



【人造鑽石市場】美國聯邦貿易委員會修改鑽石定義 【CVD Diamond】Lab-Grown Diamonds Are Diamonds, Says FTC

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美國聯邦貿易委員會 (Federal Trade Commission (FTC)) 對其珠寶業指引進行修訂，當中包括放寬其「鑽石」定義，將包括實驗室培植鑽石。FTC早前對鑽石的定義為：「主要由等軸晶系立方結構純碳結晶體組成的天然礦物質」，修改後的定義則刪掉「天然」一詞。

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has expanded its definition of "diamond" to include those grown in a laboratory, as part of several changes to its jewelry guidelines. The FTC's previous definition of a diamond stated: "A diamond is a natural mineral consisting essentially of pure carbon crystallized in the isometric system." This is no longer applicable, the commission said Tuesday. The new listing does not include the word "natural."

One should also qualify the word "cultured" when describing man-made stones, the commission added, as the term on its own often leads consumers to believe a diamond is mined. The commission suggests marketers use words such as "man-made," "lab-grown" or "foundry" to qualify "cultured," thereby avoiding confusion about a diamond's origins.

However, marketers should not use the word "synthetic" to qualify "cultured," the FTC noted, as it creates confusion among consumers, who believe the term indicates a stone is fake or artificial.