



Canadian National Fireworks Association

*Promoting fair access and safety in
the sale and use of fireworks*

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Explosives Regulations (ER) 2013: Came into force on 1 February 2014

The Explosives Regulatory Division (ERD) of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) is the 'Regulator' who administers and enforces the Regulations. There is some good information on their website www.nrcan.gc.ca/explosives/. Reference will be made, from time to time, to the Forms, Guidelines, Standards, Directives and Safety Alerts on the website. For example, two safety alerts that have been there for a while cover novelty items (sprite bombs, party snaps etc) and nautical effects.

CNFA members holding a licence from ERD under ER, 2013, need to be aware of the following new requirements found in Part 6 Magazine Licences and Storage in a Licensed Magazine. If you have questions contact your regional ERD office.

A Fire Safety Plan needs to be prepared and submitted with your licence renewal to ERD as well as to the local fire department. A 'Guideline for Fire Safety Plan' G06-07 is available on the ERD website. It contains a sample plan that can be used.

A Key Control Plan needs to be prepared but is not submitted with your licence renewal (undoubtedly an explosives inspector will review it during the next inspection). A 'Guideline for Key Control Plan' G06-06 is available on the ERD website.

Distributors of marine flares need to have a Marine Flare Destruction Plan detailing how time-expired flares are collected and destroyed. More on the differences between sellers and distributors in a later article in this series.

Part 5 Manufacturing Explosives now recognizes that hobbyists may want to make fireworks. You **MUST** have a manufacturing certificate issued by the Regulator to:

s. 107 for:

(e) the manufacture of consumer fireworks for personal use and the storage up to 25 kg of the manufactured fireworks;

(f) the manufacture of display fireworks for personal use and the storage up to 25 kg of the manufactured fireworks;

Forms will need to be filled out and submitted. ERD will want to see your detailed safety procedures.