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- 5. Theatrical pyrotechnic articles
- 6. Category T2 theatrical pyrotechnic articles are theatrical pyrotechnic articles which...
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- 1. (1) Each pyrotechnic article must attain the performance characteristics specified...
- 2. Fireworks
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- 2. Type examination shall be carried out as an assessment of...
- 3. The manufacturer shall lodge an application for a Type examination...
- 4. The approved body shall: For the pyrotechnic article:
- 4.1 Examine the technical documentation and supporting evidence to assess the...
- 4.2 Verify that the specimen(s) have been manufactured in conformity with...
- 4.3 Carry out appropriate examinations and tests, or have them carried...
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- 4.5 Agree with the manufacturer on a location where the examinations...
- 5. The approved body shall draw up an evaluation report that...
- 6. Where the type meets the requirements of these Regulations that...
- 7. The approved body shall keep itself apprised of any changes...
- 8. Each approved body shall inform the Secretary of State concerning...
- 9. The manufacturer shall keep a copy of the Type examination...
 - PART 2 Module C2: Conformity to type based on internal production control plus supervised product checks at random intervals
- 1. Conformity to type based on internal production control plus supervised...
- 2. Manufacturing The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that...
- 3. Product checks An approved body, chosen by the manufacturer, shall...
- 4. UK marking and declaration of conformity
- 4.1 The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking to each individual...
- 4.2 The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity...
 - PART 3 Module D: Conformity to type based on quality assurance of the production process
- 1. Conformity to type based on quality assurance of the production...
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- 3. Quality system
- 3.1 The manufacturer shall lodge an application for assessment of his...
- 3.2 The quality system shall ensure that the pyrotechnic articles are...
- 3.3 The approved body shall assess the quality system to determine...
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- 4.1 The purpose of surveillance is to make sure that the...
- 4.2 The manufacturer shall, for assessment purposes, allow the approved body...
- 4.3 The approved body shall carry out periodic audits to make...
- 4.4 In addition, the approved body may pay unexpected visits to...
- 5. UK marking and declaration of conformity
- 5.1 The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking, and, under the...
- 5.2 The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity...
- 6. The manufacturer shall, for a period ending 10 years after...
- 7. Each approved body shall inform the Secretary of State of...
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- 1. Conformity to type based on product quality assurance is that...
- 2. Manufacturing The manufacturer shall operate an approved quality system for...
- 3. Quality system
- 3.1 The manufacturer shall lodge an application for assessment of his...
- 3.2 The quality system shall ensure compliance of the pyrotechnic articles...
- 3.3 The approved body shall assess the quality system to determine...
- 3.4 The manufacturer shall undertake to fulfil the obligations arising out...
- 3.5 The manufacturer shall keep the approved body that has approved...
- 4. Surveillance under the responsibility of the approved body
- 4.1 The purpose of surveillance is to make sure that the...
- 4.2 The manufacturer shall, for assessment purposes, allow the approved body...
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- 5.1 The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking, and, under the...
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- 3. Manufacturing The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that...
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- 5.1 The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking and, under the...
- 5.2 The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity... PART 6 Module H: Conformity based on full quality assurance
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- 2. Manufacturing The manufacturer shall operate an approved quality system for...
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- 3.1 The manufacturer shall lodge an application for assessment of his...
- 3.2 The quality system shall ensure compliance of the pyrotechnic articles...
- 3.3 The approved body shall assess the quality system to determine...
- 3.4 The manufacturer shall undertake to fulfil the obligations arising out...
- 3.5 The manufacturer shall keep the approved body that has approved...
- 4. Surveillance under the responsibility of the approved body
- 4.1 The purpose of surveillance is to make sure that the...
- 4.2 The manufacturer shall, for assessment purposes, allow the approved body...
- 4.3 The approved body shall carry out periodic audits to make...
- 4.4 In addition, the approved body may pay unexpected visits to...
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- 5.1 The manufacturer shall affix the UK marking and, under the...
- 5.2 The manufacturer shall draw up a written declaration of conformity...
- 6. The manufacturer shall, for a period ending 10 years after...
- 7. Each approved body shall inform the Secretary of State of...

