

**APPENDIX II**

**ARMY & AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE (AAFES)  
REQUIREMENTS FOR  
STAMPING  
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All jewelry items will be stamped with the following information per the requirements established by the National Gold & Silver Stamping Act 15 U.S.C., sections 291 through 300 and the Federal Trades Commission's Guides for the Jewelry, Precious Metals and Pewter Industries 16 C.F.R. Part 23.

1. Hallmarks:

A. Platinum will be stamped PLAT / PT950 / PT900.

B. Karat gold will be stamped with one of the following:

10 karat gold	10k or 10kt	<u>417</u>
14 karat gold	14k or 14kt	<u>585</u>
18 karat gold	18k or 18kt	<u>750</u>
Baht gold	22k or 22kt	<u>900-950</u>

2. Supplier's Trademark:

Stamping of the trademark will be placed as closely to the hallmark as possible and will be approximately equal in size. Locations of stamping are as follows:

- A. Rings: Stamping placement inside shoulder of the shank as to not affect the resizing capabilities.
- B. Earrings: Each earring post requires both the hallmark and trademark of the supplier. It is sufficient for the earring backs to be stamped with the correct hallmark and finding companies trademark.
- C. Pendants require the placement of the hallmark and trademark on the back of the bale or inside the rear of the mounting.
- D. Chains: The supplier's trademark and hallmark can be stamped on the clasp tongue, jump ring or metal plate connecting the clasp.
- E. Bracelets are to be stamped on the clasp junction, tongue, or safety latch.

3. Diamond Stamping:

All merchandise will be stamped inside the shank using the following examples:

- A. If the item has a center diamond, the minimal acceptable weight of that stone will be stamped. For example, a 1/4 carat should be stamped 0.25ct. If a contract range is established for a minimum then the minimum range should be used. For example, 0.23-0.27 carat is acceptable then 0.23ct should be stamped.
- B. If there is no main diamond then the item with a one carat total weight will be stamped 20/1.00TW unless a range is established by the contracting officer. in which case the minimum required weight should be stamped. For example, a range of 0.956-1.10TW. is acceptable for a one carat total weight, the stamping should then be 20/.956TW.