

FOCBS – PMC Melt products

1. General information

1.1 What it is about

Due to the risks involved in international precious metal trading and in the interests of consumer protection, the manufacture of melt products is subject to strict guidelines. When imported, melt products must be marked with the stamp of a holder of a melter's licence, the stamp of a control office or a trade assayer, a fineness mark and the name of the precious metal.

1.2 Basics and information

- Precious Metals Control Act (PMCA; [SR 941.31](#))
- Precious Metals Control Ordinance (PMCO; [SR 941.311](#))
- [Guideline R-247](#)
- Internet FOCBS -> Precious Metal Control -> [Melting and assaying of precious metals](#)

1.3 Note in Tares

Tariff items that are relevant from a precious metals law perspective contain the note «permit obligation: FOCBS-PMCM».

1.4 Terms

Precious metals	Gold, silver, platinum and palladium
Melt material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Precious metals obtained through the extraction of raw materials or refining;- Waste products from the processing of precious metals or alloys thereof which are usable for reclaiming precious metals (see also Art. 35a PMCO);- Material containing precious metals which can be used to reclaim precious metals.
Melt products	Ingots, slabs, bars and granules produced by melting or recasting precious metal or melt material.

2. Information in the customs or goods declaration

Anyone importing melt products must declare the restrictions in the goods declaration and record the authorisation from the FOCBS.

Identification Regulation	Passar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regulation 1 (yes) - Regulation code 991 «FOCBS – PMC Melt products»
	e-dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authorisation requirement «yes» - Authorisation authority «089 FOCBS-PMCM»
Further indications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Authorisation type 2 General authorisation¹ - Authorisation number (number of the melter's licence); or - Text: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o «LBMA» or «LPPM» (for foreign assayer/melter's marks); or o «Others» (other assayer/melter's mark than the aforementioned); or o «Without» (no assayer/melter's mark) - Licence holder² - Country or countries of origin²

Products that would normally require an authorisation but can be imported without authorisation due to an exemption must be declared accordingly:

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	Exemptions from authorisation¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BAZGEMK006 (assayer/melter's mark CH) - BAZGEMK007 (foreign assayer/melter's mark LBMA) - BAZGEMK008 (foreign assayer/melter's mark LPPM) - BAZGEMK009 (no assayer/melter's mark) - BAZGEMK010 (other assayer/melter's mark than the aforementioned)

¹ Only for declarations in the system e-dec

² Only for declarations in the system Passar