

PyroD: Pyrotechnic Articles Directive (Directive 2013/29/EU), explained

The Pyrotechnic Articles Directive sets safety requirements for fireworks, theatrical and other pyrotechnics, which manufacturers categorise, have a notified body assess, label and CE-mark, checked by importers and distributors. It replaced Directive 2007/23/EC on 1 July 2015, and the harmonised standards for F1 to F3 fireworks conferred a presumption of conformity only until 24 March 2025.

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Key facts

Reference	Directive 2013/29/EU	Act type	Directive
In force	29 June 2013	Applies from	1 July 2015
Enforced by	National market surveillance authorities enforce the national laws transposing the directive; Article 38(2) still cites Article 15(3) and Articles 16 to 29 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008, read as Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 since 16 July 2021, whose Annex I lists the directive as point 45 and whose Article 4 requires an economic operator established in the Union for every pyrotechnic article placed on the market.	CELEX	32013L0029

Key dates

12 June 2013	Directive 2013/29/EU adopted by the European Parliament and the Council as a recast of Directive 2007/23/EC aligned with the New Legislative Framework	title and signature block after Art. 50
29 June 2013	Entry into force, the day following publication in OJ L 178 of 28 June 2013	Art. 49, first paragraph
4 July 2013	Member States apply the measures transposing point 4 of Annex I, the rule on detonative explosives, and point 4 of Annex I to Directive 2007/23/EC is repealed with effect from the same date	Art. 47(2) and Art. 48, second paragraph
3 October 2013	Deadline for Member States to adopt and publish the provisions transposing point 4 of Annex I	Art. 47(2)
7 May 2014	Commission Implementing Directive 2014/58/EU on the traceability system enters into force, the twentieth day after publication in OJ L 115 of 17 April 2014; it sets the uniform registration number format and the notified bodies' public register	Art. 1, Art. 2 and Art. 5
30 April 2015	Deadline for Member States to adopt and publish the provisions transposing Implementing Directive 2014/58/EU	Art. 4(1), first subparagraph
30 June 2015	Deadline for Member States to adopt and publish the laws transposing the main body of the directive, points 7, 12, 13 and 15 to 22 of Article 3, Article 4(1), Article 5, Article 7(4), Article 8(2) to (9), Article 9, Article 10(2), Article 11(1) and (3), Articles 12 to 16, Articles 18 to 29, Articles 31 to 35, Article 37, Article 38(1) and (2), Articles 39 to 42, Article 45, Article 46 and Annexes I, II and III	Art. 47(1), first subparagraph
1 July 2015	National measures apply; Article 1, Article 2, most of Article 3, Article 4(2) to (4), Articles 6 and 7(1) to (3), Article 8(1), Article 10(1), (3) and (4), Article 11(2), Articles 17, 30 and 36, Article 38(3), Articles 43 and 44 and Annexes IV and V apply directly; Directive 2007/23/EC is repealed and articles conforming to it and placed on the	Art. 46(1), Art. 47(1), Art. 48 and Art. 49, second paragraph

market before this date may still be made available

17 October 2016	Member States apply the traceability provisions of Implementing Directive 2014/58/EU: the XXXX-YY-ZZZZ registration number, the notified bodies' public register and the 10-year records kept by manufacturers and importers	Art. 1, Art. 2, Art. 3 and Art. 4(1), second subparagraph
4 July 2017	Last date on which national authorisations granted before 4 July 2010 for fireworks of categories F1, F2 and F3 and before 4 July 2013 for other pyrotechnic articles, category F4 fireworks and theatrical pyrotechnic articles remain valid, unless they expired earlier; authorisations for pyrotechnic articles for vehicles, including spare parts, granted before 4 July 2013 continue until their own expiry	Art. 46(2), Art. 46(3) and Art. 46(4)
16 July 2021	Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 applies: it replaces the market surveillance articles of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 that Article 38(2) cites, lists the directive as point 45 of its Annex I and, under Article 4, requires an economic operator established in the Union for every pyrotechnic article placed on the market	Art. 4(5), Art. 39, Art. 44 and Annex I point 45
1 October 2021	Danish executive orders nr. 1799 and nr. 1798 of 9 September 2021 in force: nr. 1799 transposes the directive and the traceability implementing directive and repeals order nr. 1423 of 16 December 2009, nr. 1798 carries the national rules on import, manufacture, storage, transfer, acquisition and use	§ 60; § 1
1 July 2024	Danish tightening in force: the statutory period in which consumer fireworks may be used narrows from 27 December to 1 January down to 31 December and 1 January, other pyrotechnic articles of category P1 may only be sold to persons aged 18 or over, and retail outlets and approved fest- or scenefyrværkere may use consumer fireworks from 27 to 30 December only to demonstrate articles as part of the	§ 1, nr. 1 and § 10, stk. 1; § 1, nr. 2, 4 and 5, and § 2

sale; executive order nr. 729 of 12 June 2024 amends order nr. 1799/2021 at the same time, extending the fine provision to breaches of its § 17 and aligning the sales rule with the new § 28 a

