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An Act to prohibit the possession or discharge of firecrackers and other dangerous fireworks.

[1st August 1972]

1. This Act may be cited as the Dangerous Fireworks Act. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
 - “dangerous fireworks” means firecrackers, rocket fireworks, sandcrackers and such other fireworks as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare to be dangerous fireworks for the purposes of this Act;
 - “explosive” includes any substance used or manufactured with a view to producing a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect;
 - “in transit” means taken or sent from any country and brought into Singapore by land, sea or air (whether or not landed or transhipped in Singapore) for the sole purpose of being carried to another country either by the same or by another conveyance;

“rocket firework” includes any firework which will travel over a distance when activated before it produces a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect;

“sandcracker” means a pellet containing an explosive which will be activated when set on fire or rubbed on any abrasive surface or by any other means.

Prohibition
on possession
and discharge
of fireworks.

3.—(1) No person shall —

(a) keep or have in his possession or under his control;
or

(b) discharge or let off,

any dangerous fireworks.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to any dangerous fireworks —

(a) while in the course of transit as cargo in any vessel, aircraft or vehicle; and

(b) while being loaded onto or discharged from any vessel, aircraft or vehicle by any person or his employees or his agents.

Dangerous
fireworks
in transit.

4. Where any dangerous fireworks brought into Singapore in transit is landed or transhipped in Singapore it shall be stored and dealt with as the Minister may direct.

Penalty.

5. Every omission or neglect to comply with, and every act done or attempted to be done contrary to, the provisions of this Act shall be an offence and the offender shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

Arrest.

6.—(1) Any police officer may arrest without warrant any person reasonably suspected by him of having committed an offence under this Act, and take him before a Magistrate’s Court to be dealt with according to law.

(2) Any dangerous fireworks by or in respect of which an offence under this Act has been committed may be seized by a police officer and may, notwithstanding the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code relating to the disposal of property the subject of an offence, be disposed of as the Minister may direct.

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7. The Minister may make regulations to provide for — Regulations.
- (a) the control of and the safety precautions which are to be taken in relation to transshipment, storage and movement of dangerous fireworks; and
 - (b) the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

8. The Minister may, by notification published in the *Gazette*, exempt any person or class of persons from all or any of the provisions of this Act, whether absolutely or subject to such conditions as the Minister may see fit to impose. Exemption.

9. The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of the provisions of any other written law. Saving.