

## Mandatory Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery comes into force from

**TOMORROW - 16TH JUNE 2021**

The government declared in November 2019 that from January 15, 2021, hallmarking of gold jewellery and artefacts will be required across the country. However, due to the pandemic, the deadline was extended for four months, from June 1 to June 15, and then again till June 15.

After a meeting with industry stakeholders, Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal made a decision in this regard.

### **Following are the key takeaways from Meeting**

- Hallmarking will be implemented in Phases , beginning with 256 districts across the country that have Assaying Marking Centers.
- Jewellers with annual turnover up to Rs. 40 lac will be exempted from mandatory Hall Marking.
- Export and re-import of jewellery is permissible under the Government of India's Trade Policy, with the exception of jewellery for foreign exhibitions and government-approved B2B domestic Exhibitions
- Jewellers in 256 districts will be able to sell only 14 carat, 18 carat, and 22 carat gold jewellery starting June 16. It further said that gold with additional carat weights of 20, 23, and 24 will be accepted for hallmarking.

- Watches, fountain pens and special types of jewellery viz. Kundan, Polki and Jadau will be exempted from Hall Marking.
- Jewellers can continue to buy back old gold jewellery without hallmark from consumer.
- In order to give adequate time to the manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of Gold Jewellery, there would be No penalties till August end.

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

New Delhi, the 1st June, 2021

**S.O. 2102(E).**—In exercise of the power 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 to so to do in the public interest, hereby makes the following order, further to amend the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020, namely:-

1. (i) This order may be called the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Amendment) Order, 2021.

(ii) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020, in clause 1, in sub section (2), for the words and figure “1st day of June”, the words and figure “16th day of June” shall be substituted.

[F. No. 6/1/2017-BIS (Part 2)]

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Old jewellery can be got hallmarked as it is, if feasible by the jeweller or after melting and making new jewellery.

A committee constituting of representatives of all stake holders, revenue officials and legal experts will be formed to look into the issues that may possibly emerge during the implementation of the scheme.

Shri Goyal said that constructive suggestions are always welcome and implementation should be effective. It may be noted that Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery was earlier set to begin from 15th June 2021.

Under Hallmarking scheme of Bureau of Indian Standards, Jewellers are registered for selling hallmarked jewellery and recognise testing and Hallmarking centres. BIS (Hallmarking) Regulations, were implemented w.e.f. 14.06.2018. Hallmarking will enable Consumers/Jewellery buyers to make a right choice and save them from any unnecessary confusion while buying gold. At present, only 30% of Indian Gold Jewellery is hallmarked.

The Hallmarking of jewellery/artefacts is required to enhance the credibility of gold Jewellery and Customer satisfaction through third party assurance for the marked purity/fineness of gold , consumer protection. This step will also help to develop India as a leading gold market center in the World.

- According to the government, the number of assaying and hallmarking centres has increased by 25% in the last five years, from 454 to 945. There are currently 940 assaying and hallmarking facilities in operation. A total of 84 centres have been established in various regions under the government's subsidy program
- Presently A&H Centre's can hallmark 1500 articles in a day, the estimated hallmarking capacity of A&H Centre's per year are 14 crore articles (Assuming 500 articles per shift & 300 working days).
- According to World Gold Council, India has around 4 lakh jewellers, out of this only 35879 have been BIS certified.
- Since April 2000, the BIS has operated a gold jewellery hallmarking programme. Approximately 40% of gold jewellery is currently hallmarked.



For More details on the Hallmarking Scheme, Machinery, Testing laboratories and Govt subsidies, please write to us [info@alephindia.in](mailto:info@alephindia.in) or Call 8826230531

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