Changes the Special Effect Pyrotechnics in the Explosives Regulations, 2013

Part 17

**1.** The regulations concerning the 5 kg quantity limits and specific details for storing at the “site of use” have been removed except the requirement to locate the storage unit in an area that is not accessible to the public.

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|            398 (1) and (2) [Repealed, SOR/2018-231, s. 36]           Storage — site of use  398 (3) Any storage unit at the site of use must be located in an area that is not accessible to the public.  <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2013-211/page-47.html#docCont> |

Please forward this email regarding changes to Part 18 -  Display Fireworks in the Explosives Regulations, 2013 to the members of the OMFPOA.

**1.** The storage limit for display fireworks has been changed from 125 kg gross weight to 100 kg net explosives quantity (NEQ).

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| *Quantity of display fireworks*  412 A reference to a mass of display fireworks or their accessories in this Part is a reference to their net quantity (the mass of the fireworks excluding the mass of any packaging or container).  *Storage — display supervisor in charge*  426 A user who is the display supervisor in charge of a display, whether or not they hold a licence, may store the fireworks to be used in a display –– to a maximum of 500 electric matches and 100 kg of other fireworks — in a storage unit if they obtain the written approval of the local authority to do so. The user must ensure that the requirements in section 427 are met.  <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2013-211/page-50.html#h-162> |

**2.** The written plan that is submitted to the local authority for approval must include the type of fireworks to be used and the diameter in millimeters of the largest aerial shell to be used or, if no aerial shells are to be used, the maximum height the fireworks will reach during the display.  The product name of each fireworks to be used and the name of the person who obtained its authorization is no longer required.  Please note that these are minimum requirements. The local authority may ask for more specific information.

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| *Plan*  432 (1) A fireworks display plan must be prepared in writing and kept for two years after the date of the display. The plan must include the following information:  (a) the name of the display supervisor in charge and the number and expiry date of their fireworks operator certificate;  (b) the location of any storage units in which the fireworks to be displayed will be stored before or after the display;  (c) a description of the display site, including the distance in metres from the firing site to the nearest spectators, buildings, structures and vulnerable sites;  (d) the type of fireworks to be used;  (d.1) the diameter in millimetres of the largest aerial shell to be used or, if no aerial shells are to be used, the maximum height the fireworks will reach during the display;  (e) the quantity of fireworks to be used;  (f) a description of how the fireworks will be positioned within the firing site and how they will be fired;  (g) a description of the crowd-control measures that will be taken; and  (h) an assessment of the likelihood of harm to people and property resulting from the use of the fireworks.  <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2013-211/page-50.html#h-162> |

**3.** A new requirement was added to the responsibilities of the display supervisor in charge. They must ensure that anyone who is handling fireworks in the danger zone or fallout zone is certified by Natural Resources Canada.

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| *Handling*  **434 (5)** Only a person who holds a fireworks operator certificate (display assistant), fireworks operator certificate (display supervisor), fireworks operator certificate (display supervisor with endorsement) or fireworks operator certificate (display visitor) and is authorized by the display supervisor in charge may handle fireworks in the danger zone or fallout zone.  <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/SOR-2013-211/page-50.html#docCont> |

If there are any questions regarding these changes please don’t hesitate to contact me!

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