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DANGEROUS FIREWORKS ACT (CHAPTER 72)

DANGEROUS FIREWORKS (ANNUAL EXEMPTION) NOTIFICATION 2012

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 9 of the Dangerous Fireworks Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Notification:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Notification may be cited as the Dangerous Fireworks (Annual Exemption) Notification 2012.

(2) This Notification shall come into operation on 1st April 2012 and shall remain in operation until 31st March 2013 (both dates inclusive).

Exemption

2. Section 3 of the Act shall not apply in respect of dangerous fireworks used in a fireworks display executed by a person specified in Part I of the Schedule (referred to in this Notification as the exempted person) for or on behalf of any other person in accordance with the conditions specified in Part II thereof.

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Paragraph 2

PART I COMPANIES

1. Explomo Technical Services Pte Ltd.
2. Glorious (S) Pte Ltd.
3. InterMay Consultech Pte Ltd.
4. Knights Synergy (S) Pte Ltd.
5. Effects Technologies Pte Ltd.
6. SpectaWorks Pte Ltd.
7. Explomo Magic Pte Ltd.
8. Raymond Pyrotechnics.
9. Luso Star Singapore Pte. Ltd.

PART II CONDITIONS

1. The Officer-in-Charge, Arms and Explosives Branch of the Singapore Police Force is notified by the exempted person in writing not less than 14 working days before the date of every event at which the exempted person intends to discharge or let off dangerous fireworks (referred to in these conditions as a fireworks event).
2. No fireworks display shall be executed, whether indoors or outdoors, except at any of the following events:
 - (a) a dinner and dance;
 - (b) a wedding banquet;
 - (c) a national event;
 - (d) a musical concert;
 - (e) a variety show;
 - (f) a drama;
 - (g) a magic show;
 - (h) a celebratory event of a foreign embassy or diplomatic mission;
 - (i) a trade show;
 - (j) a road show;

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- (k) a celebratory event organised at a national level in relation to a significant public event, for instance, the light up of public roads in relation to a public holiday, the Singapore River Hong Bao and the New Year countdown;
 - (l) an event organised at a national level for the promotion of arts, tourism, sports or community development, for instance, the Singapore Arts Festival;
 - (m) a significant charity event, for instance, the President's Challenge;
 - (n) a celebratory event organised by a Resident's Committee, a Neighbourhood Committee, a Grassroots Organisation or a Community Development Council;
 - (o) a ground-breaking ceremony for the commencement of a construction project;
 - (p) the official opening of any new building;
 - (q) a product launch;
 - (r) a launch of a new vessel;
 - (s) a rehearsal of any of the abovementioned events.
3. No fireworks display shall be executed indoors except at any of the following places:
- (a) an indoor stadium;
 - (b) a theatre;
 - (c) an auditorium;
 - (d) a ballroom in a hotel;
 - (e) a convention or an exhibition hall.
4. Where the fireworks display is to be executed indoors, it shall be limited to theatrical pyrotechnics of the following types:
- (a) gerbs;
 - (b) fountains;
 - (c) theatrical flashes or airbursts;
 - (d) coloured stars;
 - (e) streamers or confetti cartridges;
 - (f) steel wire guided rockets and whistles (with a maximum working duration or propulsion of 3 seconds);

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- (g) ferris wheels, saxons, spinning wheels or air wheels;
 - (h) theatrical maroons or concussions;
 - (i) lances;
 - (j) electric igniters.
5. Where the fireworks display is to be executed outdoors, it shall be limited to theatrical pyrotechnics of the following types:
- (a) gerbs;
 - (b) fountains;
 - (c) theatrical flashes or airbursts;
 - (d) coloured stars;
 - (e) streamers or confetti cartridges;
 - (f) steel wire guided rockets and whistles (with a maximum working duration or propulsion of 3 seconds);
 - (g) ferris wheels, saxons, spinning wheels or air wheels;
 - (h) theatrical maroons or concussions;
 - (i) mines;
 - (j) comets;
 - (k) falls;
 - (l) lances;
 - (m) multiple shots;
 - (n) roman candles;
 - (o) electric igniters.
6. In any fireworks display, no fireworks shall be discharged unless they have been certified safe and approved by —
- (a) the competent authority of the country of origin or manufacture; and
 - (b) the manufacturer of the fireworks.
7. In any fireworks display, no fireworks shall be discharged where the period of recommended usage of the fireworks has expired.
8. Where any fireworks display is executed, the exempted person shall execute it in accordance with the instructions by the manufacturer and maintain a safety area as recommended by the manufacturer.

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9. The exempted person shall maintain a minimum safety radius equal to the furthest point of effect produced by the fireworks around the firing point of the fireworks display. In addition, the fireworks display shall be executed in accordance with the following:

- (a) where a fireworks display is executed indoors, the furthest point of the effect produced by the fireworks shall not be less than 1.5 metres from any surrounding structure, whether it is a permanent or temporary structure, or any person; and
- (b) where a fireworks display is executed outdoors, the furthest point of effect produced by the fireworks shall not be less than 6 metres from any surrounding building, or any structure, whether it is a permanent or temporary structure, or any person.

10. The exempted person shall cordon off and control access to the safety area to prevent unauthorised entry.

11. There must not be any person or structure present within the safety area, other than —

- (a) either or both of the following persons:
 - (i) the exempted person;
 - (ii) any other person authorised by the Officer-in-Charge, Arms and Explosives Branch of the Singapore Police Force, to handle the fireworks; and
- (b) the necessary set up for the fireworks display.

12. The exempted person shall remove all combustible materials within the safety area to prevent ignition during the fireworks display.

13. The exempted person shall ensure that —

- (a) there is a team of personnel at all times to respond to and mitigate any incident arising from each fireworks event;
- (b) appropriate and sufficient fire extinguishers are provided to fight any fire arising from each fireworks display;
- (c) appropriate and sufficient measures are in place to ensure the safety of the exempted person or any person authorised by the Officer-in-Charge, Arms and Explosives Branch of the Singapore Police Force while handling the fireworks listed in paragraphs 4 and 5;
- (d) first-aid facilities are provided during each fireworks event;
- (e) the safety areas as indicated under paragraph 9(a) and (b) are swept immediately after each fireworks display to recover any undischarged or

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unspent fireworks and all fireworks so recovered are sent for proper disposal;

- (f) before each fireworks display the exempted person will be executing, it obtains directions from the Officer-in-Charge, Arms and Explosives Branch of the Singapore Police Force, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore and the Republic of Singapore Air Force, on the maximum height to which fireworks and pyrotechnics may be discharged during the fireworks display and the fireworks and pyrotechnics are not discharged during that fireworks display higher than that maximum height;
- (g) all additional safety measures specified by the Officer-in-Charge, Arms and Explosives Branch of the Singapore Police Force, the Commissioner, Singapore Civil Defence Force, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, the Republic of Singapore Air Force, the Public Utilities Board, and any other relevant authority in connection with each fireworks event are complied with; and
- (h) all fireworks-related incidents must be reported to the Arms and Explosives Branch of the Singapore Police Force without fail.

Made this 29th day of March 2012.

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Singapore.*

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