NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** India  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Department of Consumer Affairs A.K. Pandey Under Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, 373B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Phone: +91-11-23381120 Website: <https://consumeraffairs.nic.in>, <https://bis.gov.in> Email: [usbis-ca@gov.in](mailto:usbis-ca@gov.in), [hallmarking@bis.gov.in](mailto:hallmarking@bis.gov.in)  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Gold jewellery and gold artefacts |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2019 (2 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Compulsory selling of Precious metals articles of gold (Gold jewellery and gold artefacts) through certified sales outlets and with Hallmark. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer protection through prevention of deceptive practices; Customer satisfaction through third party assurance for the marked purity/fineness of gold; To enhance the credibility of gold Jewellery |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** To be published in the Gazette of India (in English and Hindi) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** Yet to be decided  **Proposed date of entry into force:** Comes in to force with effect from the date of its publication in the official Gazette. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [** **]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Department of Consumer Affairs A.K. Pandey Under Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution 373B, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi Phone: 011-23381120 Website: <https://consumeraffairs.nic.in>, <https://bis.gov.in> Email: [usbis-ca@gov.in](mailto:usbis-ca@gov.in), [hallmarking@bis.gov.in](mailto:hallmarking@bis.gov.in)  Download/Web Link:  <https://consumeraffairs.nic.in/sites/default/files/file-uploads/latestnews/Draft_QCO.pdf> |