Borsa İstanbul
Precious Metals
and Diamond
Market



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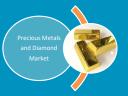
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# Borsa İstanbul Precious Metal Market



#### Borsa İstanbul Precious Metals Market



- Türkiye ranks first in fields such as gold culture, gold-related jewelry production, import and export, is also at an important conjunction point in terms of geography. Türkiye has an important regional position and power in the gold trade with its proximity to both London and Zurich, which are the centers that have a say in the gold trade and direct the gold flow, as well as the Middle East countries, the Turkic Republics and Asian countries.
- Since 1995, Borsa Istanbul (former Istanbul Gold Exchange) is one of the enumerated spot precious metal trading platform where all types of stakeholders in the gold sector could met, such as banks, refineries, precious metal brokerage houses, currency offices, precious metal producing and marketing companies and jewelry producers.





Yenibosna campus is at the heart of İstanbul with its proximity to both İstanbul Airport and Member Institutions



#### **Submarkets**



#### PRECIOUS METALS AND DIAMOND MARKET

Precious Metals Market

Standard / Non-standard / Ore Gold – Silver – Platinum – Palladium Spot and Physical Transactions Precious Metals Lending Market

Borrowing of Precious Metals for a certain period of time

Diamond and Precious Stones Market

Face-to-face trading of diamonds and precious stones or notification of over-the-counter transactions



#### **Number of Members**







Members of Diamond and Precious Stone Market

Jewelry Sector Companies

Banks

483

479



#### Instruments Traded In Borsa İstanbul





Four precious metal types are traded in the Precious Metals Market: gold, silver, platinum and palladium.

They can be traded in TRY, USD or EUR.

Weight units can be kg or grams, however pricing can be made on ounces.

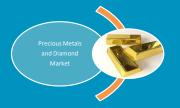
1 kilo = 32,1507465 ounce 1 ounce = 31,1034768 gr

Main groups are standard, non-standard, ore and scrap.

Purity of standard unprocessed precious metals to be traded on the exchange must be: At least 995/1000 for gold, at least 99.9/100 for silver, at least 99.95/100 for platinum, at least 99.95/100 for palladium. Standard unprocessed precious metals can be in the form of mini ingots (1 gr, 5 gr, 10 gr, 20 gr, 50 gr, 100 gr, 250 gr and 500 gr), ingot (1 kg), large bar and several kg granule bags (only in silver).



#### **Trading Sessions**



#### PMD DAILY FLOW

				SILVER FIXIN TRANSACTIO		1			
16:00	16:10 23:45		08:00	09:00	12:30	14:00 14:10	16:00		16:10
Session end	Normal Session	Break	Normal Session			SINGLE	Normal Session	Session End	Normal Session
				GOLD FIXIN TRANSACTIO					

Transactions are carried out on a multi-price continuous auction basis and without seeing the ordering parties.

Fixing transaction hours change in case of non-compliance with the international daylight saving time.

Single price and Fixing transactions cannot be done in half days.

Fixing Operations cannot be done on Turkish public holidays and LBMA holidays.

\*The table shows the session flow according to summer time.



#### Ore



- Gold is refined into standard raw gold by refining in refineries established in Turkey, which are on the Borsa Istanbul Refinery List, and this process is delivered to the Borsa Istanbul Clearing Center within the following 7 business days.
- For precious metals produced domestically from ore in type and form, the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye and the Mint have the right of preemption if the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye is not used.
- The Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye and the Mint do not exercise their right of pre-emption for other precious metals except gold.
- If gold precious metals are refined in refineries in Turkey, which are on the Borsa Istanbul Refinery List, and brought to standard unprocessed precious metals, this transaction must be delivered to the Borsa Istanbul Clearing Center within the following 7 business days and the relevant purchase and sale of the Borsa Istanbul must be carried out.





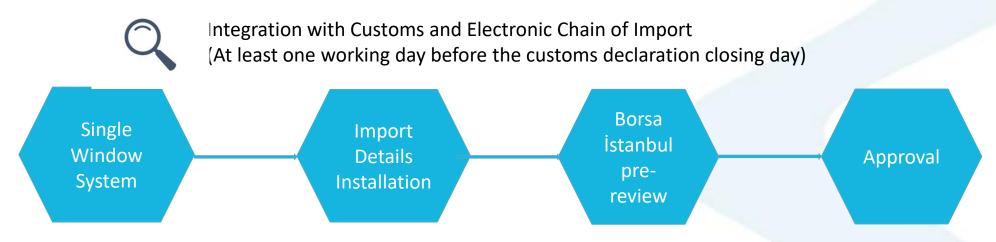
### **Precious Metals Import Flow**



#### Standard and Non-Standard Precious Metals Import Flow-I



#### **Pre-Import Stage**



There is an integrated customs control system, belongs to the Ministry of Commerce, called «Single Window System». After meetings with the Ministry, Borsa İstanbul added «Pre-import Notification Form» to the system for the use of Precious Metals Importers.

