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MINISTERIAL INSTRUCTIONS N° 004...../MININTER/25 OF 06/08/2025
RELATING TO FIREWORKS

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The Minister of Interior;

Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Order n° 024/03 of 12/09/2022 determining mission, responsibilities and organizational structure of the Ministry of Interior, especially in its Article 3;

Having reviewed the Ministerial Instructions n° 002/MININTER/25 of 23/04/2025 relating to fireworks;

HEREBY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

SECTION I: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1: Purpose of these instructions

These instructions determine the requirements for granting a permit to import, store, export, trade in and display fireworks.

Article 2: Interpretation

In these Instructions:

- (a) “**fireworks**” means any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or any device prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, detonation or fogging;
- (b) “**permit**” means an official document issued by a competent authority that allows the holder to import, export, store, trade in or display fireworks;
- (c) “**person**” means an individual or legal entity that deals with fireworks activities;
- (d) “**Minister**” means Minister in charge of Rwanda National Police who is the competent authority;
- (e) “**storage**” means a facility in which fireworks are kept.

Article 3: Powers of the competent authority

The competent authority or any other person authorized by him or her may:

- (a) enter, inspect and examine security arrangements of a fireworks storage and fireworks display site;
- (b) conduct investigations in respect of fireworks handling at storage, during transportation, and at display site and its surroundings;
- (c) examine matters relating to the health and safety of fireworks handlers;
- (d) inspect, or make copies of a record or a document relating to importing, exporting, storing, trading in or displaying fireworks;
- (e) cancel a permit;
- (f) cancel fireworks display;



- (g) order the discontinuation of the use of any equipment or appliance that is considered unsafe in relation to fireworks.

Article 4: Reporting of an incident

A permit holder reports immediately to the nearest police station or any other security organ any fireworks related incident and sends a copy of the report to the competent authority.

SECTION II: APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT

Article 5: Application for file and its assessment

- (1) Application for a permit to import, export, store, trade in or display fireworks is addressed in writing to the competent authority and the response is given within 30 days.
- (2) The permit to import or export fireworks may not be issued for security reasons.

Article 6: Content of the application to import fireworks

The application file for a permit to import fireworks contains:

- (a) an application letter detailing the type and quantity of fireworks to be imported, the country of origin and the intended use;
- (b) a copy of a certificate of incorporation of the applicant;
- (c) a report on the previously imported fireworks, where applicable.

Article 7: Content of the application to export fireworks

The application for a permit to export fireworks contains:

- (a) the type and quantity of fireworks to be exported;
- (b) the country of export;
- (c) a permit to import, use or trade fireworks issued by the destination country;
- (d) the seller's identification;
- (e) any other information the competent authority may require.

Article 8: Inspection of imported fireworks

The competent authority may designate inspectors to conduct inspections of the fireworks imported to ensure that they are valid for use and well stored.

Article 9: Powers of inspectors

In exercising his or her duty, the inspector has the following powers:

- (a) to enter a place, premise or container where fireworks are stored;
- (b) to take any necessary remedial action.



SECTION III: TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE OF FIREWORKS

Article 10: Supervision of fireworks transportation

The competent authority is empowered to designate the organ in charge of the supervision of fireworks transportation.

Article 11: Conditions for transportation of fireworks

A person who intends to transport fireworks fulfils the following conditions:

- (a) indicate the transportation plan;
- (b) request for escorting;
- (c) maintain fireworks in their original package, protect them against shocks, friction, sparks and avoid any exposure with inflammable object;
- (d) avail a person qualified to handle fireworks responsible for their transportation;
- (e) secure a vehicle dedicated for carrying fireworks with sufficient fire extinguishers.

Article 12: Storage of fireworks

The storage facility has to fulfill the following:

- (a) not expose fireworks to moisture or heat likely to cause their deterioration or an accident;
- (b) have fire extinguishers, lightning rod and other safety measures;
- (c) be away from a residential area;
- (d) have proper arrangement to accommodate different types of fireworks;
- (e) have a storage register;
- (f) have caution signs at the storage and its surroundings;
- (g) have competent staff in handling fireworks,
- (h) any other requirements that may be determined by the competent authority.

SECTION IV: TRADING IN OF FIREWORKS

Article 13: Application for a permit to trade in fireworks

The application for a permit to trade in fireworks is addressed in writing to the competent authority.

Article 14: Content of the application

The application file for a permit to trade in fireworks contains:

- (a) an application letter;
- (b) a copy of a certificate of incorporation;
- (c) a document indicating the type of fireworks to trade;
- (d) a proof of availability of a safe storage facility;
- (e) a curriculum vitae of a personnel skilled in fireworks handling;
- (f) any other information that the competent authority may require.



Article 15: Obligations of a permit holder

A permit holder has the following obligations:

- (a) to sell fireworks to only persons authorized by the competent authority;
- (b) to separate the shop and the storage facility;
- (c) to issue a monthly report of trading activities to the competent authority;
- (d) to record the type and quantity of sold fireworks and the identities of the buyers;
- (e) in case of cessation of trading in fireworks, the permit holder informs immediately the competent authority and the status of the business to be closed;
- (f) any other obligation that may be determined by the competent authority.

SECTION V: APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO DISPLAY FIREWORKS, REPORTING, DISPOSAL OF FIREWORKS AND REVOCATION OF PERMIT

Article 16: Application for a permit to display fireworks

- (1) The application for a permit to display fireworks is addressed in writing to the competent authority. The permit is issued within 30 days from the date of the submission of the application.
- (2) The permit to display fireworks is issued to the applicant if:
 - (a) he or she is or has a qualified staff to handle and display fireworks;
 - (b) he or she possesses a well-prepared firework display plan;
 - (c) he or she has a recommendation letter from the City of Kigali or District, accompanied by an assessment report of the Restricted Security Committee of the City of Kigali or the District where the fireworks are planned to be displayed.

Article 17: Disposal of fireworks

- (1) The competent authority instructs the disposal of faulty or expired fireworks.
- (2) The permit holder bears the cost of disposing of fireworks.

Article 18: Fireworks display

Fireworks may be displayed in a celebration that have a national or international character or in any event approved by the competent authority.

Article 19: Revocation of the permit

The competent authority may revoke the permit if the holder provided false information or forged documents during the application process or for any other reason the competent authority may find genuine.



SECTION VI: FINAL PROVISION

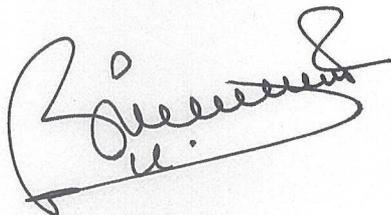
Article 20: Repealing provision

The Ministerial Instructions n° 002/MININTER/25 of 23/04/2025 relating to fireworks are repealed.

Article 21: Entry into force

These Instructions come into force on the date of their signature.

Kigali, 06/08/2025



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