

GOOD DELIVERY BARS

The gold industry relies greatly on refiners whose bars are accepted by **associations and exchanges** as “good delivery” for the settlement of transactions.

The reason for this is that each association and exchange normally requires the specified good delivery bars, and the refiners operating from approved refineries, to meet a broad range of criteria.

The procedure also generates confidence in the relevant market that an accredited refiner’s range of *other* bars and products would also be manufactured to the same high standard.

ASSOCIATIONS AND EXCHANGES

The most important list of refiners for the international gold bar market is that published by the **London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)**.

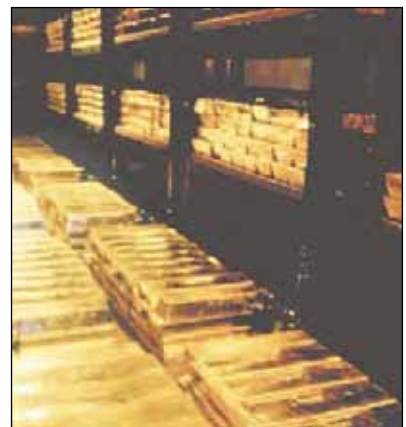
Known as “The Good Delivery List of Acceptable Refiners: Gold” for the settlement of transactions on the London Bullion Market, it records the names of major refiners around the world that have met its stringent criteria for accreditation.

This section provides background information on 8 associations and exchanges and the bars accepted by them as good delivery:

Europe	LBMA	London Bullion Market Association
Americas	COMEX	New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), COMEX Division
	BM&F	Brazilian Mercantile & Futures Exchange, São Paulo
Middle East	DMCC	Dubai Multi Commodities Centre
	IGE	Istanbul Gold Exchange
Far East	TOCOM	The Tokyo Commodity Exchange
	SGE	Shanghai Gold Exchange
	CG&SES	The Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society, Hong Kong

A consolidated listing of refiners, whose specified bars are accepted as good delivery by one or more of these associations and exchanges, is recorded in the section on “**Bar Manufacturers**”.

In this section, a weight in “ounces (oz)” refers to the troy ounce (31.1034768 grams).



London Good Delivery 400 oz bars in the vault of the Bank of England.



Dubai Good Delivery 1000 g bars



Hong Kong Good Delivery 5 tael bar



SUMMARY – GOOD DELIVERY GOLD BARS

Each association and exchange specifies its own weight and purity criteria for a bar to be accepted as good delivery.

Acceptable bar weights can range from 50 g to 400 oz. Millesimal gold purities can range from 990 to 999.9.

Region	City	Association or Exchange	Acceptable Bar Weights	Fineness*
Europe	London	LBMA	400 oz	995+
Americas	New York	COMEX	100 oz, 1000g	995+
	São Paulo	BM&F	1000 g, 250 g	999+
Middle East	Dubai	DMCC	100 g up to 1000 g	995+
	Istanbul	IGE	400 oz, 1000 g	995+
Far East	Tokyo	TOCOM	1000 g	999.9
	Shanghai	SGE	1000 g, 3000 g	999.5+
			100 g, 50 g	999.9
Hong Kong	CG&SES	5 tael 1000 g	990 999.9	

* "995+" and "999.5+" mean that the bars are required to have the specified millesimal gold purity as a minimum and can range up to 999.9.

For supplementary information on good delivery bar requirements, reference can be made to the websites of the relevant association or exchange.

EUROPE

LONDON BULLION MARKET ASSOCIATION (LBMA)

The LBMA, incorporated in 1987, is associated with two former bodies: the **London Gold Market** (dates back to 1919 when the first Gold Fixing meeting was held) and the London Silver Market (dates back to 1897 when the first Silver Fixing meeting was held).

The accreditation and other functions of both bodies were absorbed with the exception of the daily Fixings, which are held and controlled independently by two companies: **London Gold Market Fixing Limited** and London Silver Market Fixing Limited. The members of these companies are also Market Making Members within the LBMA.

The LBMA publishes a list of "Acceptable Refiners" whose large gold bars, which weigh approximately 400 oz (12.5 kg), are accepted as London Good Delivery. It also lists "Former Melters and Assayers of Good Delivery Gold Bars".

