

ADVISORY ON IMPORT OF WIRE SPARKLERS IN SINGAPORE

- 1. Wire sparklers are fireworks in the form of a thin metallic wire that burns slowly while emitting coloured flame and sparks. They are deemed as 'explosives' and regulated under the Arms & Explosives Act (A&E Act), Chapter 13.
- 2. Police control the type of wire sparklers imported into Singapore based on the potassium perchlorate content in the product. Only wire sparklers with <u>3% or lower</u> potassium perchlorate content (i.e. approved type) are allowed for import. Wire sparklers with <u>more than 3%</u> of potassium perchlorate content are prohibited because they pose significant safety risk to users, especially children. Police will reject any application to import wire sparklers with 3% or higher potassium perchlorate content.
- 3. Traders/businesses who wish to import wire sparklers of an approved type are required to obtain licences for the import of these products. However, travelers who possess small quantities of wire sparklers of an approved type at any immigration checkpoint are not required to take up any import licence. Similarly, no licence is required for the local retail sale or possession of wire sparklers of an approved type.
- 4. For ease of reference, the brand names, descriptions, and photographs of the common approved type of wire sparklers are shown in **Annex A**.
- 5. The common types of wire sparklers which are prohibited are shown in **Annex B**.
- 6. To avoid any inconvenience, travellers are required to declare any wire sparklers in their possession at any immigration checkpoint. They will be allowed to keep the wire sparklers if they fulfil the following conditions:
 - a. the wire sparklers are of an approved type (i.e. shown in Annex A); and
 - b. each traveler has 200 or fewer sticks of wire sparklers of an approved type.
- 7. If a traveler has more than 200 sticks of wire sparklers of an approved type, he or she may be required to apply for an import licence under the A&E Act, Chapter 13. The traveller may however voluntarily surrender the items for disposal, if he or she does not wish to apply for a licence.
- 8. If the wire sparklers are of a prohibited type (i.e. shown in Annex B), the items shall be seized and the traveller shall be investigated for an offence of importing explosives without a licence under the A&E Act, Chapter 13.
- 9. If the wire sparklers are not shown in both Annex A or Annex B, they shall be deemed to be of a prohibited type and may be seized for investigation. The traveller may however voluntarily surrender the items for disposal without the need to undergo an investigation.
- 10. If any traveller fails to declare and is found to be in possession of any wire sparklers at any immigration checkpoints, he or she shall be referred to the Police.

- 11. The information in both Annex A and B will be continuously updated as Police receive more information on these products.
- 12. Any request for clarification may be sent to the Police Licensing & Regulatory Department (PLRD) via email to: <u>spf_licensing_feedback@spf.gov.sg</u>

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<u>ANNEX A</u>

APPROVED LIST OF SPARKLERS

Approved Sparklers	Photo
King Cat Brand	
Low Smoke Golden Sparklers	122 All and the second
Article No. 0489 -10"	
0489 - 12" 0489 - 14"	B DU SACASA
0469 - 14	
Cock Brand	
Less Smokey Golden Sparklers	
Article No 8912	
Article No.8812	
Cock Brand	
Red Sparklers Blue Sparklers	
Green Sparklers	
Article No.0978	
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PROHIBITED LIST OF SPARKLERS

Prohibited Sparklers	Photo
King Cat Brand	
Red Sparklers TNT	40 (spirit) NO.83711 MO.6679T
Blue Sparklers TNT	Autor Autor Autor
Green Sparklers TNT	
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Article No.0979T	
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	Transa Areas Franks
King Cat Brand	
Red Sparklers	State of the state
Blue Sparklers	
Green Sparklers	
Article No.0700T	* * *
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