsection (3), in head (c) of the proviso to paragraph b(i) “585” were substituted for “ 500 ”, and in paragraph (b)(iii), “995” were substituted for “ the standard of fineness of the article ”;





- (f) in paragraph 4 of Part II of Schedule 2 to the Act—
- (i) in subparagraph (c), for the words “struck only with the standard mark for the metal of which those parts are made” there were substituted the words “ stamped or engraved with a specific designation of the metal ”;
  - (ii) the words “and in relation to any article” to the end of paragraph 4 were omitted; and
- (g) in Part III of Schedule 2 to the Act, for paragraph 6(b)(ii) there were substituted the following—
- “(ii) these materials are used for filling the handle of a knife, fork or spoon and only in such a quantity as is necessary for joining.”

**6.—(1)** A person may submit to an assay office an article wholly or partly of silver with a written request that it be marked as being of a fineness of 830 as respects the article as a whole or its silver parts; and in such a case the following provisions of this Article shall have effect.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2) Article 5 shall apply as if a new sub-paragraph were added after paragraph 2(e) substituting in section 4(3)(b)(ii) of the Act “550” for “650”.]

(3) Where a silver article is struck with the mark indicating a standard of fineness of 830 the article shall be struck with the relevant assay office mark set out below instead of the mark set out in column (2) or (3), as the case may be, of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Act.

**F2** [Art. 6\(2\)](#) substituted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, 4

LONDON		London . . . . .	... A silversmith's hammer with the figure 1 in the bottom left hand corner of the shield.
EDINBURGH		Edinburgh . . .	... A silversmith's hammer with the figure 11 in the top right hand corner of the shield.
BIRMINGHAM		Birmingham . . .	... A silversmith's hammer with the figure 1 in the top right hand corner of the shield.
SHEFFIELD		Sheffield . . . . .	... A silversmith's hammer with the figure 11 in the bottom left hand corner of the shield.

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(4) Marks struck by an assay office on an article in accordance with sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be approved hallmarks for the purposes of section 2(4)(a) of the Act; and accordingly the article shall be unhallmarked.

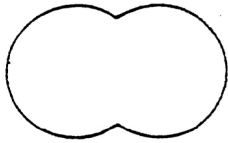
*Patricia Hewitt*  
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry

SCHEDULE 1

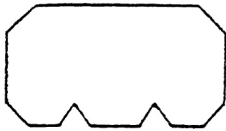
Article 3(2)

**PART I**  
**SHIELDS**

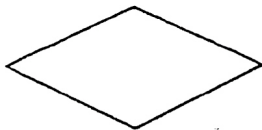
For gold articles



For silver articles



For platinum articles



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[<sup>F3</sup>For palladium articles



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**F3** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. I inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, 5

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## PART II

### EXAMPLES OF THE COMMON CONTROL MARK

For gold articles of the standard of fineness 750



For silver articles of the standard of fineness 925



For platinum articles of the standard of fineness 950



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[<sup>F4</sup>For palladium articles of the standard of fineness 999



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**F4** Words in Sch. 1 Pt. II inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, 6

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SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(3)

FOREIGN ASSAY OFFICE MARKS  
AUSTRIA



[<sup>F5</sup>CYPRUS

**F5** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by The Hallmarking (International Convention) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/3039), arts. 1, 7(2)

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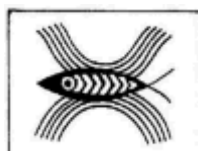
CYPRUS

For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention

Gold



Silver



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CZECH REPUBLIC



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CZECH REPUBLIC – CI  
THE CONTROL MARK OF THE  
PRAGUE CZECH REPUBLIC  
ASSAY OFFICE

DENMARK

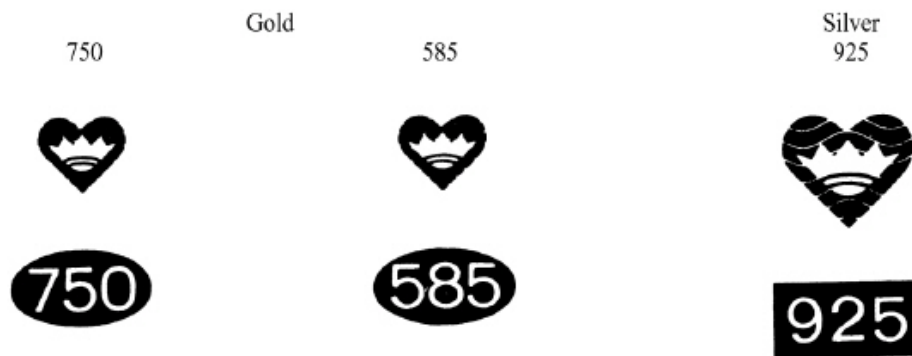
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THE CONTROL MARK OF THE  
DANISH ASSAY OFFICE

