

## PRECIOUS METALS, PRECIOUS STONES AND THEIR ARTICLES (LABELING REQUIREMENTS)

### SCOPE

Any jewellery or another object which is completely or partly made of precious metals or their alloys.

### LATVIAN REGULATIONS

- [Law "On Supervision of Official Fineness"](#)
- Cabinet Regulation No. 1525 of December 22, 2009 ["Procedures for Marking Precious Metal Articles and the Permitted Remedy"](#)
- Cabinet Regulation No. 885 of August 11, 2009 ["Procedures for Registering Personal Marks of Performers of Economic Activity for Work with Precious Metal Articles"](#)
- Cabinet Regulation No. 855 of August 4, 2009 ["Regulations Regarding the List of Assay Supervisory Authorities Authorised by and of Independent Assay Supervisory Authorities of the European Union Member States, Swiss Confederation, Turkey, or a State of the European Economic Area, the Procedures for the Inclusion of Such Assay Supervisory Authorities in the List, and the Procedures for the Recognition of Marks of Such Assay Supervisory Authorities or Fineness Marks"](#)
- Cabinet Regulation No. 759 of September 12, 2006 ["Regulations Regarding a Year Distinction Mark for Precious Metal Articles"](#)
- Cabinet Regulation No. 367 of August 20, 2002 ["Procedures for the Registration of Places where Economic Activity Involving Precious Metals, Precious Stones and Their Articles is Performed, the Procedures for the Mandatory Assaying and Labelling Thereof, and Procedures for Storing Non-assayed Precious Metals, Precious Stones and Their Articles"](#)

### PRIOR AUTHORISATION

Goods are subject to prior authorisation. Competent authority responsible for prior authorisation is VSIA "Latvijas proves birojs" (Assay Office of Latvia)

### CONTACTS

#### **AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

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### **MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS**

The main requirements for the selling of precious metal articles in Latvia are following:

- the place of commercial activity shall be registered at the Assay Office of Latvia;
- the items shall be hallmarked in the state authorised and independent assay institutions of the EU Member States, Swiss Confederation, Turkey and EEA countries;
- the items shall be labelled correspondingly.

### **REGISTER OF SALES POINTS FOR PRECIOUS METALS, PRECIOUS STONES AND THEIR PRODUCTS**

Before commencing the commercial activity with precious metals, precious stones and their products, the place of activity shall be registered in [the Register of places for work with precious metals, precious stones and their products](#) (Latvian language only) maintained by the Assay Office of Latvia.

In order to register or update information in the Register, [an application](#) shall be submitted to the Assay Office of Latvia in accordance with the Cabinet Regulation No. 367 of August 20, 2002.