24 February 2025	Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/337 enters into force on the day of its publication and replaces the list of harmonised standards for pyrotechnic articles, repealing Communication 2017/C 149/01	Art. 1, Art. 2 and Art. 3
24 March 2025	The references listed in Annex II to Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/337 stop conferring a presumption of conformity: the EN 15947:2015 series for fireworks of categories F1, F2 and F3 and the terminology standards EN ISO 14451-1:2013, EN 16256-1:2012 and EN 16261-1:2012 are withdrawn, leaving no cited harmonised standard for consumer fireworks	Art. 2, second paragraph, Annex I and Annex II
19 September 2025	The Commission publishes its evaluation of the directive: effective, efficient and relevant overall, but with problems around dangerous fireworks on the market, mail-order sales, traceability and transfer, and animal welfare; no revision is decided	
1 October 2025	Danish transition ends: category F3 fireworks that counted as consumer fireworks under the 2009 order may no longer be made available to consumers in Denmark	§ 61
1 January 2026	Sikkerhedsstyrelsen becomes the department Markedsovervågning of Erhvervsstyrelsen and continues the same tasks, including the control of pyrotechnic articles and the designation of notified bodies	§ 9

Obligations by role

Manufacturer (including brand owners)

- Categorise each article by its type of use, or its purpose and level of hazard including noise level, into F1, F2, F3 or F4 for fireworks, T1 or T2 for theatrical articles and P1 or P2 for other articles, and design and manufacture it to the Annex I essential safety requirements: the performance characteristics specified to the notified body, safe disposal with minimum environmental effect, correct functioning tested under realistic conditions across the ten information and property headings of point 3, the ban on detonative explosives other than black powder and flash composition with the narrow exception for P1, P2, T2 and F4, and the group-specific rules including safety distances of at least 1 m for F1, 8 m for F2 and 15 m for F3, which Annex I allows to be shorter where appropriate, a maximum noise level of 120 dB (A, imp), or an equivalent level measured by another appropriate method, at the safety distance, no bangers or flash bangers in F1 and no more than 2,5 mg silver fulminate in F1 throwdowns.

Art. 6(1), Art. 8(1) and Annex I, points 1 to 5

- Categorise each article by its type of use, or its purpose and level of hazard including noise level, into F1, F2, F3 or F4 for fireworks, T1 or T2 for theatrical articles and P1 or P2 for other articles. Art. 6(1)
- Design and manufacture each article to the Annex I essential safety requirements for its category, including performance, safe disposal, correct functioning, the ban on detonative explosives, the minimum safety distances and the 120 dB (A, imp) noise limit. Art. 8(1) and Annex I
- Draw up the technical documentation referred to in Annex II, which must allow conformity to be assessed and include an adequate analysis and assessment of the risks, a general description, design and manufacturing drawings and the explanations needed to understand them, the harmonised standards applied in full or in part or the solutions adopted instead, design calculations and examinations and test reports, and have the Article 17 conformity assessment carried out by a notified body: EU-type examination (module B) followed by conformity to type based on internal production control plus supervised product checks at random intervals (module C2), on quality assurance of the production process (module D) or on product quality assurance (module E), or conformity based on unit verification (module G), or conformity based on full quality assurance (module H) for fireworks of category F4 only. Art. 8(2), Art. 17 and Annex II, modules B, C2, D, E, G and H
- Draw up the Annex II technical documentation: a general description, design and manufacturing drawings with explanations, the harmonised standards or other solutions applied, design calculations, examinations and test reports. Art. 8(2) and Annex II
- Include in the technical documentation an adequate analysis and assessment of the risks the article presents. Art. 8(2) and Annex II
- Have the Article 17 conformity assessment carried out by a notified body: module B followed by C2, D or E, or module G, or module H for category F4 fireworks only. Art. 8(2), Art. 17 and Annex II
- Label the article with the registration number assigned by the notified body that carried out the conformity assessment, structured as the four-digit identification number of that body, the category in upper case as F1, F2, F3, F4, T1, T2, P1 or P2, and the body's processing number, written XXXX-YY-ZZZZ, and keep records of the registration numbers of the articles you make available together with their trade name, generic type and subtype where relevant and the site of manufacture, for at least 10 years after the article was placed on the market; hand the record over to the competent authorities if you cease activity and provide it on reasoned request. Art. 9(1) and (2); Art. 1 and Art. 3
- Label the article with the registration number assigned by the notified body that carried out the conformity assessment, written XXXX-YY-ZZZZ (body number, category, processing number).

