
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2015

PART 1

Preliminary

Definition of “pyrotechnic article”

- 3.—(1) In these Regulations, a “pyrotechnic article” is an article which—
- (a) contains explosive substances or an explosive mixture of substances designed to produce heat, light, sound, gas or smoke or a combination of such effects through self-sustained exothermic chemical reactions; and
 - (b) is not excluded by paragraph (2).
- (2) The following articles are excluded from the definition in paragraph (1)—
- (a) articles which have been placed on the market before the commencement date;
 - (b) articles intended for non-commercial use by—
 - (i) the armed forces;
 - (ii) a police force in England and Wales;
 - (iii) the Police Service of Scotland;
 - (iv) the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve or the Northern Ireland Policing Board;
 - (v) the British Transport Police;
 - (vi) the Ministry of Defence Police Force;
 - (vii) the Civil Nuclear Constabulary;
 - (viii) a police force for a harbour, port, airport, park, garden or forest in the United Kingdom or with a specialised function in the United Kingdom;
 - (ix) the National Crime Agency;
 - (x) a fire and rescue service authority within the meaning of section 1 or a combined authority within the meaning of section 2 or 4 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004⁽¹⁾;
 - (xi) the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; or
 - (xii) the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Board;
 - (c) articles falling within the scope of Council [Directive 96/98/EC](#) on marine equipment⁽²⁾;
 - (d) articles intended for use in the aerospace industry;

(1) 2004 c.21.

(2) OJ L 46, 17.02.1997, p. 25.

- (e) percussion caps intended specifically for toys falling within the scope of [Directive 2009/48/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys⁽³⁾;
- (f) explosives falling within the scope of Council [Directive 93/15/EEC](#) on the harmonization of the use of the provisions relating to the placing on the market of explosives for civil uses⁽⁴⁾;
- (g) projectiles and propelling charges and blank ammunition used in portable firearms, other guns and artillery; and
- (h) fireworks which—
 - (i) are built by a manufacturer established in the United Kingdom;
 - (ii) are built for the manufacturer's own use; and
 - (iii) comply with the law applicable to such fireworks (excluding these Regulations).

⁽³⁾ OJ L 170, 30.6.2009, p. 1.
⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 121, 15.5.1993, p. 20.