London Good Delivery: Bars must weigh between 350 oz and 430 oz (fine gold). Gold purity: not less than 995 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.lbma.org.uk



The LBMA was incorporated in 1987.



AMERICAS

NEW YORK MERCANTILE EXCHANGE (NYMEX), COMEX DIVISION

COMEX, founded as Commodity Exchange Inc in 1933, introduced gold futures contracts in 1974 and gold options in 1982. In 1994, following a merger with NYMEX, founded in 1872, gold trading is now undertaken by the COMEX Division.

The COMEX Division publishes a list of approved “Brands”, which also includes the names of refiners and brands that are no longer produced or issued but remain good delivery.

COMEX Good Delivery: Bars weighing approximately 100 oz. The weight can range between 95 oz and 105 oz. Three 1000 g bars are also accepted as they would fall within the same weight range as a 100 oz bar. Gold purity: not less than 995 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.nymex.com

BRAZILIAN MERCANTILE & FUTURES EXCHANGE, SAO PAULO (BM&F)

The BM&F, established in São Paulo in 1986, trades gold spot, forwards, futures and options contracts.

It publishes a list of “Gold Refiners”.

BM&F Good Delivery: 1000 g and 250 g bars. Gold purity: not less than 999 parts gold in 1000 parts.

The BM&F also accepts 400 oz and 100 oz bars as long as they are certified by its accredited refiners.

Website: www.bmf.com.br

MIDDLE EAST

DUBAI MULTI COMMODITIES CENTRE (DMCC)

The DMCC, a strategic initiative of the Dubai government, was established in 2002 to support Dubai’s gold and commodity markets.

It has published a “Dubai Good Delivery” list of approved “Refineries” to be the delivery standard on the Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange (DGCX), which was launched in 2005.

The list has two categories of membership: (1) refineries that are on the LBMA Good Delivery list, and (2) other refineries.

Dubai Good Delivery: Bars ranging in weight between 100 g and 1000 g. Gold purity: not less than 995 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.dmcc.ae

For further information on the Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange:

Website: www.dgcx.ae



COMEX Good Delivery
100 oz bar.



The BM&F has traded gold since
1986.



The DGCX opened in 2005.



ISTANBUL GOLD EXCHANGE (IGE)

The IGE was established in 1995 as a result of the liberalization of the Turkish gold market in 1993.

It accepts, as good delivery, bars from an “internationally accepted refinery (on the LBMA list)”, as well as from an accredited refiner in Istanbul.

IGE Good Delivery: 1000 g and London Good Delivery 400 oz bars. Gold purity: not less than 995 parts gold in 1000 parts up to maximum of 999.9 parts in 1000 parts.

Non-standard gold can also be traded on the IGE, subject to specific rules, with a minimum gold purity of 585 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.iab.gov.tr

FAR EAST

THE TOKYO COMMODITY EXCHANGE (TOCOM)

TOCOM was established in 1984 through the consolidation of three exchanges, including the Tokyo Gold Exchange that had been founded in 1982. Gold futures contracts were launched in 1982.

It publishes a list of “Deliverable Brands”.

TOCOM Good Delivery: 1000 g bars. Gold purity: 999.9 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.tocom.or.jp

SHANGHAI GOLD EXCHANGE (SGE)

The SGE, founded by The People’s Bank of China, began trading operations in 2002.

It publishes a list of “Acceptable Gold Refiners” that are located in China. It also accepts bars from refiners accredited to the LBMA.

SGE Good Delivery: 1000 g and 3000 g bars – gold purity not less than 99.95 parts gold in 100 parts. 100 g and 50 g bars – gold purity of 999.9 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.sge.sh

THE CHINESE GOLD & SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY, HONG KONG (CG&SES)

The CG&SES was formally registered in 1918. For more than 80 years, the Exchange traded only in bars denominated in taels, a traditional Chinese unit of weight. Since 2002, 1000 g bars have also been traded.

It publishes two lists of “Accredited Refineries”: one for 5 tael bars, another for 1000 g bars.

Hong Kong Good Delivery: 5 tael bars – gold purity 99 parts in 100 parts. 1000 g bars – gold purity 999.9 parts gold in 1000 parts.

Website: www.cgse.com.hk



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