

# **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 intra-Community movements.

## **2. LEGISLATION**

The importation of fireworks is covered by the following provisions.

- [Explosives Act 1875](#)
- Order in Council No 10A
- [S.I. No. of 450 of 1994](#)
- [S.I. No. of 1 of 2010](#)
- [S.I. No. of 416 of 2010](#)

## **3. PROHIBITION / RESTRICTION**

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

## **4. ACTION REQUIRED**

### ***Third Countries***

Profiles have been set in AEP to flag consignments of fireworks from third countries. When the profiles are activated the following action should be taken:

- request presentation of the licence
- check that the licence is valid
- ensure that the quantity being imported does not exceed the amount shown on the licence
- ensure that the correct licence code (1L32) and licence number has been inserted in Box 44 of the SAD

Where there is an attempt to import fireworks without a licence, they should be seized as prohibited items and handed over to an Garda Síochána.

### ***Intra-Community***

Where customs in the course of their normal duties intercept Intra-Community movement of fireworks without a licence, staff should seize the fireworks as prohibited items and hand them over to an Garda Síochána.

## **5. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Fireworks should be handled as little as possible and appropriate safety precautions should be taken at all times.

## **6. RISK INFORMATION FORM (RIF)**

The RIF should be used by staff to inform Customs authorities of other Member States of any significant irregularities, which have come to light in respect of the importation products covered by these regulations. For further information staff should contact:

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## **7. ENQUIRIES**

*Import Licences*

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