
Hallmarks of European Union Member States

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Sixth edition

The Hallmarking system of European Union Member States

Country	The compulsory system	The voluntary system	Declaration of the producer
Austria			✓
Belgium		✓	
Bulgaria	✓		
Cyprus	✓		
Czech Republic	✓		
Denmark		✓	
Estonia		✓	
Finland		✓	
France	✓		
Germany			✓
Greece			✓
Hungary	✓		
Ireland	✓		
Italy			✓
Latvia	✓		
Lithuania	✓		
Luxembourg	✓		✓
Malta		✓	
Netherlands	✓		
Poland	✓		
Portugal	✓		
Romania		✓	
Slovak Republic	✓		
Slovenia	✓	✗	
Spain	✓		
Sweden		✓	
United Kingdom	✓		







**Guidelines to European Union
Member States Hallmarks**

Belgium





Fineness

Large articles

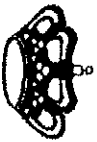

Small articles

Fineness	Large articles	Small articles
833		
750		
585		

silver







925		
835		

platinum

950		
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Bulgaria






gold

916	
833	
750	
585	
500	
333	



gold bars

silver

950	
925	
800	
750	
500	











silver bars

Cyprus







sponsor's mark

official mark

fineness

sponsor's mark	official mark	fineness
		916
		750
		585
		375

gold

		925
		830
		800

silver

<http://www.assay.org.cy/>

Czech Republic

fineness mark

fineness	mark
999	
986	
900	
750	
585	

fineness	mark
999	
959	
925	
900	
835	
800	

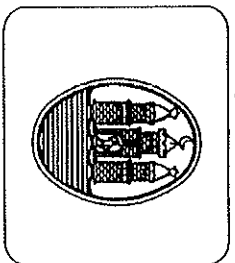
fineness	mark
999	
950	
900	
850	
800	

old goods of lower than legal fineness
 gold 333-584
 silver 500-799

signs "metal"
METAL **MET** **M**

Denmark

Assay Office Mark








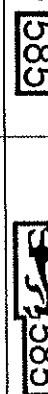











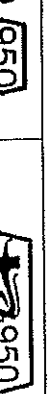




The Danish Hallmark confirms the fineness mark indicated by the manufacturer

The fineness are:

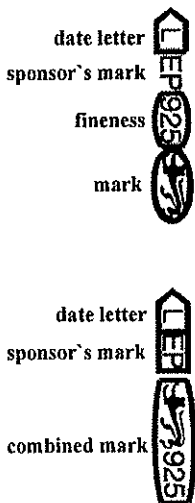
gold ≥ 333	silver ≥ 800	platinum ≥ 850
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<http://www.force.dk>

Estonia

	fineness	mark	combined mark
gold	916		
	750		
	585		
	375		
silver	925		
	830		
	800		
platinum	950		
	500		
palladium	950		
	500		

The example of the hallmark:



<http://www.assay.ee/>

Finland

The main mark



Local assay office mark

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gold

Standards of fineness






























silver

platinum

999	999	999
916	925	950
750	830	900
585	800	850
375		

<http://www.tukes.fi/>

















France









New articles		Old articles		New and old articles		
Mark	Small mark	Domestic production	Foreign and unknown articles			
Gold	 999‰ 24k	 750‰	 Eagle 750‰	 CWI For lower fineness < 375‰	 585‰, 14k St. Louis Shell	
	 916‰ 22k					 Eagle 750‰
Silver	 999‰	 800‰	 Minerva 800‰	 SWAN For lower fineness < 830‰		
	 925‰				 Minerva 800‰	 SWAN For lower fineness < 830‰
Platinum	 999‰	 850‰	 Mascaron			
	 950‰					
Mixed marks and fineness						
 mixed wild boar and eagle		 mixed wild boar and eagle		 mixed swan + boar OR swan + boar depended on the proportion		
Precious and base metals						
New articles 50% Et +		Old articles 50% Et +				
 Gold with base metal						
 Silver with base metal						









x - the symbol of one of the thirty local assay offices

Ireland

fineness mark

gold	fineness	mark
999	 999	
990	 990	
916	 916	
833	 833	
750	 750	
585	 585	
417	 417	
375	 375	

silver	fineness	mark
999	 999	
958	 958	
925	 925	
800	 800	

platinum	fineness	mark
999	 999	
950	 950	
900	 900	
850	 850	

Hungary

fineness

mark

fineness	mark
916	
750	
585	
375	

gold

925	
900	
835	
800	

silver

B-date letter









fineness	mark
950	
900	

platinum

Assay Office Mark	
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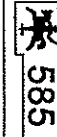