Art. 9(1); Art. 1

- Keep records of the registration numbers of the articles you make available, with trade name, generic type and subtype and site of manufacture, for at least 10 years after placing on the market; hand them to the authorities on reasoned request or when you cease activity. Art. 9(2); Art. 3
- Draw up the EU declaration of conformity following the model structure of Annex III with the elements of the modules used, keep it continuously updated, translate it into the languages required by the Member State where the article is placed or made available on the market and issue a single declaration where several Union acts require one, then affix the CE marking visibly, legibly and indelibly to the article, or to the packaging and accompanying documents where that is not possible or not warranted, before placing it on the market, followed by the identification number of the notified body where that body is involved in the production control phase. Art. 8(2), Art. 18, Art. 19 and Art. 20
- Draw up the EU declaration of conformity following Annex III, keep it continuously updated, translate it into the languages the Member State of placing or making available requires, and issue a single declaration where several Union acts apply. Art. 8(2) and Art. 18
- Affix the CE marking visibly, legibly and indelibly to the article, or to its packaging and accompanying documents where that is not possible, before placing it on the market, followed by the notified body number where that body is involved in production control. Art. 8(2), Art. 19 and Art. 20
- Label articles other than those for vehicles visibly, legibly and indelibly in the official language or languages of the Member State where the article is made available to the consumer, with at least your name, registered trade name or trade mark and postal contact address and, where you are not established in the Union, also the importer's, the name and type of the article, its registration number and its product, batch or serial number, the minimum age limits, the category, instructions for use, the net explosive content, the year of production for F3 and F4 fireworks and, where appropriate, a minimum safety distance, plus the wording required per category, from 'for outdoor use only' on F2 and F3 to 'for use only by persons with specialist knowledge' on F4 and T2; where there is not enough space the information goes on the smallest piece of packaging. Art. 10(1) to (5)
- For pyrotechnic articles for vehicles, apply the Article 11 labelling instead, your manufacturer information, the name and type of the article, its registration number and its product, batch or serial number and, where necessary, the safety instructions, moving the information to the packaging where there is no room, and supply professional users with a REACH safety data sheet that takes account of their specific needs, in the language they request and on paper or electronically. Art. 11(1), (2) and (3)
- Label pyrotechnic articles for vehicles under Article 11: your manufacturer information, the name and type of the article, its registration number, its product, batch or serial number and, where necessary, the safety instructions, on the packaging where there is no room. Art. 11(1) and (2)
- Supply professional users of vehicle articles with a REACH safety data sheet that takes account of their specific needs, in the language they request, on paper or electronically. Art. 11(3)
- Keep the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity for 10 years after the article was placed on the market, keep procedures in place for series production to remain in conformity taking account of changes in design and in the standards or other technical specifications referenced, and where the risks warrant it and the competent authorities make a duly justified request, sample-test articles made available on the market, investigate and where necessary keep a register of complaints, non-conforming articles and recalls, and keep distributors informed of that monitoring.
Art. 8(3) and Art. 8(4)
- Keep the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity for 10 years after the article was placed on the market. Art. 8(3)

- Keep procedures in place for series production to remain in conformity, taking account of changes in design and in the referenced standards or other technical specifications. Art. 8(4)
- Where the risks warrant it and the competent authorities make a duly justified request, sample-test articles on the market, investigate, keep a register of complaints, non-conforming articles and recalls where necessary, and keep distributors informed. Art. 8(4)
- Indicate your name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and a single postal contact address on the article, or on its packaging or in an accompanying document, in a language easily understood by end users and market surveillance authorities, ensure the article is accompanied by clear instructions and safety information in a language determined by the Member State concerned, immediately bring a non-conforming article into conformity, withdraw it or recall it and inform the competent national authorities of every Member State where you made it available when it presents a risk, provide the information and documentation demonstrating conformity on reasoned request, cooperate on risk-elimination measures, and be able to identify who supplied you and whom you supplied for 10 years.

