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“Made in USA” Rules Can Cloud Metals Recycling Efforts

CRANSTON, RI (December 12, 2018) – The current *Made in America* standards can add a burden to U.S. metals recycling efforts and create confusion for manufacturers, according to Chris Jones, president of precious metals (PM) refiner [Gannon & Scott Inc.](http://www.gannon-scott.com)

Jones recapped legislative issues impacting metals recycling in a session on the future of refining at E-Scrap 2018 in New Orleans in October. The conference attracts more than 1,200 people involved in the electronic recycling industry every year.

Per the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), *Made in USA* means that “all or virtually all” the product has been made in America, i.e. all significant parts, processing and labor. Further, unqualified U.S. origin claims should be substantiated.¹

“Jewelers and others manufacturing goods made from metals recycled in the U.S. would like to use the *Made in USA* designation if they can,” Jones said. “The requirements raise questions, though, because in the metals recycling world it can be virtually impossible to identify where a metal is from or where it is mined. If country of origin can be established, the compliance work increases overhead costs. So the question becomes: Is the designation worth it?”

(3) “Comments of the International Precious Metals institute, Inc. to the Federal Trade Commission Regarding Hearings on “competition and Consumer Protection in the 21st Century, Project Number P181201, August 16, 2018.

(Images and captions)

Chris Jones, President
Gannon & Scott Inc.

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(American flag – lapel pin – hi res)

(Caption)

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