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our clients are unequivocal, Canadian diamonds are mined, graded, cut/polished and distributed in Canada - if they ever leave the country, doubt enters as to authenticity;
the polar bear logo is 'absolute' proof;
the maple leaf flag logo is suspect because the diamonds are cut in Antwerp and lay be mixed with others;
there is no current industry practice re: origin, except for Sirius, and at one time Lazare (Botswana), but even there LKI mixed Botswana with AIRossa;

my preference is for Canadian diamonds to be 100% Canadian...with a government approved seal to prove it;

since we are about to become a \$1b industry, isn't it time we dropped the excise tax? why are Canadian diamonds 10% less in evert other country of the world???

john