



# **RJC Code of Practices Review**

## Introduction and invitation to participate

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# About the Responsible Jewellery Council

Founded in 2005 with the mission to advance responsible business practices throughout the jewellery supply chain.

Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance - global association for sustainability standards - from 2012.

At July 2012:

- 370+ RJC Members, large and small, in more than 40 countries
- 200 Certified Members against the RJC Code of Practices

# RJC Standards

## *RJC Code of Practices*

- ✓ Launched in 2009
- ✓ Assurance for Member's business practices
- ✓ Compulsory for RJC Members



## *Chain-of-Custody Standard*

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



# Review of RJC Code of Practices

## Review process

- Public summary open for comment 25 June – 10 September 2012.

## Review Areas:

1. General review
2. Specific Topics in Standard
3. Standards harmonisation
4. Assessment and reporting

# 1. General Review

## **Incorporate Platinum Group Metals in COP**

- Platinum Group Metals added to RJC scope in 2010 and Chain-of-Custody Standard in 2012.

## **Clarity on laboratory-grown diamonds in COP**

- Glossary definitions and application of general provisions.

## **All implementation feedback on standard, guidance and assessment questions**

- Review log of questions and feedback since COP launched in 2009, identify opportunities to enhance clarity, consistency and ease of use of documentation.

## 2. Specific Topics for Review

- Human Rights
- Child Labour
- Free Prior Informed Consent and Indigenous Peoples
- Mining in Conflict Zones
- India Factories Act and Provident Fund
- Grading and Appraising
- Biodiversity
- Mercury

The Review process will draw on key references to update the standard and/or Guidance in these areas in consultation with stakeholders.

## 3. Standards harmonisation

### **SA8000**

- SA8000 is an international certification standard for improving working conditions, based on the principles of thirteen international human rights conventions.

### **Global Social Compliance Program (GSCP)**

- GSCP was created by and for global buying companies wanting to work collaboratively on improving the sustainability (social and environmental) of supply chains.

## 4. Assessment and Reporting

### Assessment Workbook

- Consistency of terminology and emphasis

### Assessment Manual

- Review ISEAL Assurance Code and Impacts Code re assessment process and reporting requirements

### Certification Scope

- Identifying whether a Member represents all relevant parts of a business, rather than a subsidiary of a larger parent group.



## Round 1 Comment - Review of Scope - June-September 2012

- Gap analysis and stakeholder identification conducted, and proposed scope for new standard/revision prepared with the Standards Committee for public comment;
- Public comment period 1 of 60 days - proposal and draft scope (this document);
- Facilitate dialogue on input received with RJC Standards Committee;
- Publish summary of comments received and how they will be addressed in draft revision.

## Round 2 Comment - Draft 1 - Nov 2012 -Jan 2013

- Public comment period 2 of 60 days - draft revision 1 of standards;
- Facilitate dialogue on input received with RJC Standards Committee;
- Publish summary of comments received and how they will be addressed in next draft.

## Round 3 Comment - Draft 2 - May - June 2013

- Public comment period 3 of 60 days - draft revision 2 of standards, draft 1 of guidance
- Facilitate dialogue on input received with RJC Standards Committee;
- Publish summary of comments received and how they were addressed in final version
- Where outstanding issues exist, a final consultation period of 60 days (draft 3 of standards) may be conducted.

## Approvals - September - October 2013

- Legal review of drafts;
- Recommendation by the RJC Standards Committee whether to approve the new standards / revisions, based on the results of the consultations;
- Recommendation by the RJC Executive Committee based on the above recommendations;
- Decision whether to approve the new standards/revisions taken by the RJC Board, based on the quality of the process followed.
- Target publication of revised COP: October / November 2013.



## RJC Standards Committee 2012

Comprises 14 elected representatives, 2 from each of the 7 Member Forums, and 12 external stakeholders appointed by the RJC Board.

### **RJC Members:**

- Ryan Taylor, The Fair Trade Jewellery Company (Co-Chair)
- Charles Chaussepied, Piaget (Co-Chair)
- Didier Backaert, Bonas & Co
- Laurence Drummond, Metalor Technologies
- Stéphane Fischler, International Diamond Manufacturers Association
- Mark Gershburg, Gemological Science International
- Rob Headley, Jewelers of America
- Stanley Lurie, Oroafrica
- Chikashi Miyamoto, Rosy Blue NV
- Andrew Parsons, Anglo Gold Ashanti Australia Ltd
- Jon Phillips, Corona
- Marcelle Shoop, Rio Tinto

### **Standards Organisations:**

- Felix Hruschka, Alliance for Responsible Mining
- Ngomesia Mayer-Kechom, Diamond Development Initiative
- Steven Oates, Social Accountability International (SA8000)
- Cecilia Gardner, Jewelers Vigilance Committee
- Gemma Cartwright, Fairtrade UK

### **Non-Government Organisations (NGOs):**

- Jennifer Horning, Solidaridad
- Assheton Carter, PACT
- Patrick Laine, WWF UK
- Juliane Kippenburg, Human Rights Watch
- Alan Martin, Partnership Africa Canada

### **Experts:**

- Michele Bruelhart, UL Responsible Sourcing
- Estelle Levin, Estelle Levin Ltd

## RJC Code of Practices Review - Consultation

During the Code of Practices Review process, RJC will:

- Provide regular summary updates to the 'Interested Parties' list, advising opportunities for comment and engagement
- Establish opt-in 'COP Review' email lists to facilitate more in-depth discussion of specific topics, for those interested
- Conduct webinars and local workshops to encourage stakeholder participation in the standards process

## Questions and Discussion?

For example:

- Priority topics
- Gaps
- Implementation experience
- Other questions or feedback

## More information ....

### RJC website - Code of Practices Review

<http://www.responsiblejewellery.com/standards-development/code-of-practices-review/>

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