

## SCHEME FOR CERTIFICATION OF SILVER JEWELLERY / ARTEFACTS FOR FINENESS MARKING AS PER IS 2112:2003

**1** The Licencee shall be responsible for the manufacture/retail of hallmarked Jewellery / Artefacts to the fineness declared.

**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 Silver Jewellery / Artefacts meant for Hallmarking purpose. However, melting purity of articles shall not be less than the purity for which it has been offered for hallmarking.

**2.2** The Licencee shall also ensure that the Jewellery / Artefacts manufactured shall be free from the various elements as prohibited in IS 2112:2003 (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 Silver 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 Silver jewellery article / artefacts by Assaying and Hallmarking Centre / jeweller:

- a) BIS logo;
- b) Purity grade/Fineness;
- c) Assaying & Hallmarking centre's Identification Mark ;
- d) Jeweller's/ manufacturers' 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** For medallions the designs likely to resemble currency of any country shall not be permitted.

**3.1.4** Marking shall be legible and durable.

**3.1.5** Marking shall be done on all parts which can be easily detached or replaced.

**3.1.6** Silver articles/ Jewellery having additional parts made out of metals other than Silver or Silver alloy having other fineness shall not be marked.

**3.1.7** Silver Jewellery/artefacts 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 remanant of tested Silver articles/ jewellery and artefacts .

#### **5 REPLACEMENT**

Whenever a complaint is received on the Silver jewellery / *artefacts* with the Hallmark purchased along with assay report from any BIS recognized licensee/ manufacturer, 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 Silver 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 Silver 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 Silver of the same standard of fineness as of the article.

#### **7 CANCELLATION**

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

**7.2** In case Hallmarked jewellery/artefacts 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/ artefacts. The jeweller/manufacturer shall be obliged to satisfy the customer through replacement.

**7.3** In case sample fails first time, the jeweller/manufacturer 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 silver 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, in addition to other legally mandatory details.

**10** In order to promote hallmarking of silver 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 hallmarking to BIS in the enclosed Performa I along with renewal application.

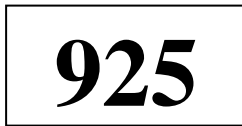
## **12 DISPLAY REQUIREMENTS**

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

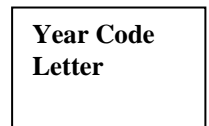
- a) Hallmarked jewellery / artefacts available here.
- b) BIS Licence Number. CM/L-
- c) Hallmark illustration and definition of each component



**BIS LOGO**



**FINENESS**



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

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