## FINLAND

### 1. Articles of precious metals



### 2. Articles of precious metals exported with standards of fineness other than those recognised by Finnish law



## [<sup>F6</sup>HUNGARY

**F6** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by The Hallmarking (International Convention) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/3039), arts. 1, 7(3)



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For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention



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IRELAND

“1. Articles of precious metals

Gold



Silver



Platinum



“2. Articles made elsewhere



[<sup>F7</sup>ISRAEL

**F7** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, 7(4)

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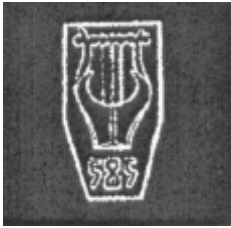
Gold

1. For the standard of fineness 375

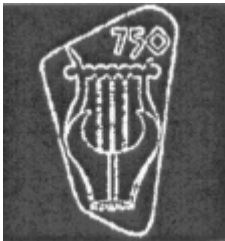


2. For the standard of fineness 585

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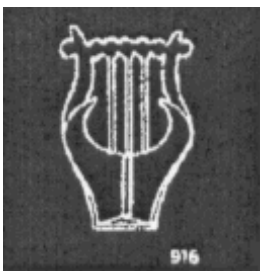
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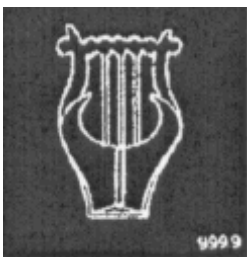
4. For the standard of fineness 875



5. For the standard of fineness 916



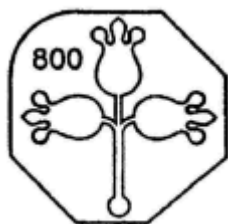
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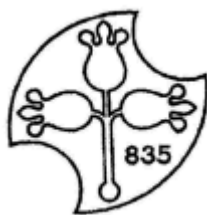
Silver

1. For the standard of fineness 800

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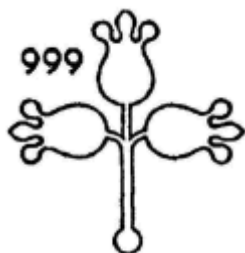
2. For the standard of fineness 835



3. For the standard of fineness 925



4. For the standard of fineness 999



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## LATVIA

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For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention

Gold

Silver

Platinum

Palladium

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## LITHUANIA

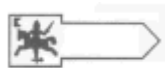
### A. OFFICIAL LITHUANIAN CONTROL MARKS

#### 1. Articles of precious metals

Gold



Silver



Platinum



Palladium



### B. DISTINCTIVE MARKS OF THE AUTHORISED LITHUANIAN ASSAY OFFICES

The distinctive mark of each office is to be found on all Official Lithuanian Control Marks at the top left upper corner on the illustrations above.

Office	Distinctive Mark
Druskinikai Central Office	D
Klaipėda Branch	L
Kaunas Branch	K
Šiauliai Branch	S
Vilnius Branch	VJ

## NETHERLANDS

[<sup>F8</sup>For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention

Joure Assay Office



Gouda Assay Office



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**F8** Words in Sch. 2 substituted (15.1.2012) by The Hallmarking (International Convention) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/3039), arts. 1, 7(5)

## NORWAY



## [<sup>F9</sup>POLAND

**F9** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by The Hallmarking (International Convention) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/3039), arts. 1, 7(6)

### A. OFFICIAL POLISH CONTROL MARK



### B. DISTINCTIVE MARKS OF THE AUTHORISED POLISH ASSAY OFFICES

The distinctive mark of each office is to be found on all Official Polish Control Marks at the place marked with a cross in the illustration above.

Assay Office placed under the Regional Assay Mark  
Office, Cracow

Chorzów H

Częstochowa Z

Cracow K

Poznań P







Wrocław V

Assay office placed under the Regional Assay Mark  
Office, Warsaw

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Białymstok	A
Bydgoszcz	B
Gdańsk	G
Łódź	Ł
Warsaw	W]

