

4 THE FIREWORKS (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS)(AN 382-2004

Reference is made to Article VII of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 14th June, 2004 when the Committee agreed a response to a consultation document issued by the Department of Trade and Industry and the Scottish Executive regarding proposals to introduce a number of prohibitions on the importation, sale, possession and use of fireworks with the aim of tackling anti-social behaviour.

The Committee is advised that, following the consultation, the Fireworks (Scotland) Regulations 2004 came into force on 7th October, 2004. They create a general prohibition on using fireworks between 11.00 pm and 7.00 am each night but exceptions allow such use until 1.00- am on the nights of Chinese New Year, Diwali and New Year's Eve and until midnight on 5th November. The curfew does not apply to certain fireworks such as party poppers, crackers or sparklers and Local Authorities will also be allowed to put on displays outside these times for local purposes and for national and commemorative events.