Gold offers from Brussel/London/Paris

We receive offers for raw gold, allegedly available in Belgium, about every 2 weeks.
The sellers’ procedures are more or less always the same:

1. We shall come to Belgium to meet the seller
2. We shall take a sample of the gold for testing
3. After a positive test, the purchase price must be paid in cash and we can take the rest of the gold
4. Additionally, the buyer might be asked to pay upfront expenses for the security house or a (diplomatic) courier in order to get access to the gold for further testing.

Most of these Belgium or London or Paris offers are attempted frauds/scams and already well-known in the market, at least to experienced AU buyers.

In all cases, documents, showing a legal ex-/import, were not submitted to us upfront and they mostly don't exist at all.
Even if we would take a sample of the gold and deposit the remaining quantity in a sealed box, we can't be 100% sure not to be cheated.

It is rather strange that the gold is always supposedly deposited wherever the buyer is not domiciled or not is its melt.
With other words, if I would be from Belgium, the offer might come from Paris/London.
If I'm in Paris, the offer comes from Brussel/London.

Be aware that there is no refinery in Belgium or the Netherlands, which will accept raw gold from unknown origin and especally not without legal ex-/import documents. A buyer, who is unknown to the refinery or not important, risks to lose as well the money to the seller as the gold, because it might be confiscated.

Therefore, to our own security we have to follow a very strict procedure to avoid a waste of time on both sides and a lost of money and gold. We have our refinery in Austria, which is unfortunately more than 1000 km away from Brussel. But it's a safe location, where we have full control on the gold and the security that nothing unexpected will happen. The seller will receive the purchase price after positive assay and our gold can remain where it is. There is a 100% security for both parties.

To start such a transaction, the following steps are compulsory for us:

1. We want to know, with whom we are talking.
   To avoid communication with faked identities, we insist on an exchange of passport copies.
2. A Skype video conference is following to check, if we are talking to the right person
3. We are ready to arrange the testing of a smaller quantity in Antwerp.
4. We will purchase this tested quantity (minimum 20gr) and make payment to the seller.
5. The seller can either rent a car or better, can purchase a ticket to Austria to bring his commodity direct to our refinery.
   Further details will be discussed with him, when time has come.

To make it clear: There will be no upfront payment from our side, as long as we have no 100% security regarding our money and the gold. We might send our local partner/representative to a meeting with the seller, if it's in Antwerp. Details could be discussed at the meeting, but only in Antwerp.

We don't care, if the seller brings only min. 20 grams to the meeting for further testing and payment or a bag with a couple of kg, where we can take out the sample personally. If the rest of his gold wouldn't be real or doesn't arrive at our refinery, it's not our problem.

If a new seller is ready to accept our way of realizing the transaction, he is welcome.