PORTUGAL

	375	Gold 585	750
Lisbon Assay Office			
Oporto Assay Office			

[<sup>F10</sup>Gold

For the standards of fineness 999 and 916

Lisbon Assay Office

Oporto Assay Office

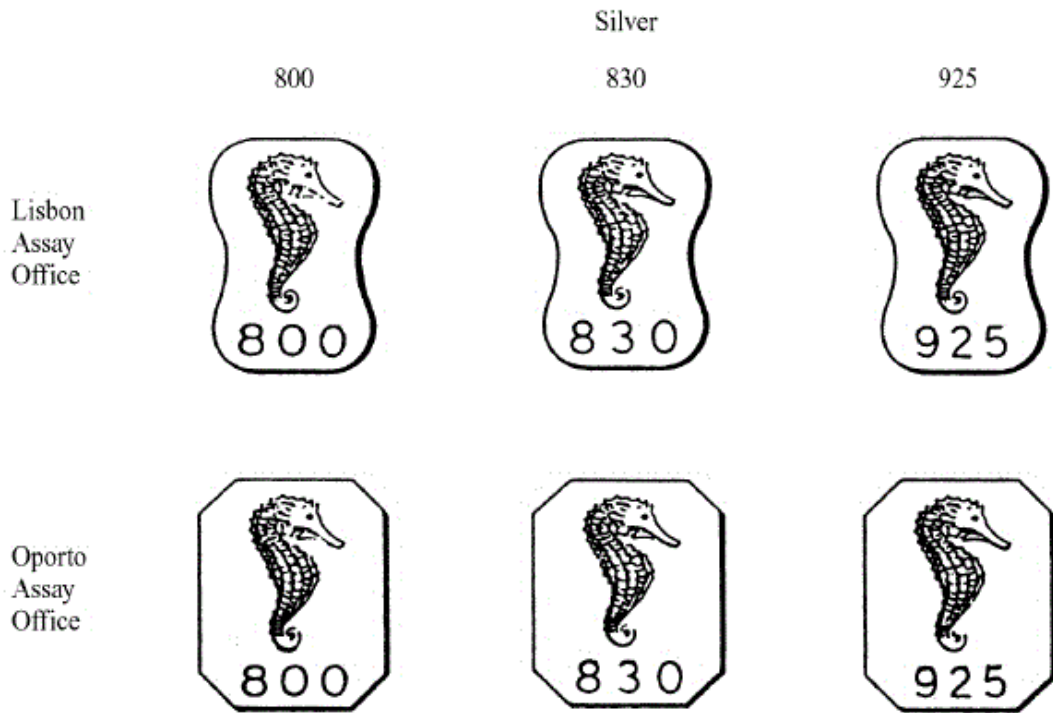


Silver]

**F10** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, 7(7)(b)

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**F10** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by The Hallmarking (International Convention) (Amendment) Order 2011 (S.I. 2011/3039), arts. 1, 7(7)(b)



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[<sup>F11</sup>For the standards of fineness 999 and 925

Lisbon Assay Office



Oporto Assay Office



For the standards of fineness 830 and 800

Lisbon Assay Office



Oporto Assay Office]



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[<sup>F12</sup>Platinum

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[<sup>F13</sup>For all standards of fineness recognised under the Convention]

Lisbon Assay Office

Oporto Assay Office]



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## [<sup>F14</sup>SLOVAK REPUBLIC

- F14** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, [7\(8\)](#)

### A. OFFICIAL SLOVAKIAN CONTROL MARKS



### B. DISTINCTIVE MARKS OF THE AUTHORISED SLOVAKIAN ASSAY OFFICES

The distinctive mark of each office is to be found on all Official Swiss Control Marks at the place marked with a cross on the illustration above.

Office	Mark
Bratislava	B
Levice	L
Kosice	K
Trencin	T



## SLOVENIA

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### Gold

For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention

Ljubljana Assay Office



Celje Assay Office



### Silver

Ljubljana Assay Office



Celje Assay Office



### Platinum

Ljubljana Assay Office



Celje Assay Office



### Palladium

Ljubljana Assay Office



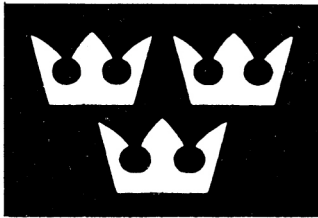
Celje Assay Office]



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## SWEDEN

1. For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention



2. For standards of fineness recognised by the Swedish law, being at least 750 for gold, 830 for silver and 950 for platinum.

