

Responsible Jewelry Council (RJC)



RJC Chain-of-Custody Certification – Overview

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The Responsible Jewelry Council was founded in 2005 and its Certification System became operative in December 2009.

Mission : To advance responsible ethical, social and environmental practices, which respect human rights, throughout the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewelry supply chain, from mine to retail.

Membership: Uniquely covers **all** parts of the jewelry supply chain: producers, refiners, traders, cutters and polishers, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers.

- 360 Members representing 26 countries around the world: grown 4.5% per month since July 2005.
- US\$45+ billion in annual relevant sales

Auditor Accreditation:

- 230+ RJC Accredited Auditors across 8 firms

Certification:

- 140+ Certified Members – growing daily
- 75% Members made the first 31 December 2011 deadline
- 25% have been granted short extensions to complete audits underway or scheduled.

RJC Standards



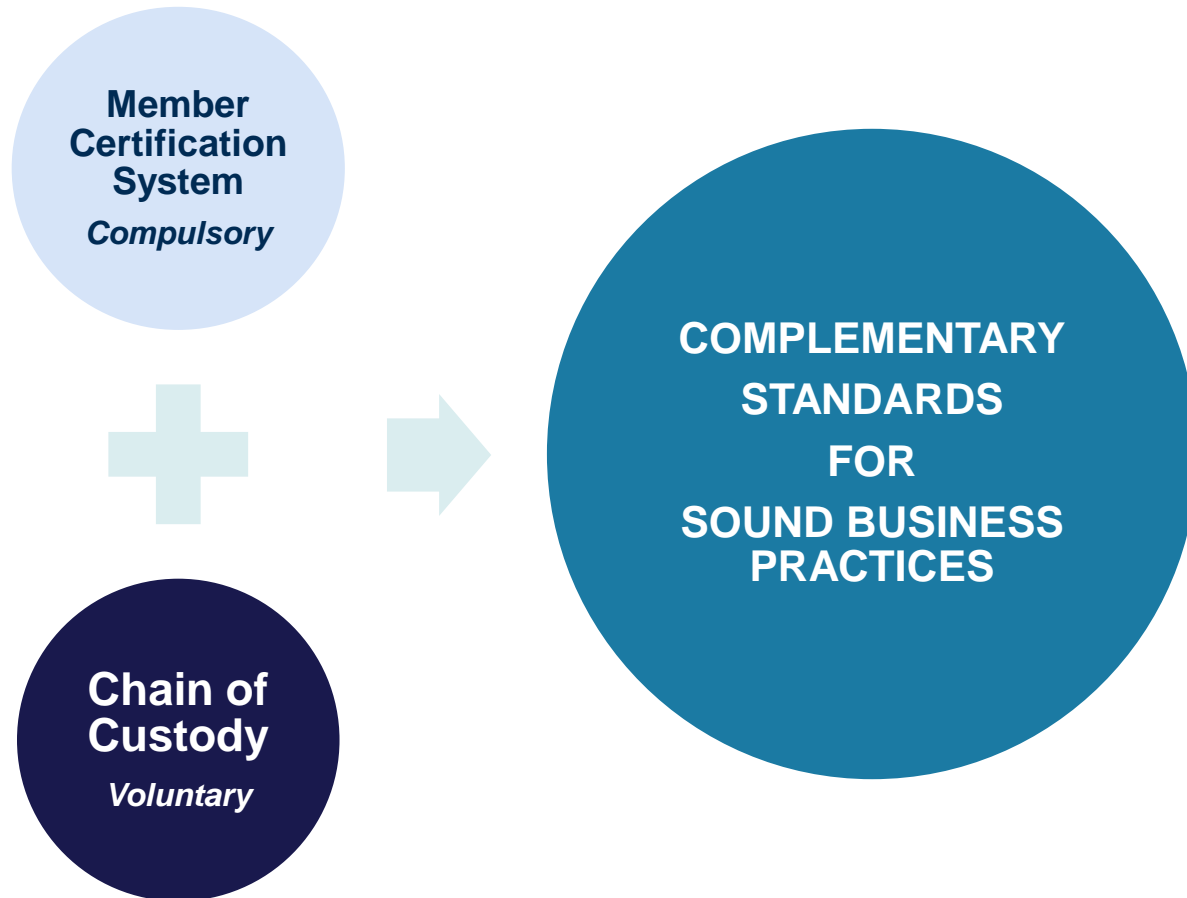
RJC Code of Practices

- ✓ Launched in 2009
- ✓ Focus is on assurance of the Member's business practices
- ✓ Compulsory for RJC Members

Chain-of-Custody Standard

- ✓ Launched for precious metals in March 2012
- ✓ Assurance metals are from responsible sources
- ✓ Voluntary for RJC Members

RJC standards are complementary





RJC Chain-of-Custody Certification

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- Applicable to gold and platinum group metals (platinum, palladium, rhodium). Diamonds under further review.
- Requires independent, third party auditing to achieve Certification, but also available as guide to good practice.
- Certification voluntary and flexible as to which parts of business and which materials.
- Supports responsible, conflict-sensitive sourcing in supply chains.
- Requires RJC Membership to advance responsible business practices through Code of Practices: more than conflict.
- Supports OECD Guidance and Dodd-Frank (1502).

Photo courtesy: Rio Tinto and BULGARI

Chain-of-Custody and Diamonds



- A sub-committee of the RJC Standards Committee has been formed to consult further with the diamond sector.
- Comment from other stakeholders also welcomed by RJC during this time.
- RJC expects to finalise the CoC Standard for diamonds once the sub-committee has completed its consultations and made recommendations to the RJC Standards Committee.

This has not affected the launch of the CoC Standard for gold and platinum group metals.



Initiatives in the gold supply chain

Support for due diligence re conflict in gold supply chains.

- London Bullion Market Association (**LBMA**): is requiring third-party audit of all accredited refiners of gold bullion who are on the London Good Delivery list.
- Responsible Jewellery Council (**RJC**): Chain-of-Custody certification available for responsibly-produced and conflict-free gold, and conflict-sensitive sourcing practices.
- World Gold Council (**WGC**): developing Conflict-Free Standard for large-scale gold mining companies operating in conflict-affected areas. Can support refiner due diligence.
- Electronics Industry Citizenship Coalition (**EICC**): audit protocol for gold refiners to assist the electronics sector with Dodd Frank reporting.

Summary



- Voluntary and designed to support due diligence and chain-of-custody efforts in the jewellery supply chain.
- Controls for conflict-sensitive sourcing AND for responsible business practices in the supply chain.
- Supports chain-of-custody for mined, recycled and 'grandfathered' and/or a mix for gold and platinum group metals.
- CoC Certification for Refiners provides independent audit of their due diligence practices.
- Strong focus on harmonisation with relevant standards and initiatives.
- CoC for precious metals launched in March 2012.

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