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Department of Consumer Affairs  
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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.  
Dated the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Sub: Draft QCO for making hallmarking of Gold jewellery and artefacts mandatory – seeking comments reg.**

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of draft QCO for making hallmarking of Gold jewellery and artefacts mandatory to be uploaded on the website of this Dept. for seeking stakeholders' comments.

2. Comments on the draft QCO may be sent by email to [hallmarking@bis.gov.in](mailto:hallmarking@bis.gov.in).

Encl.: As above

Sd/-  
(A. K. Pandey)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(Department of Consumer Affairs)**  
**Government of India**  
**Order**

New Delhi, the -----, 2019

**S.O.------(E).**- In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 14 read with sub-section (2) and (3) of section 15 and sub-section (1) and (2) of section 16 read with section 17 and sub-section (3) of section 25 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016(11 of 2016), the Central Government, after consulting the Bureau of Indian standards, is of the opinion that it is necessary or expedient so to do in the public interest, hereby makes the following Order, namely:-

**1. Short title and commencement.** – (i) This Order may be called the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and gold Artefacts Order, 2019.

(ii) It shall come into force with effect from date.....

**2. Compulsory selling of Precious metals articles of gold (Gold jewellery and gold artefacts) through certified sales outlets and with Hallmark** – (i) Precious metals articles of gold (Gold jewellery and gold artefacts) notified to be marked with hallmark as per order No. S.O 2421(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India, shall be sold only by Registered Jewellers through certified sales outlets, after fulfilling conditions for precious metal articles of gold namely gold jewellery and gold artefacts as specified in Bureau of Indian Standards (Hallmarking) Regulations, 2018.

(ii) Precious metals articles of gold specified in the column (2) of the table shall conform to the corresponding Indian Standard given in the column (3) of the table and shall bear hallmark under a certificate of registration from the Bureau of Indian Standards as per Bureau of Indian Standards (Hallmarking) Regulations, 2018.

(iii) Provided that nothing in this Order shall apply in relation to Precious metals articles of gold as specified in column (2) of the table:-

- a) meant for export, which conforms to any specification required by the foreign buyer
- b) an article with weight less than 2g,
- c) an article which is in course of consignment outside India to an assaying & Hallmarking Centre in India recognized as per Bureau of Indian Standards (Hallmarking) Regulations, 2018 for hallmarking,
- d) any article which is intended to be used for medical,dental,veterinary,scientific or industrial purposes
- e) any article of gold thread,
- f) any manufactured article which is not substantially complete, and which is intended for further manufacture,
- g) gold bullion in any shape of bar,plate,sheet,foil,rod,wire,strip,tube or coin.

**3. Certification and Enforcement Authority.**- In respect of the goods and articles specified in the column (2) of the Table, the Bureau of Indian Standards shall be the certifying and enforcing authority.

In addition, an officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs of the State Government shall also be the enforcing authority.

**4. Penalty for Contravention.** - Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Order shall be punishable under the provisions of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016.

**Table**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Goods and articles</b>	<b>Indian Standard</b>	<b>Title of Indian Standard</b>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts	IS 1417:2016	Gold and Gold Alloys, Jewellery/Artefacts — Fineness and Marking — Specification

**Note:** The latest version of Indian Standards including the amendments issued thereof, as published and notified by the Bureau from time to time, shall be applicable from the date as notified by the Bureau.

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