Importers add their import details such as; ID, legal basis, payment type (cash against goods/advance payment), precious metal type (standard/ non-standard), country of origin, import regime, payment, metal amount and payment amount to their Pre-import Notification Form.

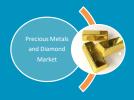
Borsa İstanbul officer examines whether the details on the form match the hardcopy provided. He/she also checks if the country of origin is from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas (CAHRAs).

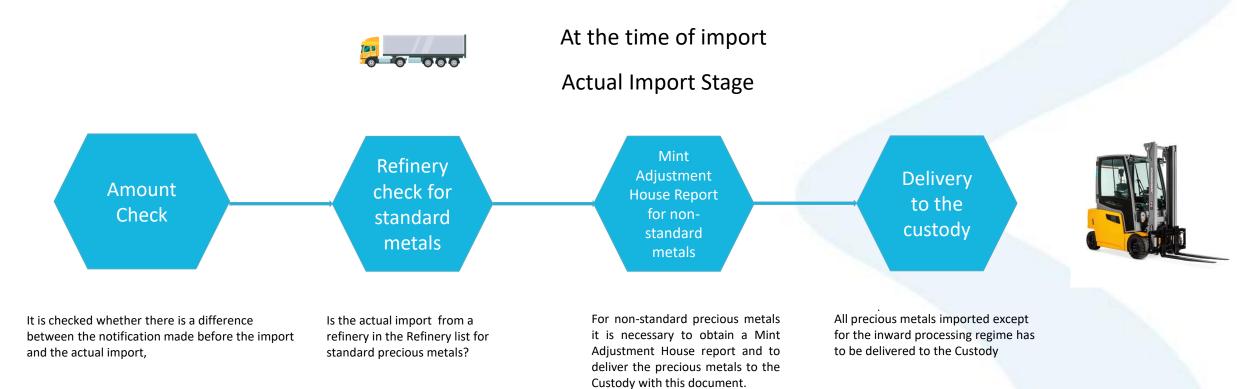
Only after details on the form match the documentation, related import is approved.

Standard and non-standard unprocessed precious metals can only be imported by members. For standard precious metal imports, the refinery must be included in the Refinery List. Non-members can bring 40 kg of standard precious metal within the scope of the internal processing regime decision. These are not traded on Borsa Istanbul.



#### Standard and Non-Standard Precious Metals Import Flow-II



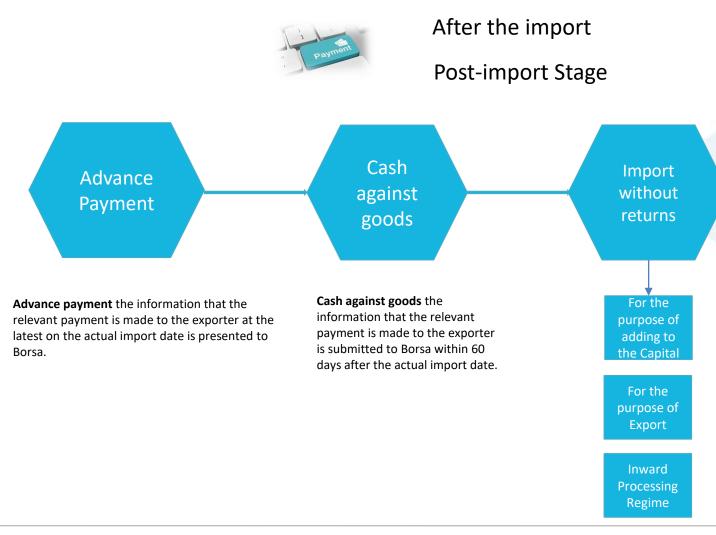


All precious metals imported must be transacted at least once in precious metal market at Borsa İstanbul so that the member institution can withdraw them from the Custody. This transaction is called registry.



#### Standard and Non-Standard Precious Metals Import Flow-III





Precious metals are kept blocked by Borsa until the documents regarding the capital increase related to the precious metals in question, which come to be added as Capital, are submitted to Borsa.

End of the

cycle

The precious metals import information corresponding to the export is compared with the information when the application is made, and the approximate value is calculated. (The export date must be before the import date.)

