

Annual Report of the Republic of Belarus for 2023



A. INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK

<i>Part A: Constant</i>	<i>Part B: Variable</i>
<p><i>The Authority with responsibility for the implementation of the KPCS (KP focal point), Import and Export Authorities, including full address, e-mail addresses and names</i></p> <p>Ministry of finance of the Republic of Belarus Precious Metals and Gemstones Department Mr. Stepanenko Ivan - Head of Precious Metals and Gemstones Department Sovetskaya str. 7, Minsk, 220010 The Republic of Belarus Tel.: +37517-309-40-05 Fax: +37517 200-06-26 E-mail: diamond@minfin.gov.by</p>	<p><i>Changes since the last Annual report</i></p>

B. LEGAL FRAMEWORK

<i>Part A: Constant</i>	<i>Part B: Variable</i>
<p><i>The laws and regulations enacted or amended for the implementation of the Kimberley Process (Section IV (d), in particular the specific legislative or administrative provisions for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - export and import of rough diamonds, issuance of certificates, collection and exchange of official production, import and export data; <p>✓ The Presidential Decree № 146 of April 8, 2003 «On the Accession of the Republic of Belarus to the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme».</p> <p>✓ Decree of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus No 563 of 14 May 2004 "On the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme". This Decree defines the procedure for implementing the requirements of the KP and for issuing a KP certificate (certificate of the Republic of Belarus for exported consignments of rough diamonds).</p> <p>✓ The Decision № 30 of the Collegiums of the Eurasian Economic Committee of April 21, 2015 «On Measures of Non-Tariff Control». Rough diamonds transported from or to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union are liable to state control, including control over the observance of the KPCS requirements is to be exercised in conformity with the Statute on the Import and Export of Precious Stones to/from the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union approved by Decision № 30.</p> <p>✓ Agreement on Specifics of Operations with Precious Metals and Gemstones within the Eurasian Economic Union. This Agreement stipulates that the movement of rough natural diamonds from the territory of one Member State to the territory of another Member State</p>	<p><i>Changes since the last Annual report</i></p>

<p>is carried out in accordance with the requirements of the KPCS</p> <p>- <i>internal controls</i>;</p> <p>✓ Law of the Republic of Belarus of 14 October 2022. "On Licensing".</p> <p>✓ The resolution № 34 of the Ministry of finance of the Republic of Belarus of March 15, 2004 «On the Approval of the Instruction on the Procedure for Using, Keeping Records and Storing Precious Metals and Precious Stones».</p> <p>- <i>penalties introduced for individuals and companies contravening diamond laws and regulations</i>;</p> <p>✓ The Criminal Code of the Republic of Belarus: Article 223.</p> <p>✓ The Administrative Offences Code of the Republic of Belarus: Article 12.3 and Chapter 15.</p>	<p>Law of the Republic of Belarus of 14 October 2022. "On Licensing".</p>
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C. IMPORT AND EXPORT REGIME

<i>Part A: Constant</i>		<i>Part B: Variable</i>
C/1 Outgoing shipments of rough diamonds	<p><i>Procedure for issuing KP certificates, exporter declaration, number of certificates issued</i></p> <p>The certificate is issued by the Ministry of Finance on the basis of the following documents and information submitted by the exporter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a written application, which must contain: information on the exporter, information on the shipment, information on the absence in the exported shipment of rough diamonds from conflict zones or rough diamonds received from countries not participating in the KP, copies of the foreign trade agreement (contract) for export, copies of the foreign trade agreement (contract) for import, copy of the import KP certificate. <p>The certificate is issued for each shipment of rough natural diamonds in accordance with the terms of one contract, by one sender to one recipient regardless of the number of pieces (parcels) within the shipment.</p> <p>The certificate is printed in a state-owned publisher, includes the necessary security elements and meets the minimum requirements. As recommended, the certificate contains a tear-off part for proof of import.</p> <p>After verification of the documents submitted for the purpose of obtaining the certificate, a physical inspection of the rough diamonds is carried out. If the inspection confirms the data declared in the certificate and the exporter's accompanying</p>	<p><i>Changes since the last Annual report</i></p>

