

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>HONG KONG</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Customs and Excise Department, Hong Kong Government
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> , 2.6.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.3.2 <input type="checkbox"/> , 7.4.1 <input type="checkbox"/> , Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Gold and gold alloy articles (CCCN 7112)
5.	Title: Trade Descriptions (Marking)(Gold and Gold Alloy) Order
6.	Description of content: The Order stipulates that articles of not less than 8 carats or 333 parts per thousand gold content must bear a mark indicating the fineness of the gold content. It also covers the use of solder and the marking of parts and surface treated articles. Coins, raw materials, antiques, articles or parts of an article weighing less than 1 gram and articles for medical/scientific/industrial use or for export are exempt from marking.
7.	Objective and rationale: The Order is essentially for consumer protection in that it aims to allow purchasers to readily establish the gold content of an article.
8.	Relevant documents: The Order is to be enacted under section 4 of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, Chapter 362, Laws of Hong Kong, by which the Governor-in-Council may require goods to be marked or accompanied by such information as is considered necessary. Once the Order is approved, it will be published in the Hong Kong Government Gazette.
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: It is likely that the Order will be signed in February 1983 and come into force on 1 January 1984.
10.	Final date for comments: 31 January 1983
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point <input type="checkbox"/> or address of other body: Customs and Excise Department, Telex No. 65092 CUSEX HX Ocean Centre 14/F, <u>Kowloon</u> Hong Kong