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DECORRERE LA MORA - GEEN TERMIJNBEGIN - NAO INICIA O PRAZO
MÄÄRÄAIKA EI ALA TÄSTÄ - INLEDER INGEN FRIST.

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2. Member State

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5. Title

The Fireworks (Safety) Regulations 1997

6. Products Concerned

Fireworks

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The provisions of the Regulations would come into effect in October 1997 and 31 December 1997. When fully in force the effect would be to:

- impose a statutory requirement that all fireworks intended for use by the general public must comply with the relevant British Standard, BS 7114:1988

or equivalent EC or EEA standards;

- remake in permanent form the substance of the emergency regulations on aerial shells (notified under Article 7 of Directive 92/59/EEC on 17.01.1997) and impose further limits on the size, weight and types of fireworks which can be supplied to the general public;

- prohibit the supply to the public of bangers and prohibit totally the supply of fireworks of erratic flight and mini-rockets;

- increase the minimum age for purchasing fireworks (other than some classified under the British Standard as category 1 indoor devices) and introduce related notice requirements;

- improve labelling on sparklers and prohibit the splitting of retail boxes of fireworks.

- improve the labelling of fireworks not suitable for use by the general public;

- introduce new stability and fuse pull tests for particular



fireworks.

The draft Regulations provide recognition of equivalent EC and EEA standards or specifications.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Firework related injuries in Great Britain are at unacceptable high levels and there is widespread public support for stricter controls on the availability of fireworks. The proposed regulations would prohibit totally types of fireworks which have no public entertainment value but have potential for misuse.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

The draft Fireworks (Safety) Regulations 1997.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

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14. Fiscal measures

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