Art. 8(5) to Art. 8(9) and Art. 15

- Indicate your name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and a single postal contact address on the article, or on its packaging or in an accompanying document, in a language easily understood by end users and market surveillance authorities. Art. 8(6)
- Ensure the article is accompanied by clear instructions and safety information in a language determined by the Member State concerned. Art. 8(7)
- Immediately bring a non-conforming article into conformity, withdraw it or recall it, and inform the competent national authorities of every Member State where you made it available when it presents a risk. Art. 8(8)
- Provide the information and documentation demonstrating conformity on reasoned request, and cooperate with the competent authorities on measures to eliminate the risks posed by your articles.

Art. 8(9)

- Be able to identify to the market surveillance authorities who supplied you and whom you supplied, for 10 years. Art. 15

Importer

- Place only compliant pyrotechnic articles on the market, and before placing an article on the market ensure that the manufacturer carried out the appropriate Article 17 conformity assessment procedure, drew up the technical documentation, that the article bears the CE marking and is accompanied by the required documents, and that the manufacturer applied the Article 10 or Article 11 labelling and the Article 8(6) identification and address; where you believe an article does not meet the Annex I essential safety requirements, do not place it on the market until it has been brought into conformity, and where it presents a risk inform the manufacturer and the market surveillance authorities. Art. 12(1) and Art. 12(2)
- Indicate your name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and the postal address at which you can be contacted on the article or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying it, in a language easily understood by end users and market surveillance authorities.
Art. 12(3)
- Ensure the article is accompanied by instructions and safety information in a language easily understood by consumers and other end users as determined by the Member State concerned, which in Denmark is Danish, and ensure that storage and transport conditions while the article is under your responsibility do not jeopardise its compliance with the Annex I essential safety requirements.
Art. 12(4) and Art. 12(5); § 20 and § 21
- Ensure the article is accompanied by instructions and safety information in a language easily understood by consumers and other end users as determined by the Member State concerned, which in Denmark is Danish. Art. 12(4); § 20 and § 21
- Ensure that storage and transport conditions while the article is under your responsibility do not jeopardise its compliance with the Annex I essential safety requirements. Art. 12(5)
- Keep a record of all registration numbers of the articles you import together with their trade name, generic type and subtype where relevant and the site of manufacture, for at least 10 years after the article was placed on the market, make that information available to the relevant authorities on reasoned request, and transfer the record to the competent authorities if you cease your activity.
Art. 9(2); Art. 3
- Where the risks presented by an article warrant it and the competent authorities make a duly justified request, sample-test articles made available on the market, investigate and where necessary keep a register of complaints, non-conforming articles and recalls, and keep distributors informed; where an article you placed on the market does not conform, immediately take the corrective measures necessary to bring it into conformity, withdraw it or recall it, and where it presents a risk immediately inform the competent national authorities of the Member States where you made it available, with details of the non-compliance and the corrective measures. Art. 12(6) and Art. 12(7)
- Where the risks warrant it and the competent authorities make a duly justified request, sample-test articles on the market, investigate, keep a register of complaints, non-conforming articles and recalls where necessary, and keep distributors informed. Art. 12(6)
- Where an article you placed on the market does not conform, immediately take corrective measures, withdraw or recall it, and where it presents a risk immediately inform the competent national authorities of the Member States where you made it available. Art. 12(7)
- Keep a copy of the EU declaration of conformity at the disposal of the market surveillance authorities for 10 years after the article was placed on the market and ensure the technical documentation can be made available to them on request, provide the information and documentation demonstrating conformity on reasoned request in a language the authority easily understands, cooperate on risk-

elimination measures, and be able to identify who supplied you and whom you supplied for 10 years.

