

National Stock Exchange Of India Limited**Department : Commodity Derivatives Segment**

Download Ref No: NSE/COM/44969

Date : July 09, 2020

Circular Ref. No: 27/2020

All Members,

Sub: Launch of NSE Refiner Standards for BIS – Standard Gold

In our endeavour to serve our members better by providing a wide array of acceptable gold for delivery on the exchange platform; we are pleased to announce the launch of NSE Refiner Standards for BIS – Standard Gold.

At present NSE accepts serially numbered gold bars produced by London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) approved refiners for settlement of the gold contracts traded on the commodity derivatives segment of NSE. However, taking into account the fact that there are several Indian refiners having capabilities of producing the gold bars as per Bureau of Indian standard (BIS) notified standards - IS 17278: 2019, it has been decided by the exchange to accept gold bars produced by specified Indian refiners adhering to the above BIS notified standards.

This initiative is aimed at including the Indian refiners in the exchange settlement framework as well as enhancing the array of acceptable gold which can be provided by the members for physical settlement of gold contracts traded on the exchange platform.

In this regard, NSE has defined detailed guideline namely, NSE Refiner Standards (NRS) for BIS – Standard Gold. These guidelines cover the empanelment criteria, both quantitative as well as qualitative, and detailed documentation and other requirements which are required to be fulfilled by the Indian refiners to be eligible for empanelment with NSE.

The detailed guideline for NRS for BIS – Standard Gold is available in Annexure I and the format for the Refiner agreement as required from the refiner is available in Annexure II.

The Indian refiners desirous of applying for empanelment with NSE are required to submit an application, in prescribed format, along with the required documents as mentioned in the Annexure I.

The refiners shall be shortlisted and empanelled based on the technical evaluation, refiners' adherence to the prescribed guidelines defined by NSE and based on the approval of an independent Committee formed by NSE comprising of the key industry experts along with the internal stakeholders.

Once empanelled the gold bars produced by the empanelled refiners, as per the NSE defined quality specifications, shall be accepted towards the settlement of the existing gold contracts (1 Kg) traded on the commodity derivatives segment of NSE.

NSE shall issue another circular shortly giving the details of the refiners who have satisfied the prescribed guidelines along with the go-live dates.

For any further clarifications, you may contact the following officials

Sr.	Name	Email id
1	Meghana Mahadkar	mmukadam@nse.co.in
2	Allan Pinto	apinto@nse.co.in

**For and on behalf of
National Stock Exchange of India Limited**

Meghana Mahadkar

Chief Manager