



Notice - Irradiated Blue Topaz

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Due to recent developments regarding the importation and distribution of Irradiated gemstones, including Blue Topaz, Stuller is temporarily suspending the sale of Swiss, London, and some Sky Blue color Topaz loose gems and jewelry.

Current Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations require the initial importer of nuclear irradiated gems to be licensed by the NRC. Currently, there does not appear to be any entity licensed by the NRC for the import, possession, or distribution of nuclear irradiated gemstones in the U.S.

Is there a health or safety issue with Blue Topaz?

There are no allegations of which we are aware pertaining to any health or safety issues related to these gemstones. Stuller purchases gemstones only from producers who treat at reputable facilities in the US or Europe and who conduct frequent random testing. We have never received products that present levels of irradiation that exceed permitted limits.

Should you continue to sell these products?

The sale of irradiated gems and jewelry from unlicensed sources is against NRC regulations. Diffused or coated topaz can be substituted where appropriate. If these treatments are applied to topaz, they must be disclosed to the buyer.

Should you return these products?

Until further information on the status of these products is available (see below) there is no immediate reason to return products with Blue Topaz.

Industry organizations (including the American Gem Trade Association, Jewelers of America, and Manufacturing Jewelers and Suppliers of America) are working together with the Jewelers Vigilance Committee and the NRC to:

- obtain a full understanding of the new and existing regulations
- understand NRC enforcement actions
- obtain guidance from the NRC on current inventories
- inform the NRC regarding the intention of the industry to meet its regulatory obligations in this area

This delegation is working as quickly as possible on these issues and should provide guidance to the industry by early August. We will be actively involved in this process and keep you advised of the progress and results of these meetings on our web site, www.stuller.com, as information becomes available.

As a member of JVC you may contact them with any questions regarding compliance at 212-997-2002.

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