- (a) Articles made in Sweden

### Gold

small marks



large marks



### Silver

small marks



large marks



### Platinum



- (b) Articles made elsewhere

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Gold



Silver



Platinum



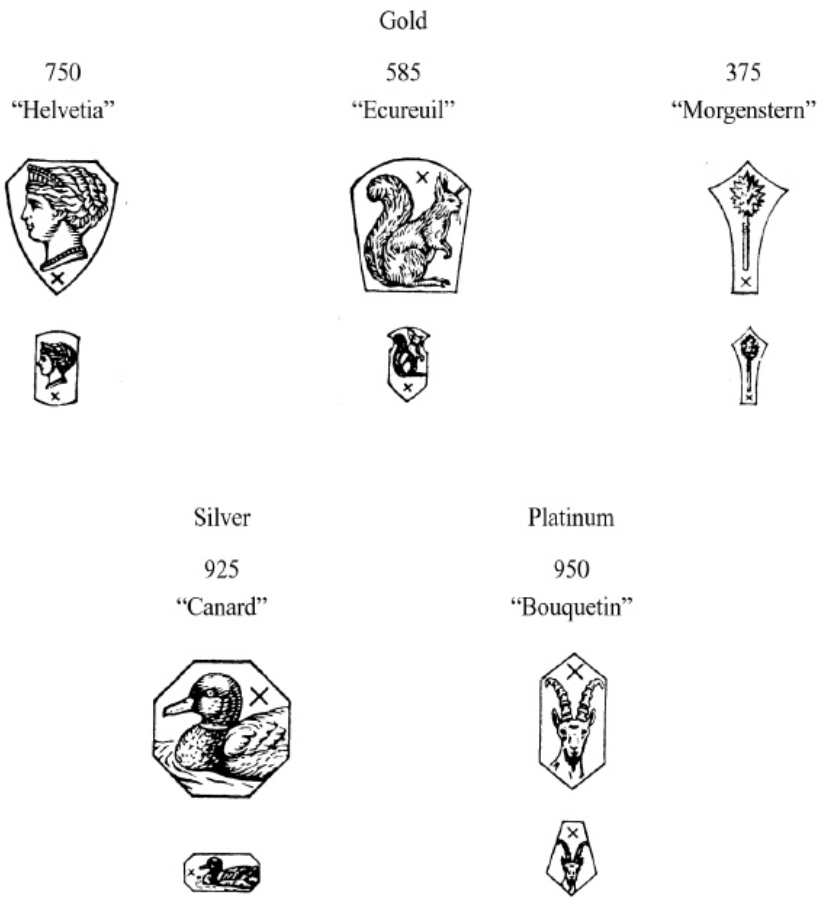
SWITZERLAND

A.

*OFFICIAL SWISS CONTROL MARKS*

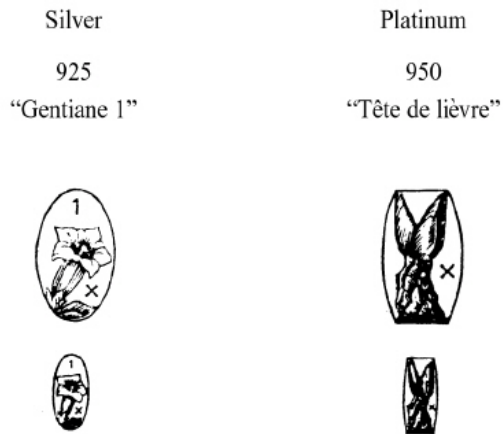
1. Articles of precious metals

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2. Watch cases of precious metals not originating in Switzerland

**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 2002. (See end of Document for details)



**3. Articles of precious metals exported with standards of fineness other than those recognised by Swiss law**



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**B.**

*DISTINCTIVE MARKS OF THE AUTHORISED SWISS ASSAY OFFICES*

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<i>Office</i>	<i>Distinctive mark</i>
Berne (Head Office)	+ (Swiss cross)
Bâle-ville	* (5 pointed star)
Bâle-aéroport	M
Bienne	B
La Chaux-de-Fonds	C
Chiasso	t
Genève-ville	G
Genève-aéroport	A
Granges	g
Lausanne	V
Le Locle	L
Neuchâtel	N
Le Noirmont	n
Romanshorn	R
Schaffhouse	S
Zürich-ville	Z
Zürich-aéroport	K

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[<sup>F15</sup>For all standards of fineness recognised by the Convention



**DISTINCTIVE MARKS OF THE AUTHORISED SWISS ASSAY OFFICES**

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<i>Assay Office</i>	<i>Mark</i>
Berne (Head Office)	B

Le Noirmont	J
Chiasso	T
Genève-aéroport	G
Zürich-aéroport	Z]

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**F15** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, **7(9)**

**F15** Words in Sch. 2 inserted (15.1.2012) by [The Hallmarking \(International Convention\) \(Amendment\) Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/3039\)](#), arts. 1, **7(9)**

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order, which is made under the Hallmarking Act 1973 revokes the earlier Hallmarking (International Convention) Order 1976 which implemented the Convention referred to in Article 2. It recognises convention hallmarks and sponsors marks applied in another convention country; and as a consequence articles bearing such marks will be hallmarked for the purposes of the Act and can therefore be described in the United Kingdom as being of the precious metal (gold, silver or platinum) of which they are made.

The Order also provides for the application in the United Kingdom of similar marks which will be recognised in other convention countries. Articles of fineness of only 830 (accepted by some countries but not by the United Kingdom) may have applied to them marks appropriate to articles of that fineness, but may not be described in the United Kingdom as being of silver unless they are intended for despatch to a destination outside the United Kingdom.

The Order also adds the marks of Netherlands to the list of Foreign Assay Office Marks in Schedule 2.

The Order was notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive [98/34/EC](#).

**Changes to legislation:**

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