

**ORDINANCE OF THE MINISTER  
OF THE ECONOMY <sup>1)</sup>**

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**amending the Ordinance on precious metal articles**

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On the strength of Article 5 and Article 6, item 4 of the Act of 3 April 1993 – Hallmarking Law (Journal of Law, no. 55, item 249 and further amendments <sup>2)</sup>), the following is ruled:

§ 1. The Ordinance of the Minister of the Economy, Labour and Social Policy of 8 April 2004 on precious metal articles (Journal of Law no. 76, item 715) introduces the following amendments:

- 1) § 10a shall be added after § 10 and reads as follows:  
"§ 10a. Precious metal articles should not be coated with non-precious metals.";
- 2) in § 12 following item 3 item 3a is added and reads:  
"3a. In the event of a mass of elements, not constituting precious metals, exceeding half of the mass of the article, in submitting the article, of which mention is made in item 1, the mass of such elements and the mass of precious metals should be separately indicated.";
- 3) in § 16, item 1 in point 1 following letter c the letter d is added, which reads as follows:  
"d) by Atomic Emission Spectrometry Method with Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP - AES) – for gold, silver, platinum and palladium alloys;"
- 4) § 19 reads as follows:  
"§ 19. 1. In testing gold, silver, platinum and palladium articles by means of the analysis method, any unused part, on presentation of the receipt, is returned to the applicant;  
2. In testing articles by means of the cupellation method and platinum articles by means of the weight method any unused precious metal, on presentation of the receipt, from the analysis is returned to the applicant.";
- 5) § 32 reads as follows:  
"§ 32. 1. Hallmarks for precious metal articles are produced with the use of marks made as negatives of hallmarks or by means of laser equipment for hallmarking.  
2. Hallmarks defined in the Appendix to the Ordinance are placed with the use of:
  - 1) marks which should contain the following types of images:
    - a) relief – types 1-6, 11-17, 24 and 25;
    - b) incuse – types 18-23;
    - c) relief or incuse – types 7-10;
  - 2) laser equipment for hallmarking which should be carried out with a relief or incuse image, depending on the type of hallmarked articles.
3. Mark types with incuse image, of which mention is made in item 2 point 1 letter c, are marked with the letter "L" which appears next to the figure defining the

number type used for distinguishing from marks of the same type made with relief image."

**§ 2.** Administrative Assay Offices and Bodies which had started, but not completed, the testing and hallmarking of precious metals prior to this Ordinance coming into force, are bound by the previously binding provisions.

**§ 3.** The Ordinance comes into force after the passage of 14 days from the day it was announced.

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<sup>1)</sup> The Minister of the Economy manages the government administrative section known as the economy, as under § 1 item 2 point 1 of the Ordinance of the Prime Minister of 31 October 2005 concerning the detailed scope of activities of the Minister of the Economy (Journal of Law, no. 220 pos. 1888).

<sup>2)</sup> Amendments to the mentioned Act were announced in the Journal of Law of 2000 no. 120, pos. 1268, of 2001 no. 63 pos. 636 no. 126 pos. 1382 and no. 154 pos. 1800 and of 2003 no. 171 pos. 1664.