

Clause on selected impacts

1. Basic information	
Name of the document	
Draft Decree of the Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic amending Decree No 119/2013 of the Ministry of the Economy of the Slovak Republic implementing certain provisions of Act No 94/2013 on the hallmarking and testing of precious metals (the Hallmarking Act) and amending certain acts	
Submitter (and co-submitter)	
Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic	
Nature of the submitted document	<input type="checkbox"/> Document of a non-legislative nature
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Document of a legislative nature
	<input type="checkbox"/> Transposition/implementation of EU law
<i>In case of transposition/implementation, please provide a list of transposed/implemented legislation:</i>	
Start and end dates of the preliminary consultation period	
Expected date of submission for consultation	April 2024
Expected date of start and completion of the MR**	
Expected date for submission for discussion by the Government of the Slovak Republic*	

2. Definition of the issue
<p><i>Please indicate the basic issues that justify the elaboration of the material submitted (the reasons should indicate precisely the problem that exists and needs to be addressed by the material submitted).</i></p> <p>As part of the Recovery and Resilience Plan (component 14), the Slovak Republic committed to adopt anti-bureaucratic packages by the end of 2024, pushing through 300+ measures to improve the business environment.</p> <p>In this context, Slovak Government Resolution No 17/2024 approved a draft act amending certain acts with regard to improving the business environment and reducing administrative burdens. The Act will also amend selected provisions of Act No 94/2013 on the hallmarking and testing of precious metals (the Hallmarking Act) and amending certain acts, as amended by Act No 198/2020, with related provisions also laid down in the implementing legislation, i.e. Decree No 119/2013 of the Ministry of the Economy of the Slovak Republic implementing certain provisions of Act No 94/2013 on the hallmarking and</p>

testing of precious metals (the Hallmarking Act) and amending certain acts.

The present document aims to contribute to reducing the financial burden on business operators - merchants in precious metals, which hinders the development of a competitive business environment in Slovakia. As the sponsor of the better regulation agenda, the Slovak Ministry of the Economy has a long-standing endeavour to gather input directly from the business environment and to formulate measures to reduce costs and burdens stemming from obsolete regulations.

3. Objectives and the desired outcome

Please indicate the main objectives of the submitted material (what is the end goal that is to be achieved by accepting the material, the goal achieved must be different from that described in point 2. Definition of the issue).

The main objective of the present document is to eliminate part of the costs of the business environment on the basis of areas identified as problematic by the business environment. The draft decree removes unnecessary administrative costs for merchants of precious metals and increases flexibility in the fulfilment of selected obligations.

4. Stakeholders

Identify the entities affected directly and indirectly by changes to the submitted material:

Business operators active in the trading of precious metals – there are around 3000.

Central government bodies: Ministry of Economy of the Slovak Republic

5. Alternative solutions

What alternative solutions leading to the stated objective have been identified and assessed to address the identified problem?

Zero option — Please indicate the consequences that would occur in the absence of modifications to the material presented and the alternative solutions/methods to achieve the objectives referred to in point 3.

Zero option – if this proposal is not adopted, the business environment – merchants in precious metals – would not be relieved of a burden of around EUR 467,840, while at the same time, Slovakia's commitments under the Slovak recovery and resilience plan to take 300+ measures to improve the business environment by the end of 2024 would be at risk.

6. Implementing legislation

Is implementing legislation expected to be adopted/amended?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, specify which areas will be governed by this legislation or which implementing legislation will be affected:

7. Transposition/implementation of EU law

Please indicate whether gold-plating is taking place in the present draft legislation according to the correlation table or if gold-plating is occurring during implementation of EU law.

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please indicate which effects under point 9 apply to goldplating:

8. Expediency review

Indicate the date by which the effectiveness and expediency of the material presented should be reviewed.

Specify the criteria on the basis of which the review will be performed.

The review of the appropriateness will take place two years after the effective date of the individual measures.

The main objective is to eliminate part of the costs of the business environment based on areas identified as problematic by the business environment. The criterion will be the percentage of measures fulfilled and reductions in the cost of regulation applicable to each measure. Fulfilment of measures will also be monitored and recorded in the information reports of the Ministry of the Economy of the Slovak Republic.

*to be completed only if the document is not included in the Work Plan of the Government of the Slovak Republic or the Plan of Legislative Tasks of the Government of the Slovak Republic.

** to be completed only if the final assessment of the selected impacts has been carried out in accordance with point 9.1 of the Uniform Methodology.

*** the assessment relates only to changes in Pillar I and Pillar II of the universal pension scheme with an identified impact of 0.1 % of GDP (inclusive) in the long term.

9. Selected impacts of the document

Impacts on the public administration budget of which impacts covered by the budget, in case of an identified negative impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial
the included impacts on the budgets of municipalities and higher territorial units of which impacts covered by the budget, in case of identified negative impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Partial
Impact on the long-term sustainability of public finances for selected measures ***	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Impacts on the limit of public expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
Impacts on the business environment	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative

of which impacts on SMEs	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
Bureaucracy Reduction Mechanism and costs shall be applied:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Social impacts	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
Environmental impacts	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
The document is assessed under Act No 24/2006 on environmental impact assessment and amending certain acts, as amended.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
Impacts related to the information society	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
Impacts on public administration services for the citizen, of which impacts of public administration services on the citizen impacts on service processes in public administration	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative
Impacts on marriage, parenthood and families	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative

10. Notes

If necessary, provide additional information on the identified impacts and their analyses.

If the submitted material has a marginal (negligible) impact on any of the areas covered in point 9 and for this reason it is marked as no impact, please provide the facts explaining why this impact is marginal (negligible).

The information in this section is used to summarise the impacts or to comment on marginal impacts and not as a substitute for the preparation of appropriate analyses of selected impacts.

If the document is assessed under Act No 24/2006 on environmental impact assessment and amending certain acts, as amended, please provide a web link to this process.

The impacts associated with the adoption of the draft decree (positive impacts on the business environment and impact on the general government budget) have already been identified and quantified in advance during the submission of the draft Act amending certain acts in relation to improving the business environment and reducing administrative burdens – LP/2023/633 <https://www.slov-lex.sk/legislativne-procesy/SK/LP/2023/633>.

11. Contact details of the author

Please provide the details of the person who can be contacted with regard to the assessment of selected impacts.

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12. Sources

Please indicate the sources (statistics, surveys, cooperation with experts, etc.) on which you relied to prepare the material and develop the clause, impact analyses. In case the necessary data is not available for the processing of relevant analyses of selected impacts, please indicate the fact.

The sources are internal statistics and expert estimates of the Assay Office and the Cost Calculator

(<https://www.mhsr.sk/podnikatelske-prostredie/jednotna-metodika/dokumenty>).

Sources – statistics, price lists:

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13. Opinion of the Commission on the assessment of selected impacts from CWP

No.....

(if performed according to point 8.1 of the Uniform Methodology)

☐ Agree

☐ Agree with a proposal for
completion

☐ Disagree

Please provide comments from the Commission's opinion in Part II, together with your assessment:

14. Opinion of the Commission on the assessment of selected impacts from final

assessment No..... (if performed according to point 9.1. of the Uniform Methodology)

☐ Agree

☐ Agree with a proposal for
completion

☐ Disagree

Please provide comments from the Commission's opinion in Part II, together with your assessment: