

**भारतीय मानक ब्यूरो**

(हॉलमार्किंग विभाग)

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विषय: हॉलमार्क वाली ज्वैलरी के काउंटर सैंपल टेस्टिंग को देखने का प्रावधान

उपर्युक्त विषय पर सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा अनुमोदित परिपत्र सभी संबंधित पक्षों के कार्यान्वयन के लिए सलंगन है।

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**Bureau of Indian Standards**  
(Hallmarking Department)

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**Sub:** Provision for witnessing the counter sample testing of Hallmarked Jewellery

The circular on the above subject as approved by the Competent Authority is attached herewith for implementation by all concerned.

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**Head, HMD**

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## Hallmarking Department

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This has reference to the Guidelines for Grant, Operation, Renewal & Cancellation of Certificate of Registration of Jewellers (HM/Jeweller/Guidelines /1 January 2020) and the Guidelines for A&H Centres (HM/A&HC/Guidelines /2 September 2019).

2. The Guidelines specified the procedure for the counter sample testing, however, the provision for witnessing of counter sample testing by jeweller or A&H centre if requested has not been specified in the above mentioned guidelines.

3. As both Jeweller and A&H centre are stakeholder for the hallmarked jewellery being sold and hallmarked respectively and, action is taken against both in case of failure of sample drawn from jeweller during independent testing, the issue of witnessing of the counter sample has been put up to the Competent Authority and the following has been approved in this regard:

- On failure of sample in independent laboratory, if registered jeweller and/or recognized A&H centre does not agree with the results obtained and provide proper justification, testing of counter sample may be permitted with the approval of DDGR for which double the testing charges shall be paid in advance by the registered jeweller and/or the A&H centre.
- Both jeweller and A&H centre may be allowed to witness the testing if requested by them.
- As the counter sample is available with the jeweller the same shall be deposited by jeweller in the original sealed conditions to the laboratory.
- The sealed counter sample shall be opened in the presence of the jeweller, the assaying centre and the BIS representative who has drawn the sample. Before undertaking the testing of the counter sample by referral laboratory the jeweller and A&H centre authenticate the counter sample and submit undertaking that the test results of the counter sample will be acceptable to them and no further testing will be allowed.
- In case either the assaying centre or the jeweller is not available at the time of opening the counter sample an undertaking may be obtained from him that they abide to the observations made by the party present during the opening of counter sample.
- For witnessing the test, a separate charge of rupees ten thousand per day, cost of travel, boarding and lodging for the BIS representative who has drawn the sample shall be payable by the assaying centre and or jeweller. In addition to the concerned BIS representative, lab QA officer shall also personally remain present and witness such testing either in BIS laboratory or in OSL.

4. The above may be implemented with immediate effect.

This issues with the approval of DG, BIS.

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