Importation of Fireworks

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1. Introduction

National legislation provides for controls on the importation of fireworks. For the purposes of this manual, the term importation includes both third country and intra-EU movements.

2. Legislation

The importation of fireworks is covered by the following primary and secondary legislation:

- Explosives Act 1875
- S.I. No. 450 of 1994
- S.I. No. 175 of 2015

A comprehensive list of explosive legislation in Ireland may be found on website of the Department of Justice at the following link:

Explosives Legislation Guidance Notes

Prohibition / Restriction

Fireworks may only be imported if accompanied by a licence issued by the Department of Justice.

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5. Health and Safety

Fireworks should be handled as little as possible and appropriate safety precautions should always be taken.

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7. Enquiries

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