



Declaration by European Ministers on the Regulation and Harmonization of Pyrotechnic Articles in the Single Market

We, the undersigned Member States of the European Union, recognizing the importance of ensuring the safety and harmonization of pyrotechnic articles within the single market, hereby declare our intent to collaborate closely in this endeavor. Building upon the principles of solidarity and cooperation inherent in the European Union, we aim to enhance regulatory frameworks and promote best practices for the benefit of all citizens.

At the behest of Mrs. Dilan Yeşilgöz-Zegerius, Minister of Justice and Security in the Netherlands, Mr. Lex Delles, Minister of the Economy, SME, Energy and Tourism in Luxembourg, and Mr. Pierre-Yves Dermagne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Economy and Employment in Belgium, and in alignment with the collaborative efforts within the Benelux framework, the undersigned European Ministers recognize the imperative to regulate and harmonize pyrotechnic articles within the single market to ensure enhanced protection for citizens and bolster cooperation.

Drawing inspiration from successful initiatives such as the BENELUX Pyro-pass, wherein the Benelux countries have demonstrated innovative approaches to pyrotechnic regulation, designed to intensify efforts against the misuse and illicit trade of fireworks, mitigate physical and material damages, and streamline and fortify regulatory oversight, we are committed to leveraging these experiences to inform and guide our collective efforts at the European level.

In light of the conference 'Artifices and public security in Europe, Pyro-pass: an innovative Benelux initiative,' convened under the auspices of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in Rochefort on 16 May 2024, the European Ministers hereby:

1. underscore the imperative for European regulations concerning a safer policy governing the availability and usage of pyrotechnic articles; and
2. advocate for the technical harmonization of pyrotechnic articles at the European level.

Acknowledging the role of the European Commission in regulatory harmonization and safeguarding consumer safety, we call upon the Commission to prioritize this issue and work closely with the signatory Member States to develop comprehensive and effective measures.

Through this declaration, we signal our shared commitment to fostering a safer and more harmonized environment for pyrotechnic articles in the single market, thereby contributing to the well-being and security of our citizens.

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