

recognized Assaying & Hall Marking Centre for Hall Marking. " Removed.

6.1.1 Only linear designs shall be permitted.

6.1.2 Marking shall be legible & durable.

6.1.3 Marking to be done on all parts which can be easily removed or replaced. In case of bangles and light items marking shall be done at one place only.

6.1.4 Marking to the next lower fineness /caratage as given in the standard to be done when gold article/ornaments fails to comply with specified fineness.

6.2 Gold Jewellery /Artefacts on which marking shall not be applied are as under:

(a) Any gold Jewellery /artefacts which has not been assayed by BIS recognized Assaying & Hall Marking Centres.

(b) Any gold article/ornaments which is not solid or which is made with a hollow centre and then filled with base metal, cement, lac or added weight or strength unless the weight of the gold is declared by the jeweler and marked on the article by the Centre.

(c) Gold article/ornaments on which it is physically impossible to stamp the marks.

(d) Below 2 g gold.

(e) Below 9 Carat gold.6. Experience in marking of Jewellery & artifacts:

From the experience in marking at our centre I would like to draw the attention on the following points to avoid any mistakes made at marking stage.

1. With the introduction of the clause 6.1.4 there may be a possibility that at marking table a lot of mixed purity may be arrived together. Hence, proper care shall be taken to mark the fineness in accordance with the result obtained.

2. Marking on the Jewellery article may be done in accordance with the clause 6.1 serially.

3. During the marking as a safety of the operator, protective glass may be wear.

4. Marking shall be legible & durable. Here, power of the laser or stroke of the laser is very important to produce legible marking.

5. Jeweller's logo should be obtained from the jeweller's on their letter head/CD & should be kept as a record.

6. Computer used to mark the marking should be password protected in order to protect the unauthorized use of the marking machine.

7. No any other marking, other than mentioned at clause 6.1.4 should be marked on the articles or marked articles such as jeweller's logo, fineness/purity etc. should not be accepted for hall marking.

8. Colouring clay should not be used to hold the articles during marking process to avoid the customer complaint.

9. In order to avoid the mistake at marking stage, always make a habit that at marking table, different lot of same purity should be marked at a time.

10. Proper temperature control as recommended by the manufacturer should be maintained in marking room to achieve prescribed life of laser.

11. Marked articles should be cleaned & checked before delivery.