

**Dangerous Fireworks Act  
(CHAPTER 72)**

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# **DANGEROUS FIREWORKS ACT**

## **(CHAPTER 72)**

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An Act to prohibit the possession, sale, transport, delivery, distribution, import or discharge of dangerous fireworks.

[1st August 1972]

### **Short title**

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

### **Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“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 or discharge of dangerous 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 employee or his agent.

### **Prohibition on sale, transport, delivery, distribution or import of dangerous fireworks**

4.—(1) No person shall sell, transport, send, deliver, distribute or import any dangerous fireworks.

[8/88]

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term of not less than 6 months and not more than 2 years and shall also, subject to sections 325(1) and 330(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68), be punished with caning with not more than 6 strokes.

[8/88; 15/2010]

(3) When any offence under subsection (1) committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate or any person purporting to act in any such capacity, he as well as the body corporate shall be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against accordingly.

[8/88]

(4) Where any dangerous fireworks is found in any business premises or in any vehicle used for the purposes of such business, it shall be presumed, until the contrary is proved, that the dangerous fireworks is for sale, transport, delivery or distribution by the owner of the business.

[8/88]

(5) For the purposes of subsection (4), “business premises” means a shop or a building, or part thereof, where retail or wholesale trading is carried on.

[8/88]

(6) Section 3(2) shall apply to subsection (1) as it applies to section 3(1).

[8/88]

### **Dangerous fireworks in transit**

5. 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.