NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: HONG KONG

2. Agency responsible: Customs and Excise Department, Hong Kong Government

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2[ ], 2.6.1[ ], 7.3.2[ ], 7.4.1[ ], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Platinum and platinum alloy articles (CCCN: 7112)

5. Title: Trade Descriptions (Marking) (Platinum and Platinum Alloy) Order

6. Description of content: The Order stipulates that articles of not less than 850 parts per thousand platinum content must bear a mark indicating the fineness of the platinum 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 2 grams and articles for medical, dental, scientific or industrial use are exempt from marking.

7. Objective and rationale: The Order is essentially for consumer protection in that aims to allow purchasers to be readily able to establish the platinum 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 approved in January 1988 and come into force on 1 November 1988.

10. Final date for comments: 31 December 1987

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point[ ] or address of other body:
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