



Precious Metal Control

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Registration of goods subject to precious metal control

Adjustments as of 1.12.2025

As part of the digitisation and standardisation of goods traffic processes, the FOCBS is adjusting the declaration of goods subject to the provisions of the Precious Metals Control Act (PMCA).

The existing NCP code «210 Precious Metals Control» is replaced by the authorisation codes **«090 FOCBS - PMC Responsibility mark »** and **«089 FOCBS - PMC Melt products»**. Tariff items that are relevant from a precious metals law perspective contain corresponding notes in the customs tariff:

Responsibility mark	FOCBS-PMCR
Melt products	FOCBS-PMCM

For tariff items that are relevant to the responsibility mark, the number of the responsibility mark – the so-called authorisation number – must be stated in the customs declaration in addition to the authorisation requirement¹.

The decision on whether to carry out a control in accordance with the Precious Metals Control Act (PMCA) is made on a risk-based basis. The control decision is communicated to the person subject to registration via the selection process or by the Precious Metals Control Office.

¹ e-dec

Identification: Authorisation requirement «yes» / Authorisation authority «FOCBS-PMCR»
Authorisation number: Number of the responsibility mark

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Melt products will only be subject to stricter regulations as part of the customs law revision. Melt products must be declared as such², but instead of the authorisation, the marking of the melt product must be indicated:

- a. with an assayer/melter's mark registered in Switzerland,
- b. with a foreign assayer/melter's mark that is on the Good Delivery Current List of the LBMA³ (for gold and silver) or LPPM⁴ (for platinum and palladium),
- c. with another marking or
- d. without marking.

There is no automated authorisation check yet.

Lists 1 and 2 of goods subject to declaration are repealed.

Overview master data as of 1.12.2025



² e-dec **Identification:** Authorisation requirement «yes» / Authorisation authority «FOCBS-PMCM»
Authorisation number: none, but indication of marking

³ London Bullion Market Association

⁴ London Platinum & Palladium Market