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Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“amorce” means a firework which is a percussion cap designed for use in toys, which comprises a paper envelope containing a dot of impact-sensitive pyrotechnic composition and which forms part of a roll;

“assembly” means an assembly which includes any firework;

“BS 7114” means the British Standard Specification comprising the following parts—

- (a) BS 7114: Part 1: 1988, the British Standard Specification for classification of fireworks published on 30th November 1988⁽¹⁾;
- (b) BS 7114: Part 2: 1988, the British Standard Specification for fireworks published on 30th November 1988⁽²⁾; and
- (c) BS 7114: Part 3: 1988, the British Standard Specification for methods of test for fireworks published on 30th November 1988⁽³⁾;

and references to parts 1, 2 and 3 of BS 7114 shall be construed accordingly;

“cap” means a firework (including, for the avoidance of doubt, an amorce) designed for use in toys which comprises a non-metallic envelope or cup containing a dot of impact-sensitive pyrotechnic composition, and which produces a report when it is hit;

“category 3 firework” means a firework classified as category 3 under Part 1 of BS 7114;

“category 4 firework” means a firework classified as category 4 under Part 1 of BS 7114;

“cracker snap” means a firework—

- (a) which comprises two overlapping strips of card or paper with a friction-sensitive explosive composition in sliding contact with an abrasive surface; and
- (b) which produces a report when pulled apart;

“novelty match” means a firework comprising a match with a dot of pyrotechnic composition which is designed to be held in the hand while functioning and whose functioning involves report or the production of visual effects, or both;

“party popper” means a firework comprising a device—

- (a) which is designed to be held in the hand while functioning;
- (b) which is operated by a pull-string with an abrasive surface in sliding contact with a friction-sensitive pyrotechnic composition; and
- (c) whose functioning involves a report with the ejection of streamers or confetti, or both;

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“pyrotechnic composition” means a substance or a mixture of a substance designed to produce an effect by heat, light, sound, gas or smoke or a combination of these as the result of non-detonative self-sustaining exothermic chemical reactions;

“serpent” means a firework, comprising a pre-formed shape of pyrotechnic composition, with or without support, whose functioning involves the generation of expanded residue;

“sparkler” means a firework, other than a category 3 or category 4 firework, comprising a rigid wire partially coated with slow-burning pyrotechnic composition, whose functioning involves the emission of sparks without report; and

“throwdown” means a firework comprising impact-sensitive explosive composition and grains of inert material wrapped in paper or foil and which functions to produce a report when thrown onto the ground.