**STANDARD**:There is no obligation for imported precious metals to be included in the Refineries List and delivered to the Custody, only notification is made.

**NONSTANDARD**:A special assay house report can be obtained for up to 5 kg. No delivery required to Custody



#### **Statistics**







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#### Requirements to Be Listed on Borsa İstanbul Refinery List



- Separate operating permit applications are made to the Ministry for gold, silver, platinum and palladium mines.
- The refinery making the application has to submit the documents to Borsa İstanbul in full with a petition stating which precious metals it wants to be included in the refinery list.
- Refineries established in Turkey are examined by the comission **every three years** from the date of listing on the refinery list, the commission determines whether it has the necessary technical conditions, as a result of the on-site inspection, and the related report is submitted to Borsa İstanbul.
- Ingots and/or granules produced by refineries operating in Turkey whose precious metals are traded on Borsa İstanbul are subjected to purity analysis at least five times in a calendar year.



#### Information Regarding The Trade In Borsa İstanbul



- The principles regarding the standards of precious metals to be traded on Borsa İstanbul and the determination of the precious metal refineries whose products will be traded on Borsa İstanbul are regulated within the framework of this Communiqué.
- O Purity of standard unprocessed precious metals to be traded on the exchange must be ;
  - a) At least 995/1000 for gold,
  - b) At least 99.9/100 for silver,
  - c) At least 99.95/100 for platinum,
  - d) At least 99.95/100 for palladium

Unprocessed precious metals which have less purity than the indicated values for each metal type are called unprocessed non-standard metals.

- 1 kg gold bar which is produced by a LBMA member refinery is the easiest bullion to sell.
- Non-standard gold usually doesn't have a market value on the market. However it can be imported with a purity report issued by the Royal mint.



## Responsible Supply Chain



#### Responsible Supply Chain Regulations & Sub Regulations



Ministry of Treasury and Finance published revisions on the regulations related to;

- O Precious Metals Brokerage Institutions (members of Borsa Istanbul)
- Refineries established in Turkey and in the Refinery List of Borsa Istanbul
- Trading & Refining standard and non-standard unwrought precious metals.
- 4 All processes of trading and refining, including recycled precious metals

Borsa İstanbul published the sub-regulations on responsible supply chain in accordance with the Treasury and Finance's regulations. These are;

- Borsa İstanbul Responsible Supply Chain Directive
- Borsa İstanbul Responsible Supply Chain Guidance
- Borsa İstanbul Responsible Supply Assurance Audit Directive
- O Borsa İstanbul Internal Control System and Compliance Principles Directive
- In addition, details on the subject are also regulated in the Precious Metals Market Procedure.



#### Refineries' Responsibilities Regarding Responsible Supply Chain



All members and refineries (107 obligors in total) must;

- appoint the internal control and precious metals responsible supply chain official.
- oprepare a yearly responsible sourcing compliance report by the end of the June in the following year.
- be audited by an external independent auditing firm.
- Strict regulations on responsible sourcing which may lead cancelation of license or removing from refinery list.



# Digital Gold Biga / Mint Gold Certificate



#### Digital Gold

With digitalization in the world, the trend in precious metals has turned in to innovative instruments. Innovative instruments have been created especially by tokenizing existing commodities with blockchain technology. Therefore, two products related to precious metals became prominent in Borsa Istanbul.

- -Mint Gold Certificate
- -BIGA



#### Mint Gold Certificate

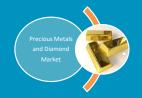


- Mint Gold Certificate is a capital market instrument that is issued on a maturity basis, each representing 0.01 grams of gold, within the scope of the export ceiling of 15 tons of gold of 0.995 purity, and allows its owner to convert it into physical gold within the scope of the Prospectus published on KAP.
- Mint Certificates obtained from Borsa Istanbul can be resold on the Borsa Istanbul and also offer the opportunity to request conversion into physical gold.
- It is traded in the Commodity Market within Borsa Istanbul Equity Market under the code "ALTIN.S1".





#### **Gold Mint Certificate**



November 21st, 2022 represents date of the first issuance of the certificate;

- 11.533.477.137 Total Number of Transactions / 115.334 Kg
- 9,115,991 Total Number of Contracts
- 3 201,025,650,887.31 TL Total Transaction Volume

# BIGA Digital Asset Transfer Platform





1 BiGA = Bir Gram Altın (One Gram Gold)



Transfer of digital assets using blockchain technology

- Physical underlying asset
- Compatible with regulations



- 30 Dec 2019
- 14/04/2023 Live platform



- Total 8 Member
- Service to customers limited to Halk and Vakıfbank