Art. 12(8), Art. 12(9) and Art. 15

- Keep a copy of the EU declaration of conformity at the disposal of the market surveillance authorities for 10 years after placing on the market, and ensure the technical documentation can be made available to them on request. Art. 12(8)
- Provide the information and documentation demonstrating conformity on reasoned request in a language the authority easily understands, and cooperate on risk-elimination measures. Art. 12(9)
- Be able to identify to the market surveillance authorities who supplied you and whom you supplied, for 10 years. Art. 15
- Observe the age limits and the specialist-knowledge restriction: do not make F1 fireworks available to persons under 12, F2 under 16, F3 under 18, or T1 theatrical articles and P1 other articles under 18, make F4 fireworks, T2 theatrical articles and P2 other articles available only to persons with specialist knowledge, and do not make P1 vehicle articles including airbag and seat-belt pretensioner systems available to the general public unless they are built into a vehicle or a detachable vehicle part.

Art. 7(1), (3) and (4)

- If you place an article on the market under your own name or trademark, or modify an article already placed on the market in such a way that compliance with the directive may be affected, you take on the manufacturer's obligations under Article 8. Art. 14

Distributor (wholesaler, retailer or display company supplying articles)

- Act with due care in relation to the requirements of the directive and, before making an article available on the market, verify that it bears the CE marking, that it is accompanied by the required documents and by instructions and safety information in a language easily understood by consumers and other end users in the Member State concerned, and that the manufacturer and the importer applied their labelling and their identification and address; where you believe an article does not meet the Annex I essential safety requirements, do not make it available until it has been brought into conformity, and where it presents a risk inform the manufacturer or the importer and the market surveillance authorities.

Art. 13(1) and Art. 13(2)

- Ensure that storage and transport conditions while an article is under your responsibility do not jeopardise its compliance with the Annex I essential safety requirements. Art. 13(3)
- Where an article you made available does not conform, make sure that the corrective measures necessary to bring it into conformity, withdraw it or recall it are taken, and where it presents a risk immediately inform the competent national authorities of the Member States where you made it available, with details of the non-compliance and the corrective measures; on reasoned request provide the information and documentation demonstrating conformity and cooperate on risk-elimination measures. Art. 13(4) and Art. 13(5)
- Where an article you made available does not conform, make sure corrective measures, withdrawal or recall are taken, and where it presents a risk immediately inform the competent national authorities of the Member States where you made it available. Art. 13(4)
- On reasoned request provide the information and documentation demonstrating conformity, and cooperate on risk-elimination measures. Art. 13(5)
- Observe the minimum age limits of 12 years for F1, 16 years for F2, 18 years for F3 and 18 years for T1 and P1, supply F4, T2 and P2 only to persons with specialist knowledge, and do not supply P1 vehicle articles to the general public unless they are built into a vehicle or a detachable vehicle part; Member States may raise these limits and may lower them for people who are undergoing or have completed vocational training. Art. 7(1) to (4)
- In Denmark, sell consumer fireworks, which are only categories F1 and F2, to persons aged 18 or over, or 15 or over for category F1, display clear signage of those age limits, sell other pyrotechnic articles of category P1 only to persons aged 18 or over, keep assortments of consumer fireworks at or below 5 kg net explosive content per sale, avoid self-service except for the listed small F1 articles, and keep fireworks in retail sales rooms and sales points only from 15 to 31 December, with the stock in unbroken transport packaging in an adjoining approved store from 24 November to 14 December and again from 1 January to 1 February; category F3, F4, T1 and T2 articles are professional in Denmark and may only be supplied for use by approved fest- or scenefyrværkere. § 20, stk. 2 to 5, § 24, § 25, § 26 and § 28 a; § 3, § 4 and § 5
- Be able to identify to the market surveillance authorities every economic operator who supplied you with a pyrotechnic article and every economic operator to whom you supplied one, for 10 years after you were supplied and for 10 years after you supplied. Art. 15
- If you make an article available under your own name or trademark, or modify an article already placed on the market in such a way that compliance may be affected, you take on the manufacturer's obligations under Article 8. Art. 14

Fulfilment service provider acting as the responsible operator

- Where no manufacturer, importer or authorised representative established in the Union is responsible for a pyrotechnic article, you become the economic operator established in the Union without whom the article may not be placed on the market, because the directive is one of the acts listed in Article 4(5) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 and point 45 of its Annex I. Art. 4(1), Art. 4(2)(d), Art. 4(5) and Annex I point 45
- Verify that the EU declaration of conformity and the technical documentation have been drawn up, keep the declaration at the disposal of the market surveillance authorities for the period required by the directive, which is 10 years after the article was placed on the market, and ensure that the technical documentation can be made available to those authorities on request. Art. 4(3)(a); Art. 8(3)
- Verify that the EU declaration of conformity and the technical documentation have been drawn up.
Art. 4(3)(a)
- Keep the EU declaration of conformity at the disposal of the market surveillance authorities for 10 years after the article was placed on the market, and ensure the technical documentation can be made available on request. Art. 4(3)(a); Art. 8(3)
- Provide the market surveillance authority, on reasoned request, with all information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the article's conformity in a language it easily understands, inform the authorities when you have reason to believe an article presents a risk, and cooperate with them, including by making sure the immediate corrective action needed to remedy non-compliance is taken or, where that is not possible, that the risks are mitigated. Art. 4(3)(b), (c) and (d)
- Have your name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and contact details including the postal address indicated on the article, on its packaging, on the parcel or in an accompanying document, without prejudice to the manufacturer's and importer's own identification duties under the directive.

Art. 4(4)

Authorised representative under Regulation (EU) 2019/1020

- Act only under a written mandate from the manufacturer that at least lets you perform the tasks of Article 4(3) of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 for the pyrotechnic articles covered, and provide a copy of that mandate to the market surveillance authority on request, in a Union language determined by that authority. Art. 4(2)(c), Art. 5(1) and Art. 5(2)
- Keep the EU declaration of conformity at the disposal of the market surveillance authorities for 10 years after the article was placed on the market, ensure that the technical documentation can be made available to them on request, and verify that both have been drawn up. Art. 4(3)(a); Art. 8(3)
- Verify that the EU declaration of conformity and the technical documentation have been drawn up. Art. 4(3)(a)
- Keep the EU declaration of conformity at the disposal of the market surveillance authorities for 10 years after the article was placed on the market, and ensure the technical documentation can be made available on request. Art. 4(3)(a); Art. 8(3)
- Provide conformity information and documentation on reasoned request in a language the authority easily understands, inform the authorities when you have reason to believe an article presents a risk, and cooperate on corrective and risk-mitigation action; your name, registered trade name or trade mark and contact details including the postal address must appear on the article, its packaging, the parcel or an accompanying document. Art. 4(3)(b) to (d) and Art. 4(4)
- Provide conformity information and documentation on reasoned request in a language the authority easily understands, inform the authorities when you have reason to believe an article presents a risk, and cooperate on corrective and risk-mitigation action. Art. 4(3)(b) to (d)
- Have your name, registered trade name or trade mark and contact details including the postal address indicated on the article, its packaging, the parcel or an accompanying document. Art. 4(4)
- Do not treat the mandate as transferring the manufacturer's own duties: the directive places the design and manufacture to the Annex I essential safety requirements, the technical documentation, the conformity assessment, the EU declaration of conformity, the CE marking, the registration number and the labelling on the manufacturer, and names only the manufacturer, the importer and the distributor as economic operators. Art. 3, point 12, Art. 8, Art. 9 and Art. 10

Penalties

Member States lay down the rules on penalties applicable to infringements by economic operators of the provisions of national law adopted pursuant to the directive and take all measures necessary to ensure that they are enforced; the penalties must be effective, proportionate and dissuasive and may include criminal penalties for serious infringements. Market surveillance authorities that have sufficient reason to believe an article presents a risk to the health or safety of persons or to other public interests the directive protects evaluate it, require the economic operator to take corrective action, withdraw the article or recall it within a period commensurate with the nature of the risk, inform the relevant notified body and, where the operator fails to act, take provisional measures to prohibit or restrict the making available, withdraw or recall the article and inform the Commission and the other Member States; a measure no Member State or the Commission objects to within three months is deemed justified, and the Union safeguard procedure settles disputed measures. Compliant articles that still present a risk can be treated the same way. Formal non-compliance, a CE marking affixed in breach of Article 30 of Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 or of Article 20, a missing CE marking, a missing or wrongly affixed notified body number, a missing or incorrectly drawn-up EU declaration of conformity, technical documentation that is unavailable or incomplete, absent, false or incomplete manufacturer or importer identification, or any other administrative requirement of Article 8 or Article 12 left unfulfilled, must be ended and otherwise leads to restriction, prohibition, withdrawal or recall. Since 16 July 2021 the surveillance powers come from Regulation (EU) 2019/1020, whose authorities can demand documents and supply-chain information, inspect and test products, require corrective action, prohibit the making available and have articles withdrawn, recalled or destroyed. In Denmark, executive order nr. 1799 of 9 September 2021 punishes with a fine the placing on the market or making available of non-conforming articles, missing labelling, missing documentation, a missing register of registration numbers, failure to hand that register to Sikkerhedsstyrelsen, missing notifications, missing instructions or safety information in Danish, failure to take corrective action, storage or transport that jeopardises compliance, a missing safety data sheet for vehicle articles, use of a notified body not designated by Sikkerhedsstyrelsen or another Member State, and breaches of the vehicle labelling rules, with imprisonment of up to 2 years in aggravating circumstances such as danger to safety or health, an accident with serious injury or death, repetition, systematic infringement for financial gain or attempts to evade control, and with a separate fine for intentional or grossly negligent misuse of the CE marking; corporate criminal liability applies. The product act adds orders to warn users, stop misleading marketing, remedy, stop sales, withdraw, recall or destroy, prohibitions on placing on the market and fines that rise to imprisonment of up to 2 years in aggravating circumstances, and the fireworks act (lov om fyrværkeri og andre pyrotekniske artikler, consolidated as LBK nr. 23 of 8 January 2026) punishes manufacture, assembly or import without a licence from Erhvervsstyrelsen, or from a body it authorises, and storage, transfer, acquisition or use without a permit from the municipal council, as well as the sale or use of consumer fireworks outside the permitted periods, with a fine or imprisonment of up to 2 years. Since January 2026 Sikkerhedsstyrelsen is the department Markedsovervågning of Erhvervsstyrelsen.

