

(3) THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(G) THE RECORDS FILED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT IN ARTICLE 76A OF THIS CODE, AND MAY BE DESTROYED AFTER 1 YEAR.

(H) (1) ON REQUEST, THE DEALER SHALL PERMIT THE-LOCAL LAW--ENFORCEMENT--AGENCY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ACT IN THE JURISDICTION TO ENTER THE DEALER'S BUSINESS OR STORAGE PREMISES DURING BUSINESS HOURS PURSUANT TO A STOLEN PROPERTY INVESTIGATION TO INSPECT RECORDS AND PRECIOUS METALS.

(2) IF THE DEALER SO REQUESTS, INSPECTIONS SHALL BE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE DEALER OR THE DEALER'S AGENT.

(3) IF A DEALER REFUSES TO PERMIT ACCESS OR TO PRODUCE RECORDS OR ITEMS FOR INSPECTION, THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OFFICER SHALL OBTAIN A SEARCH WARRANT.

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(A) ALL PRECIOUS METALS THAT COME INTO THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF A DEALER SHALL BE HELD BY THE DEALER IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH WHICH THE DEALER FILES HIS RECORDS FOR 15 DAYS AFTER THE DEALER HAS COMPLIED WITH THE RECORD FILING REQUIREMENTS OF § 422 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION--(D)--OF THIS SECTION, DURING THE HOLDING PERIOD A DEALER MAY NOT ALTER THE ITEM IN ANY WAY OR REMOVE THE ITEM OR RECORD OF THE TRANSACTION CONCERNING THE ITEM FROM THE DEALER'S PLACE OF BUSINESS EXCEPT TO A STORAGE FACILITY, DESCRIBED IN THE DEALER'S LICENSE APPLICATION.

(C) A DEALER MAY REQUEST IN WRITING AN EXCEPTION TO THE HOLDING PERIOD AS TO ANY SPECIFIC ITEM OF MERCHANDISE FROM THE LOCAL PRIMARY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH WHICH THE DEALER--FILES--HIS--RECORDS. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY AUTHORIZE IN WRITING A SHORTER HOLDING PERIOD AFTER INSPECTION OF THE ITEM. THE PRIMARY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL ACT TO APPROVE OR DENY THE DEALER'S WRITTEN REQUEST WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE PRIMARY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY RECEIVES THE WRITTEN REQUEST. IF THE REQUEST IS DENIED, THE REASONS SHALL BE STATED IN WRITING.

(D) DURING THE HOLDING PERIOD, A LICENSEE MAY CHEMICALLY TEST ITEMS CONTAINING PRECIOUS METALS TO DETERMINE THEIR METAL CONTENT OR VALUE PROVIDED THAT THE ITEMS ARE NOT ALTERED IN ANY WAY THAT WOULD AFFECT THEIR IDENTIFICATION OR VALUE.

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