



Information Sheet #8 Standardised Gemmological Report Wording

Gemstones where colour authenticity is undetermined

Members of the Laboratory Manual Harmonisation Committee (LMHC) have standardised the wording they use to describe cases where colour authenticity is undetermined. These situations typically apply to beryl, demantoid garnet, quartz, spodumene (kunzite), topaz, tourmaline, zircon, zoisite (tanzanite), etc.

Gemstones which are commonly heated and/or irradiated, but whose treatment, or lack thereof, is typically not determinable or has not been determined, shall be described as,

Identification

- Species: (Natural)¹ [*Species*]²
- Variety: [*Colour*³, *Variety*⁴]

General information⁵
[*Gemstone*]³ is commonly heated and/or irradiated⁶. (to improve or change the colour)

and/or

Colour authenticity is currently undeterminable,

or

Colour authenticity has not been determined.

¹ Wording in parenthesis is optional.

² Insert the recognized species name.

³ Insert colour when appropriate.

⁴ Insert the recognized variety name.

⁵ This information may be on the front or the back of the report

⁶ Use heated and/or irradiated as appropriate