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The Pyrotechnic Articles (Safety) Regulations 2015

PART 2

Obligations of economic operators

Chapter 1

Manufacturers

Categorisation

- 6.** Before placing a pyrotechnic article on the market, a manufacturer must—
- (a) categorise it using the categories set out in Schedule 1 (categories of pyrotechnic article), according to its—
 - (i) type of use; or
 - (ii) purpose and level of hazard, including its noise level; and
 - (b) ensure that a notified body has confirmed that categorisation as part of a relevant conformity assessment procedure.

Design and manufacture in accordance with essential safety requirements

- 7.** Before placing a pyrotechnic article on the market, a manufacturer must ensure that it has been designed and manufactured in accordance with the essential safety requirements.

Technical documentation and conformity assessment

- 8.** Before placing a pyrotechnic article on the market, a manufacturer must—
- (a) have a relevant conformity assessment procedure carried out; and
 - (b) draw up the technical documentation referred to—
 - (i) for a pyrotechnic article in respect of which the conformity assessment procedure in regulation 40(a) is being carried out, in point 3(c) of Module B of Annex II to the Directive (as amended from time to time);
 - (ii) for a pyrotechnic article in respect of which the conformity assessment procedure in regulation 40(b) is being carried out, in point 2 of Module G of Annex II to the Directive (as amended from time to time);
 - (iii) for pyrotechnic article in respect of which the conformity assessment procedure in regulation 40(c) is being carried out, in point 3.1(b) of Module H of Annex II to the Directive (as amended from time to time).

EU declaration of conformity and CE marking

9.—(1) Where the conformity of a pyrotechnic article with the essential safety requirements has been demonstrated by a relevant conformity assessment procedure, the manufacturer must, before placing the pyrotechnic article on the market—

- (a) draw up a declaration of conformity in accordance with regulation 41 (EU declaration of conformity); and
- (b) affix the CE marking in accordance with regulation 42 (CE marking).

(2) The manufacturer must keep the EU declaration of conformity up-to-date.

(3) Where a pyrotechnic article is subject to more than one EU instrument requiring a declaration of conformity to be drawn up, the manufacturer must draw up a single declaration of conformity, which—

- (a) identifies the EU instruments; and
- (b) includes references to the publication of those EU instruments in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Retention of technical documentation and EU declaration of conformity

10. A manufacturer must keep the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity drawn up in respect of a pyrotechnic article for a period of 10 years beginning on the day on which the pyrotechnic article is placed on the market.

Labelling of pyrotechnic articles other than pyrotechnic articles for vehicles

11.—(1) Before placing a pyrotechnic article on the market, a manufacturer must ensure that it is labelled —

- (a) visibly, legibly and indelibly;
- (b) clearly and understandably; and
- (c) subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), in the official language of the member State in which the pyrotechnic article is to be made available to the end-user.

(2) The manufacturer must ensure that the labelling of the pyrotechnic article includes, as a minimum, the information specified in Schedule 3 (labelling: required information).

(3) The information specified in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of Schedule 3 must be provided in a language which can be easily understood by the end-users and the competent national authority in the member State in which the pyrotechnic article is to be made available to such end-users.

(4) The information specified in paragraph 1(f) of Schedule 3 must be provided in a language which can be easily understood by consumers and other end-users in the member State in which the pyrotechnic article is to be made available to such consumers and other end-users.

(5) Where the pyrotechnic article is to be made available to end-users in the United Kingdom the language which can be easily understood by consumers and other end-users is English.

(6) Where it is not possible for information specified in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of Schedule 3 to be indicated on the pyrotechnic article (including where this is as a result of other labelling requirements referred to in Schedule 3 having taken up the available space on the pyrotechnic article), the manufacturer must ensure that that information is indicated on its packaging or in a document accompanying the pyrotechnic article.

(7) Where the pyrotechnic article does not provide sufficient space for the other labelling requirements specified in Schedule 3 (including where this is as a result of the information specified in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of Schedule 3 having taken up the available space on the pyrotechnic

article), the manufacturer must ensure that the information is provided on the smallest piece of packaging.

(8) This regulation does not apply to pyrotechnic articles for vehicles.

Labelling of pyrotechnic articles for vehicles

12.—(1) Before placing a pyrotechnic article for a vehicle on the market, a manufacturer must ensure that it is labelled with—

- (a) the information about the manufacturer specified in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of Schedule 3;
- (b) the name and type of the pyrotechnic article;
- (c) the registration number of the pyrotechnic article;
- (d) the product, batch or serial number of the pyrotechnic article; and
- (e) safety instructions (where necessary).

(2) If the pyrotechnic article for a vehicle does not provide sufficient space for the labelling requirements specified in paragraph (1), the manufacturer must ensure that the information is provided on the packaging.

(3) Before placing a pyrotechnic article for a vehicle on the market, the manufacturer must draw up a safety data sheet.

(4) In paragraph (3), “safety data sheet” means a document—

- (a) compiled in accordance with Annex II to Regulation [\(EC\) 1907/2006](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals, establishing a European Chemicals Agency⁽¹⁾ (as amended from time to time); and
- (b) which takes account of the specific needs of professional users.

Compliance procedures for series production

13.—(1) A manufacturer of pyrotechnic articles which are manufactured by series production must ensure that, before placing such a pyrotechnic article on the market, procedures are in place to ensure that any pyrotechnic article so manufactured will be in conformity with Part 2.

(2) In doing so, the manufacturer must take adequate account of—

- (a) any change in pyrotechnic article design or characteristics; and
- (b) any change in a harmonised standard or in another technical specification by reference to which the EU declaration of conformity was drawn up.

(1) OJ L 396, 30.12.2006, p. 1.