

Industry Alert

Fireworks Shippers, Distributors, and Carriers: Did You Know...?

Consumer fireworks are considered Division 1.4G explosives and their safe transport is regulated by the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR).

FIREWORKS SHIPMENTS MUST:

- Include a Shipping Paper containing:
 - UN I.D. number
 - Net explosive weight
 - Proper shipping name
 - EX number (unless EX number is on the package)
 - Hazard class or division
 - Number/type of packages
 - Packing group
 - Emergency contact and telephone number
 - Shipper's Certification as required
- Be properly loaded, blocked, and braced to restrict movement in the vehicle, and be protected against ignition sources, and
- Be handled by professionals trained in the HMR (i.e., general awareness/familiarization, function-specific, safety, and security training).



Shipments of Division 1.4G fireworks $\geq 1,001$ lbs. gross weight must:

- For highway shipments, have a driver with a CDL that includes a hazmat endorsement.
- Display "EXPLOSIVES 1.4" placards on the vehicle on each side and each end.
- Be addressed in a security plan that includes assessments of possible transport risks to fireworks, and measures to address risks. At a minimum, security plans must address personnel security, en route security, and unauthorized access.
- Be transported by carriers that hold a current hazmat registration certificate issued by PHMSA.

Persons found to be in violation of the HMR may be subject to significant civil penalties, criminal fines, and imprisonment—up to \$110,000, per violation (civil penalty); and \$500,000 and 10 years in prison (criminal penalty)!

For more information on the safe transport of consumer fireworks:

- Consult the HMR, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 49 Parts 171-180
- Visit DOT's Hazmat Safety website: www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat
- Call the Hazardous Materials Information Center: 1-800-467-4922 or (202) 366-4488



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