<http://www.nemesfemvizsgalo.hu/>





Latvia



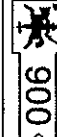
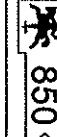
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gold		 958 916 900 750 585 583 500 375 333
silver		 960 925 916 875 830 800 750
platinum		 950 850
palladium		 850 500

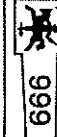
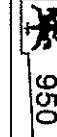


<http://www.vpui.gov.lv/>
<http://www.vpui.gov.lv/index.php?pid=01&id=15>

Lithuania
fineness mark

gold	
999	
916	
750	
585	
375	

silver	
999	
925	
830	
800	





platinum	
999	
950	
900	
850	

palladium	
999	
950	
850	
500	





Malta

fineness

mark for domestic articles

916	
750	
585	
375	





















gold
















959	
925	
830	
800	

silver



Netherlands

Fineness new large articles new small articles old articles large and small






		Gouda	Joure	Gouda	Joure
916					
833					
750					
585					

925					
835					
800					

new articles large and small old articles large and small

950			

platinum and gold silver Convention mark

Assay Office Marks				
				

<http://www.waarborg.nl/>
<http://www.emnederland.nl/>

Poland

fineness	mark
960	
750	
585	
500	
375	
333	
additional mark	

gold

850	
500	
additional mark	

platinum

950	
916	
833	
750	
333	
302	
additional mark	

silver

925	
875	
830	
800	
additional mark	

other hallmarks

approval mark	
main mark	













base metal mark	
deletion marks	

Portugal











fineness

Lisbon









Porto

	999	916	800	750	585	375
						
						

gold

	999	925	835	830	800
					
					

silver

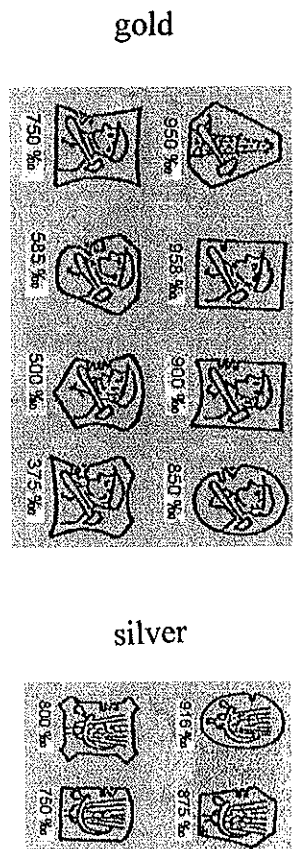
	999	950	900	850
				
				

platinum

<http://www.incm.pt/pt/dcc/marcas.html>

Romania

Before 2007



After 2007

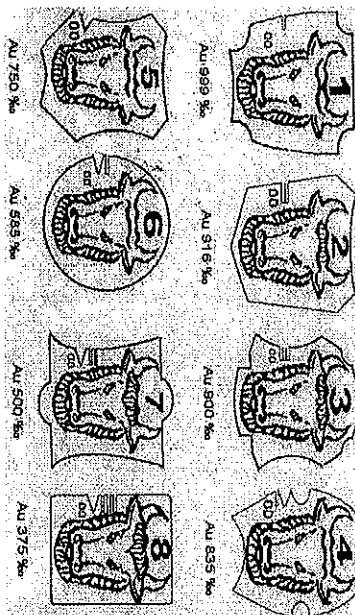
platinum



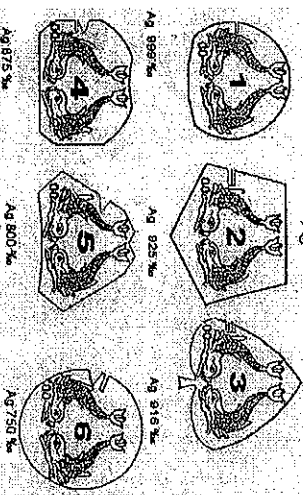
Palladium



gold



silver



Slovak Republic

fineness mark

fineness	mark
999	
986	
900	
750	
585	

fineness	mark
999	
959	
925	
900	
835	
800	

fineness	mark
999	
950	
900	
850	
800	

old goods of lower than legal fineness
 gold 333-584
 silver 500-799









signs "metal"
METAL **MET** **M**

Slovenia

fineness

Ljubljana
Ljubljana

Čajče

gold	999 990 ³³³ 916 900 840 800 750 585 500 417 375 333		
silver	999 925 900 835 800		
platinum	999 950 900 850		
palladium	999 950 500		

<http://www.mirs.si/>

Spain

gold	silver	platinum
999 V1	999 V1	999 V1
916 V1	925 V1	950 V1
750 V1	800 V1	900 V1
585 V1		850 V1
375 V1		

Local assay offices:

Andalucia	A	Extremadura	E
Aragon	AR	Galicia	G
Asturias	AS	La Rioja	R
Baleares	B	Madrid	M
Canarias Islas	CS	Murcia	MU
Cantabria	CA	Navarra	N
Castilla la Mancha	CM	Pais Vasco	PV
Castilla Leon	CL	Valencia	V
Cataluna	C		

The Spanish Assay Offices are signified by number "1" with the exception of office in Baleares (B2).