SCHEDULE 3 — Labelling: required information

- 1. Labelling
- 2. Additional instructions and safety information
- 3. The labelling of sparklers must also display the words "Warning:...
- 4. The labelling of a theatrical pyrotechnic article must also display...
- 5. The labelling of a category P1 other pyrotechnic article or...
- 6. In paragraph 3, "sparkler" means a rigid wire article partially...

SCHEDULE 3A — Declaration of Conformity (Annex III to the Directive)

(1) UK registration number: (2) Product, batch or serial number:...

Signed for and on behalf of:

[place and date of issue]:

[name, function] [signature]:

SCHEDULE 4 — Persons with specialist knowledge

1. Person with specialist knowledge: category F4 fireworks

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- 2. A conformity assessment body must be a third party body...
- 3. (1) A conformity assessment body, its top level management and...
- 4. A conformity assessment body, its top level management and the...
- 5. A conformity assessment body, its top level management and the...
- 6. A conformity assessment body must ensure that the activities of...
- 7. A conformity assessment body and its personnel must carry out...
- 8. A conformity assessment body must ensure that it, either on...
- 9. A conformity assessment body must have at its disposal—
- 10. A conformity assessment body must have the means necessary to...
- 11. The personnel responsible for carrying out conformity assessment activities must
- 12. A conformity assessment body must be able to demonstrate the...
- 13. The remuneration of the top level management and the personnel...
- 14. A conformity assessment body must have, and must satisfy the...
- 15. A conformity assessment body must ensure that its personnel observe...
- 16. Paragraph 15 does not prevent the personnel from providing information...
- 17. A conformity assessment body must participate in, or ensure that...

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- 1. A notified body An approved body must carry out conformity...
- 2. A notified body An approved body must carry out conformity...
- 3. A notified body An approved body must perform its activities...
- 4. A notified body An approved body must respect the degree...
- 5. An approved body carrying out a conformity assessment must—
- 5A (1) Pyrotechnic articles must be labelled with a UK registration...
- 6. From IP completion day—(a) an entry made in the...
- 6A (1) Entries made in the register from IP completion day...
- 7. Where an approved body finds that essential safety requirements or...
- 8. Where, in the course of the monitoring of conformity following...
- 9. Where the notified body the approved body has required a...
- 10. Paragraph 11 applies where a notified body an approved body...
- 11. Where this paragraph applies, the notified body the approved body...
- 12. A notified body An approved body must inform the Secretary...
- 13. A notified body An approved body must make provision in...
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- 15. An approved body must participate in the work of any...

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1. Enforcement powers under the 1974 Act

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- 1. The Fireworks Regulations 2004 are amended as set out below....
- 2. In regulation 3 (interpretation)— (a) for the definition of "adult...
- 3. In regulation 5 (prohibition of possession of category 4 fireworks),...
- 4. In regulation 6(1)(c) (exceptions to regulations 4 and 5), for...
- 5. In regulation 9 (licensing of fireworks suppliers)—
- 6. In regulation 10 (information about fireworks)—(a) in paragraph (1),...

SCHEDULE 11 — Consequential amendments to the Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

- 1. The Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 are amended as...
- 2. In regulation 2 (interpretation)— (a) after "In these Regulations—", insert—...
- 3. In regulation 4(1) (prohibition on the possession, purchase, sale, acquisition,...
- 4. In regulation 7 (production of licence)— (a) in paragraph (2),...
- 5. In regulation 11(1)(a) (display of notice and certificate)—
- 6. In regulation 12 (transactions in fireworks), for "the fireworks in...
- 7. In Schedule 1 (fireworks exempt from the provisions of regulation...
- 8. Omit Schedule 2.

Explanatory Note

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