	<p>documents, the parcel is packed in the presence of an authorized representative of the Ministry of Finance and exported in tamper-proof containers together with the KP certificate.</p> <p>Within three days, the Ministry of Finance sends an e-mail notification containing the details of the certificate (serial number and date of issue of the certificate to the responsible authority in the destination country).</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance collects and stores information based on the content of the issued KP certificates.</p> <p>In 2023, 33 Kimberley Process certificates were issued for rough diamond exports to:</p> <p>Armenia – of 25.01.2023 BY000783, of 31.01.2023 BY000785, of 09.02.2023 BY000787, of 16.03.2023 BY000789, of 17.03.2023 BY000790, of 30.03.2023 BY000792, of 31.03.2023 BY000793, of 31.03.2023 BY000794, of 06.04.2023 BY000795, of 06.04.2023 BY000796, of 18.04.2023 BY000797, of 23.05.2023 BY000799, of 25.05.2023 BY000800, of 19.06.2023 BY000801, of 19.06.2023 BY000802, of 31.07.2023 BY000806, of 31.07.2023 BY000807, of 21.08.2023 BY000810, of 27.09.2023 BY000812.</p> <p>India – of 23.02.2023 BY000788, of 03.05.2023 BY000798, of 14.08.2023 BY000809, of 18.07.2023 BY000805, of 18.12.2023 BY000818.</p> <p>Russian Federation – of 31.01.2023 BY000784, of 27.03.2023 BY000791.</p> <p>UAE – of 19.06.2023 BY000804, of 03.08.2023 BY000808, of 28.08.2023 BY000811, of 02.10.2023 BY000815, of 09.10.2023 BY000816, of 19.10.2023 BY000817, of 22.12.2023 BY000819.</p>	
<i>C/2 Incoming shipments</i>	<p><i>Procedure on handling incoming shipments, import confirmation</i></p> <p>Each shipment of rough diamonds undergoes an import control procedure. Rough diamonds may only be imported if the parcel arrives from a Kimberley Process member state, accompanied by an appropriate and valid Kimberley Process certificate and packaged in a sealed container. Sealed containers can only be opened in the presence of an authorized representative of the</p>	<i>Changes since the last Annual report</i>

	<p>Ministry of Finance. Before opening the containers, the authorized person checks the integrity of the packaging and the presence of seals, and then, after opening the packaging, checks the contents of the lot for compliance with the data declared in the participant's certificate and accompanying documents.</p> <p>The value and weight of the stones must correspond to the data in the certificate and the accompanying documents.</p> <p>Each CM certificate shall be verified against the sample of the certificate form, and the signatures and stamps (if any) shall be verified against the samples sent out by the CM Secretariat.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance collects and stores import information based on the content of the certificates received, in accordance with the requirements of the KP.</p> <p>In 2023, 86 Kimberley Process certificates were received and accounted for with imported raw materials from the Russian Federation –</p> <p>RU0039957 of 14.08.2023, RU0039971 of 16.08.2023, RU0039972 of 16.08.2023, RU0039973 of 16.08.2023, RU0039974 of 16.08.2023, RU0041057 of 18.01.2023, RU0041060 of 18.01.2023, RU0041061 of 18.01.2023, RU0041062 of 18.01.2023, RU0041063 of 18.01.2023, RU0041064 of 18.01.2023, RU0041156 of 01.02.2023, RU0041157 of 01.02.2023, RU0041158 of 01.02.2023, RU0041159 of 01.02.2023, RU0041172 of 02.02.2023, RU0041373 of 06.03.2023, RU0041374 of 06.03.2023, RU0041375 of 06.03.2023, RU0041396 of 13.03.2023, RU0041397 of 13.03.2023, RU0041398 of 13.03.2023, RU0041399 of 13.03.2023, RU0041400 of 13.03.2023, RU0041401 of 13.03.2023, RU0041404 of 14.03.2023, RU0041422 of 16.03.2023, RU0041476 of 27.03.2023, RU0041477 of 27.03.2023, RU0041478 of 27.03.2023, RU0041479 of 27.03.2023, RU0041480 of 27.03.2023, RU0041481 of 27.03.2023, RU0041482 of 27.03.2023, RU0041483 of 27.03.2023, RU0041524 of 29.03.2023, RU0041525 of 29.03.2023, RU0041526 of</p>	
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D. SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROLS AND INDUSTRY SELF-REGULATION

<i>Part A: Constant</i>	<i>Part B: Variable</i>
<i>Description of the internal system of controls designed to eliminate the presence of conflict diamonds from shipments of rough diamonds, as stipulated by Section IV (a). In drawing up this information, reference could, among other things, be made to the options and recommendations for internal controls as elaborated in the KPCS document</i>	<i>Measures taken to strengthen internal controls (regulations, infringements procedures, etc.)</i>

