1. These regulations may be cited as the Jewellery (Verification and Grading of Precious and Semi-Precious Stones) Regulations 2009.

2. In these regulations -

   “Act” means the Jewellery Act 2007;

   ‘applicant’ means a person who presents any precious or semi-precious stone under regulation 3;

   “certificate” means the certificate issued under regulation 4(2);

   “precious stone” means diamond, sapphire, ruby, emerald or alexandrite;

   “semi-precious stone” means quartz, spinel, garnet, feldspar, beryl (except emerald), kyanite, tourmaline, topaz, zircon, zoisite, iolite, turquoise, jade, scapolite, chrysoberyl, peridot, spodumene, andalusite, diopside, apatite, enstatite, sphene or opal.

3. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), any person may present a precious or semi-precious stone, whether loose or set in jewellery, to the Controller for verification or grading.

   (2) The applicant under paragraph (1) shall submit full details of the precious or semi-precious stone in such form and manner as the Controller thinks fit.

4. (1) The Controller may, on presentation of a precious or semi-precious stone under regulation 3 -

   (a) accept to verify or grade the precious or semi-precious stone; or

   (b) refuse to verify or grade the precious or semi-precious stone where it cannot be verified or graded.

   (2) Where the Controller accepts to verify or grade a precious or semi-precious stone, he shall-

      (a) issue a certificate or verification or grading of the precious or semi-precious stone; and

      (b) specify a date for collection of the certificate and the tested precious or semi-precious stone.
(3) No certificate shall be granted and no precious or semi-precious stone shall be returned to the applicant unless he pays the appropriate fee specified in the Schedule on the date specified under paragraph (2)(b).

5. Where an applicant fails to pay the appropriate fee on the specified date, he shall be liable to a surcharge of 5 percent fro each extra month or part thereof during which the fee remains unpaid.

6. These regulations shall come into operation on 16 February 2009.

Made by the Minister on 28 January 2009.
SCHEDULE
[regulation 4(3)]

FEE
Rs.

1. Verification and grading of precious or semi-precious stone, except diamond
   Per Stone 375*

2. Verification of precious or semi-precious stone
   Per Stone 250*

3. Grading of diamond
   Per Stone 450*

*: Amendments made under the Jewellery (Verification and Grading of Precious and Semi-Precious Stones) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 on 09 October 2012, GN No 181 of 2012 and came into operation on 15 October 2012.