<http://www.ainme.es>

Sweden





SGK

SP





gold

large articles		
small articles		

silver

large articles		
small articles		

platinum

large articles		
small articles		

The fineness are:

for gold ≥ 375	for silver ≥ 800	for platinum ≥ 850
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<http://www.sp.se/kattoten/eng/assay.htm>

United Kingdom

fineness	compulsory mark	voluntary mark
999	999	
990	990	
916	916	
750	750	
585	585	
375	375	

fineness	compulsory mark	voluntary mark
999	999	
958	958	
925	925	
800	800	

fineness	compulsory mark	voluntary mark
999	999	
950	950	
900	900	
850	850	















Assay office marks

London	Birmingham	Sheffield	Edinburgh






The example of the hallmark:

sponsor's mark
 traditional symbol
 fineness
 assay office mark
 date letter





Common Control Marks

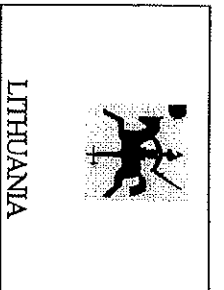
Gold	Silver	Platinum
 999	 999	 999
 990	 925	 950
 916	 830	 900
 750	 800	 850
 585		
 375		

Assay Office Marks:

 AUSTRIA	 CZECH REPUBLIC	 DENMARK
 FINLAND	 IRELAND	



Other countries have not compulsory hallmarking system. The articles of precious metals marked by sponsor's mark which are not recognize in Poland, can not be applied for turnover.

 Gold	 Silver	 Platinum	 Palladium
LATVIA			


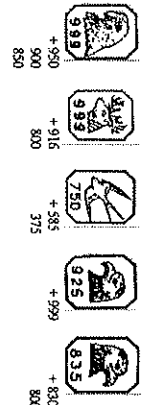


The letter means local assay office:

D	Druskininkai	L	Klaipėda
K	Kaunas	S	Šiauliai
V	Vilnius		

	
<p>Waarborg Platina, Goud en Zilver N.V. (Waarborg Holland)</p>	<p>Edelmetaal Waarborg Netherland B.V.</p>
NETHERLANDS	



	
Lisbon	Porto
PORTUGAL	












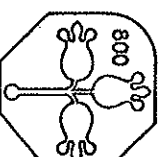
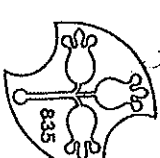
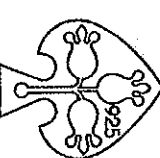
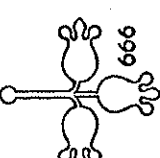


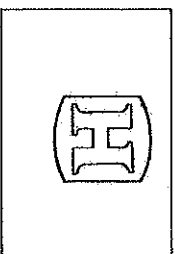
SWITZERLAND

X - the symbol of the local assay office:

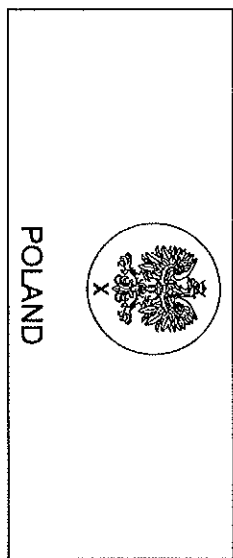
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☆	Basle	J	Le Noirmont
T	Chiasso	S	Schaffhausen
G	Geneva-Monbrillant + Geneva-Airport	Z	Zurich-Post + Zurich-Airport

London		Birmingham		Sheffield		Edinburgh	
UNITED KINGDOM							

Gold					
Silver					
IZRAEL					



HUNGARY



X - The symbol of the local assay office

Regional Assay Office in Warszawa:

- A - Local Assay Office in Biakystok;
- B - Local Assay Office in Bydgoszcz;
- G - Local Assay Office in Gdańsk;
- Ł - Local Assay Office in Łódź;
- W - Local Assay Office in Warszawa.

Regional Assay Office in Kraków:

- H - Local Assay Office in Chorzów;
- K - Local Assay Office in Kraków;
- P - Local Assay Office in Poznań;
- V - Local Assay Office in Wrocław;
- Z - Local Assay Office in Częstochowa.

