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## **CANADIAN NATIONAL FIREWORKS ASSOCIATION (CNFA) PROPOSAL FOR AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF FIREWORKS IN A RETAIL FACILITY - 2017**

### **Background**

The allowed amount of Consumer Fireworks in a retail facility is now, according to Canadian Regulations, 1000 kg gross. (It is not clear nor is there any historical data as to why this amount is used in the regulations.) This amount can be either in the form of loose fireworks articles stored in physically separated 25-kg lots and selected for the customer during an assisted-sales process or in TDG packages. The open box articles cannot be accessed by the public prior to purchase and are either behind a controlled sales counter or a locked showcase. The TDG-packaged consumer fireworks articles can be accessed by the general public and can be on the sales floor of a retail facility.

Denying access to loose fireworks prior to purchase is necessary to prevent tampering and physical damage to a firework, potentially creating an unsafe product.

### **CNFA proposed change**

The CNFA proposes that the maximum amount of 1000 kg gross be increased to 2000 kg gross, where a maximum of 1000 kg could be stored loose in 25 kg lots and the additional 1000 kg would remain in TDG packages.

To accomplish the proposed change that the maximum amount be increased from 1000 kg to 2000 kg gross, the CNFA proposes to:

1. Use fuse covers/protectors on all articles
2. Use fire breaks as required by ERD's current regulations
3. Use separation among 25 kg and 100 kg lots as required by ERD's current regulations
4. The proposed additional 1000 kg will only be retailed in TDG boxes

The members of the CNFA are guided by the fundamental principles of minimization. That is, to minimize the;

- amount of fireworks material present
- number of people proximate to the fireworks material
- time that the people are proximate to the fireworks
- number of manipulations of the fireworks materials, and
- maximize the distance separating the fireworks from each other and from the general public.



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The CNFA acknowledges that Consumer Fireworks are flammable and as a result has based its proposal on the safety of the public buyers by making sure that they are exposed to the minimum practical amount of loose and TDG-packaged Consumer Fireworks and more importantly by providing unimpeded floor area for quick and safe evacuation of the retail sale facility and additional time through the use of fuse covers for such evacuation in case of a fire.