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Pursuant to Article 25 paragraph 4 of the Law on Control of Precious Metal Articles (Official Gazette of Montenegro 40/10), the Government of Montenegro, at its session of 9 June 2011, adopted

## **DECREE ON AMOUNT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT OF FEES IN THE FIELD OF CONTROL OF PRECIOUS METAL ARTICLES**

### **Article 1**

This Decree lays down the amount and manner of payment of fees to cover the cost of assaying and hallmarking of precious metal articles, carrying out chemical analysis of alloys and articles of precious metals, examining the equipment used for assaying precious metal articles, checking the compliance of requirements for determining the manufacturer's mark, other prescribed cost with regard to assaying and hallmarking of precious metal articles as well as the fee for issuing decisions for determining the mark of manufacturers or importers of precious metal articles.

The fee for covering the costs referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article shall be paid in the government authority competent for metrology affairs (hereinafter referred to as: the Bureau).

The proof of payment shall be delivered on the occasion of submitting the request for carrying out the affairs referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article.

### **Article 2**

If the precious metal article is composed of parts of different precious metals, the fee to cover covering the costs of assaying and hallmarking of precious metal articles shall be paid according to the total mass of the article for the precious metal article the mass of which is the most prevalent in the total mass of the article.

If a precious metal item contains a part made of a gemstone, pearl or other non-metallic material, a fee to cover the costs of assaying and hallmarking shall be paid according to the total mass of the item.

### **Article 3**

The fee to cover the costs of assaying and hallmarking of precious metal articles shall be paid in the amount of:

- 1) 0,60 € per gram, for each individual platinum article, per each started gram of mass (service code: PT110);
- 2) 0,40 € per gram, for each individual gold article, per each started gram of mass (service code: AU210);
- 3) 0,30 € per gram, for each individual palladium article, per each started gram of mass (service code: Pd310);
- 4) 0,08 € per gram, for each individual silver article, per each started gram of mass (service code: Ag410).

#### **Article 4**

The fee to cover the costs of assaying and hallmarking of precious metal articles shall be increased to the amount of 5,00 € if the total fee to cover the costs of assaying and hallmarking of precious metal articles is less than 5,00 € (service code: D 102).

#### **Article 5**

The fee to cover the costs of issuing a certificate, instead of hallmarking with a national hallmark, in cases where hallmarking of a precious metal article would cause the aesthetic damage to the article, shall be 10,00 € per certificate (service code: D 102).

#### **Article 6**

Fee in the amount of 20,00 € per each started working hour, shall be paid to cover the costs for:

- 1) Performing chemical analysis of alloys and items of platinum (service code: D103);
- 2) Performing chemical analysis of alloys and items of gold (service code: D104);
- 3) Performing chemical analysis of alloys and items of palladium (service code: D105);
- 4) Performing chemical analysis of alloys and items of silver (service code: D106);
- 5) Examining the equipment used for assaying of precious metal articles (service code: D107)
- 6) Assaying of precious metal articles without the minimum prescribed fineness (service code: D108);
- 7) Assaying of precious metal articles the fineness of which does not correspond to the fineness mark imprinted on them (service code: D109);
- 8) Expert assessment of fineness of precious metal articles (service code: D110).

#### **Article 7**

Fee to cover the costs for:

- 1) Checking the compliance of conditions for determining the manufacturer's mark shall be 220,00 € (service code: D111);
- 2) Issuing decisions for determining the manufacturer's mark shall be 20,00 € (service code: D112);
- 3) Issuing decisions for determining the importer's mark shall be 120,00 € (service code: D113);
- 4) Issuing images of national hallmarks for marking the degrees of fineness of precious metal articles shall be 20,00 € per each copy of an image (service code: D114);
- 5) Issuing duplicates of decisions for determining the manufacturer's mark upon request shall be 20,00 € (service code: D115);
- 6) Issuing duplicates of decisions for determining the importer's mark upon request shall be 20,00 € (service code: D116).

### **Article 8**

If, at the request of a party, verification of the fulfillment of the conditions for determining the manufacturer's mark is made outside the premises of the Bureau, the cost of transportation, per diems and accommodation shall also be included in the fee, in accordance with the regulation prescribing the fees and other remuneration of civil servants and state employees (service code: D117).

### **Article 9**

On the day of entry into force of this Decree, the Decree on Amount and Manner of Payment of Fees in the Field of Control of Precious Metal Articles (Official Gazette of FRY 28/07) shall cease to apply.

### **Article 10**

This Rulebook shall enter into force on the eighth day following that of its publication in the Official Gazette of Montenegro.

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