Art. 39, Art. 40, Art. 41, Art. 42 and Art. 45; Art. 14, Art. 16, Art. 39 and Annex I point 45; § 59; § 2, stk. 1, nr. 10, § 9, § 14, § 16 and §

Checklist

- 1. Confirm the article is a pyrotechnic article, that is it contains explosive substances or an explosive mixture designed to produce heat, light, sound, gas or smoke through self-sustained exothermic chemical reactions, and that none of the seven exclusions in Article 2(2) applies, remembering that the references to Directive 96/98/EC and Directive 93/15/EEC are read as the Marine Equipment Directive 2014/90/EU and the Civil Explosives Directive 2014/28/EU.
- 2. Categorise the article by type of use, or purpose and level of hazard including noise level, as F1, F2, F3 or F4, T1 or T2, or P1 or P2, and check the category against the Annex I group rules on safety distance, noise level and construction (Articles 6(1) and Annex I, point 5).
- 3. Decide your role for each article, remembering that the directive knows only manufacturers, importers and distributors, that selling under your own brand or modifying an article makes you the manufacturer, and that Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 still requires a responsible economic operator established in the Union.
- 4. Check which harmonised standards are still cited in the Official Journal under Implementing Decision (EU) 2025/337, and plan for the fact that since 25 March 2025 there is no cited standard for F1, F2 and F3 fireworks, so conformity with Annex I must be demonstrated to the notified body without a presumption of conformity.
- 5. Choose the conformity assessment route with a notified body: module B plus module C2, D or E, or module G, or module H for category F4 fireworks only, and compile the Annex II technical documentation with the risk analysis, drawings, standards list, calculations and test reports (Article 17 and Annex II).
- 6. Obtain the registration number from the notified body and check that it is built as the body's four-digit identification number, the category in upper case and the body's processing number, written XXXX-YY-ZZZZ (Article 9(1) and Implementing Directive 2014/58/EU, Article 1).
- 7. Draw up the Annex III EU declaration of conformity, as a single declaration where other Union acts also apply, keep it updated and translated as the Member States require, and affix the CE marking followed by the notified body number where that body is involved in production control (Articles 18, 19 and 20).
- 8. Apply the full Article 10 labelling in the official language or languages of the Member State of sale, or the shorter Article 11 labelling plus the REACH safety data sheet for vehicle articles, and move the information to the smallest piece of packaging where there is no space on the article.
- 9. Set up the age-limit and specialist-knowledge controls at every point of sale, and in Denmark apply the national tightening: consumer fireworks are only F1 and F2, the age limits are 18 and 15 for F1, P1 articles go only to buyers aged 18 or over, retail runs from 15 to 31 December and consumer use only on 31 December and 1 January.
- 10. Keep the technical documentation and the declaration for 10 years, keep the register of registration numbers with trade name, generic type and subtype and site of manufacture for 10 years, keep supplier and customer traceability for 10 years, and set up the corrective-action and notification procedure (Articles 8(3), 9(2), 12(8), 15 and Implementing Directive 2014/58/EU, Article 3).

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