<p>The Republic of Belarus has a robust internal control system regulated by the state administration bodies.</p> <p>In accordance with the Law of the Republic of Belarus dated October 14, 2022. "On Licensing" legal entities and individual entrepreneurs registered in the Republic of Belarus have the right to obtain licenses, subject to restrictions established by legislative acts. The Law on Licensing sets out licensing requirements and requirements for license applicants. The licensing authority is the Ministry of Finance.</p> <p>All companies engaged in activities with precious stones, registered and licensed, must keep records of the turnover of precious stones in accordance with the current legislation.</p> <p>Resolution of the Ministry of Finance No. 34 of March 15, 2004 "On Approval of the Instruction on the Procedure for Use, Accounting and Storage of Precious Metals and Precious Stones" establishes the procedure for use, storage and accounting of precious stones. They are obliged to keep records of precious stones in order to ensure control over their use for their intended purpose, spending within the limits of expenditure norms, as well as to control the safety of precious stones at all stages of the production process of jewelry.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance collects and keeps information on imports and exports based on the content of certificates received and issued, as required by the KP.</p>	<p>In order to eliminate redundant regulation, optimize licensing procedures, and simplify requirements and conditions imposed on license applicants and licensees.</p> <p>Confirmation of the availability of a license is carried out by accessing the state information system</p> <p>The Unified Register of Licenses (URL) via the global computer network Internet containing information on granted licenses, their modification, suspension, renewal, termination, as well as other information provided for by this Law</p>
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E. STATISTICS

<p><i>Part A: Constant</i></p> <p><i>Information supplementing the data already submitted to the Chair of WGS</i> <i>The previous years' historical data (optional)</i></p> <p>The Republic of Belarus does not mine natural diamonds. That is why relevant statistical reports were not submitted.</p> <p>The Republic of Belarus has filled out all the necessary reports for the four quarters of 2023 and posted them on the KP website, and the data are published and available for viewing by all participants of the Kimberley Process.</p> <p>Analysis of import and export operations is presented in Annex 1 and Annex 2.</p>	<p><i>Part B: Variable</i></p> <p><i>Reporting period data with reference dates</i></p>
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F. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF KIMBERLEY PROCESS REVIEW VISITS AND/OR REVIEW MISSIONS - only for reporting period

- *Information on Review Visit or Review Mission if any, undertaken in the Participant Country during the Review Period*

- *Follow-up measures undertaken for recommendations of the RV / RM*

No Review Mission or Review Visit was conducted during the reporting period

G. INFRINGEMENTS AND COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO ENFORCEMENT - only for reporting period

There were no infringements in 2023.

H. MISCELLANEOUS – only for reporting period

There were no supplies which did not comply with the KPCS.

There were no irregularities encountered or non-compliance with the KPCS by other Participants.

In the Republic of Belarus rough diamonds are not extracted as their deposits are not available in its territory

TABLE -1: OVERVIEW OF IMPORT - EXPORT DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS

Period	Import			Export		
	Value, US\$	US\$/cts	Value, US\$	US\$/cts	Value, US\$	US\$/cts
2019	42 949,25	12 141 330,34	282,69	29 161,79	9 465 079,04	324,57
2020	21 830,30	4 421 523,69	202,54	4 310,33	1 087 070,72	252,20
2021	28 324,61	8 143 894,39	287,52	8 622,54	5 111 965,46	592,86
2022	213 277,10	33 922 178,48	159,05	192 078,31	28 957 760,03	150,76
2023	246 899,20	35 957 578,89	145,64	220 980,48	29 321 762,79	132,69

Source: Data from Belarus's Statistical Tables from WGS Website

TABLE - 2: OVERVIEW OF KPC COUNT FOR IMPORT - EXPORT DURING THE LAST 5 YEARS

PERIOD	KPC Counts		
	IMPORT	EXPORT	TOTAL
2019	24	23	47
2020	22	8	30
2021	30	19	49
2022	41	22	63
2023	86	33	119

Source: Data from Belarus's Statistical Tables from WGS Website

ANNEX II

Rough Diamonds - Imports excluding Imports to Free Trade Zones

Country of Provenance	Country of Origin	7102,10		7102,21		7102,31	
		Total Carats (ct)	U.S\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S\$ Value
Russian Federation	Russian Federation			77 720,87	382 378,49	169 178,33	35 575 200,40
Total:				77 720,87	382 378,49	169 178,33	35 575 200,40

Rough Diamonds - Exports excluding Exports to Free Trade Zones

Country of Destination	Country of Origin	7102,10		7102,21		7102,31	
		Total Carats (ct)	U.S\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S\$ Value	Total Carats (ct)	U.S\$ Value
Armenia	Russian Federation			70 634,49	293 738,19	129 932,54	25 245 246,82
India	mixed					2 394,61	469 271,09
India	Russian Federation					3 681,25	926 870,24
Russian Federation	Russian Federation					638,90	652 030,52
UAE	mixed			7 086,38	94 546,50	6 612,31	1 640 059,43
Итого:				77 720,87	388 284,69	143 259,61	28 933 478,10

Rough Diamonds - KP Certificate Count

Country	Imports	Exports
Armenia	-	19
India	-	5
Russian Federation	86	2
UAE	-	7
Итого	86	33