

# Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005

## Guidance to applicants for a licence or registration

Please use **black** ink (or black type) to complete the application form.

### Filling in the Form

#### Part B: Company applicants

If a company head office is applying for licences or registrations for a number of different stores, a separate application form should be completed for each store.

#### Part E: Out of hours contact details

This should be the person responsible for the store and/or someone who can provide access in an emergency.

#### Part F: Nature of business

*Recreational User* includes shooters and reenactors.

#### Part G: Type and amount of explosive being kept

You should tick all that apply to this application.

The form asks for the Total Quantity '**net mass**' of the explosives to be kept. This means the weight of the explosive contained within an article (ie less packaging, casings, etc).

For fireworks, the net mass should be assumed to be one quarter of the gross weight of the fireworks unless the manufacturer has provided more specific information.



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## **Part H: Other information in support of this application**

### **Maps**

If the intended place of keeping is **not** an existing building, with a street number and postcode, please provide with your application a large-scale map (such as an Ordnance Survey Site Plan, or other similar scale map) with the location of the store marked on it.

### **Floor plans for shops selling pyrotechnic articles, including fireworks**

The regulations state the maximum quantity of pyrotechnic articles which may be kept under a Registration in the **sales area** of a shop or other retail premises. The maximum permitted quantity relates to the size of the sales area. **If you are planning to store more than 12.5kg net mass (50kg gross)** please include a plan of the sales area showing the total floor area (in square metres) and the position and the number of entrances and exits to and from it.

### **Further information**

#### **Licence and registration period**

Licences and registrations for explosives requiring an explosive certificate are normally granted to run concurrently with the explosive certificate. Please inform your licensing authority if you require a licence or registration for a shorter period.

Licences and registrations for fireworks and other explosives that do not require an explosive certificate are normally renewed annually on a common renewal date in September or October. Initial applications may be granted for a period longer than one year so that they fall due for renewal on the common renewal date. For example, an applicant applying in June might be granted a licence for 15 months to expire in September of the following year. However, if you are only planning to sell fireworks in the Autumn firework season you may simply elect to have your licence or registration run for one year from the common renewal date.

## Separation distances

The regulations require separation distances to be maintained between explosives stores and inhabited buildings, public traffic routes and public places. There are exceptions for those keeping small quantities of explosives (one example is for the keeping of up to 250kg net mass of Hazard Type 4 explosive). Details of separation distance requirements may be obtained from the licensing authority. Applicants are strongly advised to check what, if any, separation distance requirements will be needed around the store.

## Fireworks Regulations 2004

The permissible periods\* for selling fireworks are as follows:

- Three days immediately before, and on, the first day of Chinese New Year
- Three days immediately before, and on, Diwali
- During the period beginning on 15 October and ending on 10 November
- During the period beginning on 26 December and ending on 31 December

\*Selling outside these periods would require you to apply for and be granted a **Licence to Sell Fireworks** - this is in addition to a Registration or Licence to Store. (The fee for a licence to sell is £500 per year)

Copies of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005 (Statutory Instrument SI 2005/1082) may be obtained from OPSI (Office of Public Sector Information). The regulations may also be viewed or downloaded from the OPSI website at [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk).