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1 Scope

This document defines a set of terms and definitions for the precious metals industry and is intended to provide greater clarity to everyone in the supply chain down to the consumer.

It excludes terms applicable specifically to jewellery and gemstones.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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3.1 General terms

3.1.1
precious metals
gold, silver, platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium and osmium

Note 1 to entry: Some national legislations are having a shorter list of elements for precious metals.

3.1.2
platinum group metals
PGMs
platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, ruthenium and osmium

3.1.3
base metals
all metallic elements, with the exception of precious metals

Note 1 to entry: Base metals are usually limited to industrially and commercially significant elements used in the precious metals industry.

3.1.4
fine precious metal
high purity precious metal
precious metal with a minimum fineness

Note 1 to entry: The minimum fineness depends on the precious metal as follows:

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