

**SCHEME FOR CERTIFICATION OF GOLD JEWELLERY / ARTEFACTS FOR FINENESS
MARKING AS PER IS 1417:1999**

- 1** The Licencee shall be responsible for the declared fineness of hallmarked Jewellery / Artefacts.
- 2** The Licencee shall be responsible for ensuring the homogeneity of Jewellery / Artefacts to the fineness declared before submitting to BIS recognized Assaying & Hallmarking Centre for hallmarking.
 - 2.1** The Licencee shall ensure use of **cadmium free** solders only, for manufacturing Gold Jewellery / Artefacts meant for Hallmarking purpose.
 - 2.2** The Licencee shall also ensure that the Jewellery / Artefacts manufactured shall be free from the various elements as prohibited in IS 1417 (with all the amendments as in force from time to time)

3 STANDARD MARK/HALLMARK

The Standard Mark which is one of the components of the Hallmark under this scheme and, as given in Column(1) of the First Schedule of the licence shall be marked on each gold jewellery articles / artefacts by the Assaying and Hallmarking Centre, provided always that the jewellery articles / artefacts to which this mark is applied conforms to every requirement of the specification. For this purpose the BIS certified jeweller (licensee) shall submit each batch of jewellery / artefacts to the Assaying and Hallmarking Centre with each piece of jewellery / artefacts marked with jeweller's Identification mark (identification mark of jeweller as communicated to BIS and year of marking approved by BIS) at appropriate place, who shall then assay the jewellery / artefacts as per the sampling plan duly approved by BIS and then laser mark the Hallmark. (See Clause 3.1)

3.1 Marking

3.1.1 The following information shall be given on each gold jewellery article / artefacts by Assaying and Hallmarking Centre / jeweller:

- a)** The Standard Mark;
- b)** Fineness grade;
- c)** Assaying and Hallmarking Centre's Identification Mark
- d)** Jeweller's / Manufacturer's Identification Mark
- e)** Code letter for the year of marking (as communicated by BIS)

3.1.1.1 The licensee shall keep a Magnifying glass of at least 10X magnification for viewing hallmark.

3.1.2 Only linear design shall be permitted for marking.

3.1.3 The Artefacts of Gold presently cover only Medallions.

3.1.4 For medallions the designs likely to resemble currency of any country shall not be permitted.

3.1.5 Marking shall be legible and durable.

3.1.6 Marking shall be done on all these parts which can be easily detached or replaced.

3.1.7 Gold Jewellery having additional parts made out of metals other than gold or gold alloy having other fineness shall not be marked.

3.1.8 Gold Jewellery which is not solid or made with hollow centre and then filled with cement, lac or other foreign substance which is non-metallic shall not be marked.

4 SAMPLES

The licensee shall supply, free of charge, the sample or samples required in accordance with the Bureau of Indian Standard (Certification) Regulations from his premises, factory or showroom. The remnant of tested gold jewellery article / artefacts and the cornet left after testing shall be returned to the jeweller.

5 REPLACEMENT

Whenever a complaint is received on the gold jewellery / *artefacts* with the Hallmark purchased along with assay report from any BIS recognized Assaying & Hallmarking Centre, the same shall be replaced free of cost by the licensee in case the complaint is proved to be genuine. The final authority to judge conformity of the gold jewellery / *artefacts* to the Indian Standard shall be with BIS.

5.1 In the event of any claim being filed by the consumer / purchaser / importer against the above Mark and not “conforming to” the declared fineness as per the relevant Indian Standard, BIS shall not in any way be liable.

6 ALTERATIONS TO HALLMARKED ARTICLE

6.1 Alterations to hallmarked jewellery / *artefacts* shall not be allowed in any form or manner.

6.2 However the following may be allowed:

6.2.1 Repair of a hallmarked article with not more than 1gram of gold or 10% of the weight of the article, whichever is less, with gold of the same standard of fineness as of the article.

6.2.2 Coating of not more than one micron at any point on the article with gold of the same standard of fineness as of the article.

7 CANCELLATION

7.1 Any consumer who purchases hallmarked jewellery can get the same tested from any BIS recognized Assaying & Hallmarking Centre.

7.2 In case Hallmarked jewellery sample brought by the consumer is found to be of lesser purity than that marked on jewellery, the testing charges would be refunded *to* the consumer by the centre who had hallmarked the jewellery. The jeweller shall be obliged to satisfy the customer through replacement.

7.3 In case sample fails first time, the jeweller would be issued warning for taking corrective actions. However in case of second failure within a period of 6 months, the licence would be processed for cancellation.

7.4 The licence may be granted afresh based on fresh application and fees as applicable subject to satisfactory settlement of the earlier complaint.

8 The submission of gold jewellery articles / artefacts for hallmarking shall be stopped immediately if directed to do so by BIS for any reason. The same may be resumed only after permission by BIS.

9 The cash memo issued to the customer by the licensee jeweller shall indicate fineness along with corresponding caratage in addition to other legally mandatory details.

10 In order to promote hallmarking of gold jewellery / artefacts, the coverage under hallmark by the retailer/licensee shall be as decided by the BIS from time to time.

11 The licensee shall submit the details of Quantity hallmark to BIS in the enclosed Performa I along with renewal application.

12 DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS

12.1 The licensee shall clearly display the information at prominent place of the sales outlet as below.

- a) Hallmarked jewellery / medallions available here.
- b) BIS Licence Number. CM/L-
- c) Hallmark illustration and definition of each component



BIS LOGO

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FINENESS

**Hallmarking
Centre's
Identification
Mark**

**Jeweller's
Identification
Mark**

**Year Code
Letter**

- d) The relationship of fineness of gold jewellery with cartage as specified in IS 1417

958 = 23 C

916 = 22 C

875 = 21 C

750 = 18 C

585 = 14 C

375 = 9 C

- e) Magnifying glass (at least 10X magnification) for viewing hallmark available
- f) Complete name and address of licensee

12.2 Hallmarked jewellery to be differentiated through special Counter / Tag / Label etc.

