GF Guidelines

A guide to Diamond Office Grandfathering Procedures

When we refer to "Grandfathered goods" (GF), we mean non-industrial diamonds - both rough and polished - natural or synthetic, of unknown or Russian origin that were already in someone's possession before a certain date relative to the implementation of sanctions, adopted by the G7 and the EU on January 1st, 2024.

Are the non-industrial rough or polished, natural or synthetic diamonds, of unknown origin or of Russian origin you wish to "grandfather" imported before:

- January 1st, 2024, start of the direct ban in case of direct imports of rough or polished diamonds from Russia
- March 1st, 2024, start of the indirect ban for natural rough and polished goods of Russian or unknown origin larger or equal than 1ct
- September 1st, 2024, the second stage of the indirect ban for natural & synthetic rough and polished goods of Russian or unknown origin larger or equal than 0.50ct

NO → FORBIDDEN
The shipment is not allowed to enter the EU, and the goods will be confiscated if they are presented for import.

BEWARE
Violating or circumventing sanctions is considered a punishable criminal offense which can carry prison sentences and or fines

YES → Are you a Belgian Registered Diamond Company?

YES → Have you submitted your FPS mandated stock declaration? (31 December 2023)

NO → Do you want to trade with diamonds that were in your possession before January 1st, 2024.

Non-BE Entity ⟶ Belgian Registered Diamond Company

YES → Can you prove ownership through documentary evidence?

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YES → Mechanism B Applies

NO → If you:
1. Submit your stock declaration at a later date
OR
2. Your stock held outside Belgium
Follow Mechanism B

YES → Mechanism A Applies

You can freely trade with these goods as long as you follow these guidelines

- National Trading BE to BE → Inform the Diamond Office by email (use the template)
- Intra-EU Trading BE to EU → If no GF-number is required; inform the Diamond Office by email (use the template)
  → If a GF-number is required; Pass through the Diamond Office, inform Diamond Office of GF status, receive a GF-number. *This is possible for both personal transport & shipment goods.* Usual shipping documents also required.
- International Trading BE to Outside EU → Goods pass through the Diamond Office, inform Diamond Office of GF status, a GF-number is issued. *Must include the GF Declaration.* Usual export documents also required.

Does your shipment concern:

non-industrial rough or polished, natural or synthetic diamonds?

Where relevant, this declaration must be added:

"I hereby declare that the non-industrial, natural, or synthetic diamonds in this shipment were part of my stock on 31 December 2023."

Natural ROUGH Diamonds	Synthetic ROUGH Diamonds	Natural POLISHED Diamonds	Synthetic POLISHED Diamonds
Date-stamped Documentary Evidence	Date-stamped Documentary Evidence	Date-stamped Documentary Evidence	Date-stamped Documentary Evidence
Date-stamped KP certificate Date-stamped customs declaration forms Invoice Transport documentation Packing list Optional: Evidence from traceability systems	Date-stamped customs declaration form Invoice Transport documentation Packing list Optional: Evidence from traceability systems	Date-stamped customs declaration form Invoice Transport documentation Packing list Laboratory Grading report Optional: Evidence from traceability systems	Date-stamped customs declaration form Invoice Transport documentation Packing list Laboratory Grading report Optional: Evidence from traceability systems

goods are released & a GF-number is issued

Once a GF-number is issued, this stays with the goods even as ownership is transferred.

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