

**Thailand's Comments on Notification G/TBT/N/USA/1061:
Guides for the Jewellery, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries**

With reference to your Notification G/TBT/N/USA/1061 regarding Guides for the Jewellery, Precious Metals, and Pewter Industries. Please be informed of our comments as follows:

1. IV. Lead-Glass-Filled Stones

Thailand agrees to use the term "Lead-Glass-Filled Ruby" to describe the ruby with glass fracture filling that currently circulates in the market. However, we propose to define the color of the glass filler to be colorless or near-colorless glass, because nowadays the various color of lead glass such as blue (cobalt), green (iron), and yellow (vanadium) has been used to fill in gem corundum.

2. V. Varietals

Thailand totally supports the proposal to use the variety name in the correct gemological or mineralogical definition to avoid any confusion in trade. For example: do not use "red emerald" or "green amethyst".

3. VI. "Cultured" Diamonds

Thailand disagrees to use the term "Cultured Diamonds" to describe "Synthetic Diamonds" because the word "Cultured" is the term that strictly used in pearl industry for pearls that are produced in the farm or "Cultured". Furthermore, this term might be used to imply other synthetic gem materials by gem dealers that may cause confusion to consumers.

4. VII. Misuse of the Word "Gem"

Not to define the pearl as "Gem" may cause confusion to consumers as pearl has been classified in the category of "Organic Gem" which is a group of gem materials in any literature.

5. VIII. Treatments to Pearl Products

Thailand agrees on this issue. This will provide clear information to consumers.

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