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### **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY – CONSUMER FIREWORKS**

As the 4<sup>th</sup> of July quickly approaches, we remind everyone of the following regulations concerning consumer fireworks:

- The Federal explosives regulation at [27 CFR § 555.141\(a\)\(7\)](#) exempts, from Federal regulation the importation, distribution, and storage of fireworks classified as UN0336 or UN0337, generally known as consumer fireworks, and UN0431 or UN0432, generally known as articles pyrotechnic, by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- The exemption for consumer fireworks applies only if the criteria in [27 CFR § 555.11](#) defining the term “consumer fireworks” is met.
- To be a “consumer firework” under 27 CFR, Part 555, a firework must:
  - Comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, as set forth in title 16, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 1500 and 1507.
  - Be classified as fireworks UN0336 or UN0337 by the U.S. Department of Transportation.
  - Not exceed 50 milligrams of flash powder for ground devices or 130 milligrams of flash powder for aerial devices.
- Fireworks failing to meet all the aforementioned criteria are not “consumer fireworks” under 27 CFR, Part 555 – Commerce in Explosives, and are not exempt from the requirements of Part 555; therefore, any person importing, distributing, or storing such fireworks must meet all applicable requirements under Part 555.
  - For example, a UN0336 classified firework not constructed, composed, or labeled as required by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is not exempt from ATF’s explosives regulations.

Please contact your [local ATF office](#) if you have any questions or to report suspicious activity.