Government of India Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) PETROLEUM AND EXPLOSIVES SAFETY ORGANISATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

It has been brought to the notice to the Government that fireworks of foreign origin have been illegally imported into India under false declarations in the past. It is hereby informed that fireworks in India have been declared as restricted item under ITC (HS) in respect of import. Till date, no licence for import of fireworks has been granted for possession and / or sale under the Explosives Rules, 2008 by Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation.

The smuggled fireworks of foreign origin include the chemical 'Potassium Chlorate', which is a dangerous and hazardous chemical and can ignite or explode spontaneously. The fireworks can cause severe accidents and endanger lives in addition to posing a host of environmental and health issues to the country.

In the interest of safety and security of human lives and property, general public and stakeholders are requested to report the information about possession and /or sale of such fireworks to the nearest Police Station or District Authorities for suitable action.

Chief Controller of Explosives