

Press Release

Bureau of Indian Standards

Mumbai Branch office-I

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BIS search and seizure on non-certified Jeweller selling hallmarked jewellery

An enforcement search and seizure was carried out by team of officers of Bureau of Indian Standards, at the premises of M/s Rajendra Jewellers, Shenva Naka, Tq. Shahapur, Dist-Thane, a non-certified jeweller on 14 June, 2019 based on complaint that the unit indulged in selling hallmarked jewellery without having valid certificate of registration from BIS. During the operation 2 pieces of hallmarked jewellery were seized by the office as material evidence.

Hallmarked gold jewellery and artefacts cannot be sold without obtaining a certificate of registration from BIS which implies that no person shall indulge in retailing hallmarked jewellery without having certificate of registration from BIS to use the BIS hallmark. Action is being initiated against the offender for using BIS standard mark without prior permission of BIS, under violation of section 15 of BIS act 2016. The offence is punishable by imprisonment up to 2 year or a fine of ₹. 2,00,000/- minimum.

Unscrupulous manufacturers use BIS standard mark (ISI mark) and/or Hallmark without valid license and/or certificate of registration to deceive the public in general. BIS, Mumbai has been carrying out series of raids (search and seizure operations), as and when information about misuse of Standard Mark is received/obtained, to protect the consumer from such deception and possible safety hazards which emanate from usage of such substandard/unsafe material. Anybody who has information about the misuse of Standard Mark may write to the Head, Bureau of Indian Standards, Mumbai Branch office-I, E-9, Behind Marol Telephone Exchange, Andheri (East), Mumbai 400093. Tel : 022-28329295. A complain can also be made by email at mubol@bis.gov.in, or enf@bis.gov.in. The identity of the informant would be kept strictly confidential.

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