



Information Sheet #4 Standardised Gemmological Report Wording

Corundum

- **padparadscha sapphire definition**
- **padparadscha sapphire report wording**

Members of the Laboratory Manual Harmonisation Committee (LMHC) have standardised the nomenclature that they use to describe a 'padparadscha sapphire'.

Definition

Padparadscha sapphire is a variety of corundum from any geographical origin whose colour is a subtle mixture of pinkish orange to orangey pink with pastel tones and low to medium saturations when viewed in standard daylight.

The name 'padparadscha sapphire' shall not be applied in the following cases:

- If the stone has any colour modifier other than pink or orange.
- If the stone has major uneven colour distribution when viewed with the unaided eye and the table up +/- 30°.
- The presence of yellow or orange epigenetic material in fissure(s) affecting the overall colour of the stone.
- If the stone has been treated as described in Information Sheets #2 and #3.
- If the stone has been treated by irradiation.
- If the stone has been dyed, coated, painted, varnished or sputtered.

Report wording

Any corundum that falls within the above definition shall be described as,

Identification

- Species: **(Natural)¹ corundum**
- Variety: **(Natural)² padparadscha (sapphire)³**

Note: All the terminology applied to corundum and set forth in Information Sheet #1 shall also be applied to 'padparadscha sapphire'. The name 'padparadscha sapphire' shall be applied to both unheated and heated 'padparadscha sapphire'.

¹ Wording in parenthesis is optional.

² Wording in parenthesis is optional and shall only be used for natural untreated stones.

³ Wording in parenthesis is optional.
