

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 provisions:

- [Explosives Act 1875](#)
- [S.I. No. of 450 of 1994](#)
- [S.I. No. of 1 of 2010](#)
- [S.I. No. of 416 of 2010](#)

A comprehensive list of explosive legislation in Ireland may be found on website of the Department of Justice & Equality:

[Explosives Legislation Guidance Notes](#)

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, the goods should be seized as prohibited items and handed over to An Garda Síochána. Where officers seize goods the procedures set out in the Enforcement Procedures Manual should be followed.

Intra-EU

Where Customs in the course of their normal duties intercept Intra-EU movements of fireworks without a licence, officers 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 always be taken.

6. Risk Information Form (RIF)

The RIF (Risk Information Form), which is part of CRMS (Customs Risk Management System) 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 of fireworks. For further information on CRMS / RIF staff should contact:

Customs Risk Management Unit

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7. Enquiries

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