

HOW TO APPLY FOR A RESPONSIBILITY MARK FOR ARTICLES OF PRECIOUS METALS IN FINLAND

Any company putting up articles of precious metals on the Finnish market usually needs a responsibility mark duly registered with Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes). The responsibility mark shall be applied for by a written application to be filed with Tukes, which runs an official register of the marks. The registration needs to be reconfirmed at three years' intervals.

The responsibility mark indicates the entrepreneur who is responsible for the product's conformity with the valid requirements. A responsibility mark cannot be granted to a private person.

It is not always necessary to file an application. Some examples:

- The company places on the market only light-weight articles of precious metals; the weight limit for gold, platinum and palladium products is 1 gram and for silver products 10 gram.
- The imported products carry a CCM mark (Common Control Mark).
- The article has been hallmarked by a recognised assay office within the European Union and it fulfils the requirements provided by the law in Finland.
- The foreign manufacturer's responsibility mark has been registered with Tukes.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR APPLICATION

The responsibility mark shall be applied for using [this form](#).

The application shall contain at least the following information:

- Official name of the entrepreneur (company) and contact information.
- Business ID.
- Contact person; address, telephone.
- Suggestion for responsibility mark.
- Authorized signature on behalf of the company, as confirmed in the Trade Register extract (Finland), and name in block letters.
- Place and date.

A Trade Register extract, or similar certified information, shall be enclosed with the application.

RESPONSIBILITY MARK DETAILS

The responsibility marks shall consist of a capital letter or a combination of capital letters, e.g. **ABC**. It is to be recommended that only simple and clear font types are chosen for this purpose, such as Arial. When any combinations are used, the letters shall be clearly apart from each other. A responsibility mark is usually very small – yet it shall be clearly legible on the finished product.

The responsibility mark may have

- the same background shape as the fineness mark; in that case different background shapes are used: oval for gold, rectangular for silver, truncated triangle for palladium, and rhombus for platinum, or
- no background shape whatsoever.

You may browse the Responsibility Marks Register at <http://nimileima.tukes.fi/> (in Finnish) for vacant responsibility marks. It is good to choose a mark which has not been used for a longer time, or at least not in the last ten years.

TREATMENT OF APPLICATION AND INTRODUCTION OF RESPONSIBILITY MARK

Once the application has been approved by Tukes, the applicant will be contacted by phone. On request, a metal plate for the responsibility mark samples will be provided to the applicant. Thereafter, the applicant shall have a tool made from the approved responsibility mark and submit the sample marks stamped with the tool to Tukes.

The responsibility mark shall be stamped on the metal plate several times using different strengths. At Tukes, all the stamps are photographed for archive purposes.

When the application and the sample marks have been approved by Tukes, the entrepreneur will get a written decision on the approval and registration. The registration is liable for a charge shown on the application form. The responsibility mark may be taken into use only after the decision on the approval has been made.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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