



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

This article deals with transporting explosives (fireworks in our case) and summarizes some of Part 9 TRANSPORTING EXPLOSIVES.

When transporting less than 150 kg gross quantity (the mass of the explosive plus the mass of any packaging or container) of the following explosives most requirements DO NOT apply:

UN 0336 FIREWORKS (essentially 1.4G fireworks)

UN 0337 FIREWORKS (essentially 1.4S fireworks)

See section 190 of ER, 2013, for the complete list of explosives. This is what DOES apply - “.. a carrier and driver must ensure that the explosives are transported in a package or container that is designed, constructed, filled, closed, secured and maintained so that under normal conditions of transport the likelihood of an ignition is minimized.”

For any other explosives (not on the list) and more than 150 kg gross of the listed explosives you must follow sections 191 to 201. Many of the former regulations have been kept in these new regulations. If you have any questions you should contact your ERD regional office.

This introduces the terms ‘carrier’ and ‘driver’ as well as ‘shipper’. For most small companies all three would apply to the company or even the same person.

A ‘shipper’ means a person/company who arranges for a carrier, prepares the fireworks for transport and delivers them to a carrier.

A ‘carrier’ means a person/company who transports fireworks or who provides the service of transporting.

A ‘driver’ is self-explanatory.

Contact us if you would like a summary of shipper, carrier and driver responsibilities.

What has been eliminated?

- The speed limit of 90 km/hr. Follow posted limits and drive safely.
- Annual mechanic inspection – this is still contained in other legislation
- Driving hours – this is still in Transport Canada regulations



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If you had permission to transport fireworks in a trailer (regular hitch) you should reconfirm this with ERD (fifth-wheel are allowed).

More on transport in future articles.