
**Fireworks — Categories 1, 2 and 3 —
Part 2:
Categories and types**

*Artifices de divertissement — Catégories 1, 2 et 3 —
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Fireworks — Categories 1, 2 and 3 —

Part 2: Categories and types

1 Scope

This document establishes a system for dividing fireworks into categories and types. It is applicable to fireworks in categories 1, 2 and 3. This document does not apply to category 4 fireworks except for [Clause 4](#) and theatrical pyrotechnic articles which are designed for indoor and outdoor stage use, including film and television productions or similar use.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 25947-1, *Fireworks — Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 1: Terminology*

ISO 25947-3, *Fireworks — Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 3: Minimum labelling requirements*

ISO 25947-5:2017, *Fireworks — Categories 1, 2 and 3 — Part 5: Requirements for construction and performance*

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3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 25947-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

4 Categories

Fireworks are subdivided into four categories as follows:

- **category 1:** fireworks which present a very low hazard and negligible noise level and which are intended for use in confined areas, including fireworks which are intended for use inside domestic buildings;
- **category 2:** fireworks which present a low hazard and low noise level and which are intended for outdoor use in confined areas;
- **category 3:** fireworks which present a medium hazard, which are intended for outdoor use in large open areas and whose noise level is not harmful to human health;
- **category 4:** fireworks which present a high hazard, whose handling and use require specialist knowledge and whose noise level is not harmful to human health (this category is covered separately in the ISO 26261 series).

5 Category 1

5.1 List of articles which fall into category 1

The following articles (i.e. types of firework) fall into category 1, when meeting the requirements in ISO 25947-3 and ISO 25947-5 for category 1:

- batteries of party poppers;
- Bengal flames;
- Bengal matches;
- Bengal sticks;
- Christmas crackers;
- crackling granules;
- flash banger;
- flash pellets;
- fountains;
- ground spinners;
- ground mover;
- hand-held sparklers;
- jumping cracker;
- nezumi-hanabi;
- non-hand-held sparklers;
- novelty matches;
- party poppers;
- senko hanabi;
- serpents;
- snaps;
- table bombs;
- throwdowns;
- wheels.

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5.2 List of articles which do not fall into category 1

Articles (i.e. types of firework) that do not fall into category 1, are for example:

- aerial wheels;
- bangers;
- batteries(except for batteries of party poppers);
- batteries requiring external support;

- combinations;
- combinations requiring external support;
- compound fireworks
- double bangers;
- double flash banger;
- jumping ground spinners;
- mines;
- mini rockets;
- rockets;
- roman candles;
- shot tubes;
- spinners.

5.3 Procedure to determine whether an article falls into category 1

This procedure shall be used when a new article is presented, which does not fall into one of the types listed in 5.1.

Answer the questions in Table 1 in the order given. To fall into category 1, an article shall have a negative answer to all the questions. If one answer is “Yes”, the article does not fall into category 1.

Table 1 — Questions for articles that are not in category 1

Question	Answer
1) Is the article in the list of excluded articles (see 5.2)?	Yes → not in category 1
2) Does the article resemble a toy or food?	Yes → not in category 1
3) Does the sound pressure level exceed 120 dB(A _{imp}) at the safety distance of category 1 fireworks?	Yes → not in category 1
4) Is debris, burning, or incandescent matter projected laterally more than the safety distance of category 1 fireworks?	Yes → not in category 1
5) Does the article, or parts of it, move outside the safety distance of category 1 fireworks from the testing point?	Yes → not in category 1
6) Does the article lift from the ground by more than 0,5 m?	Yes → not in category 1

6 Types of firework

- Fireworks are further subdivided into various types, as described in Table 2.

NOTE In China, there are eight generic types of consumer fireworks, Annex A gives their definition and their correspondence with the generic types of Table 2.

Table 2 — Types of firework

Type name	Brief description	Principal effect(s)
aerial wheel soucoupe volante Steigende Krone	tubes containing propellant charges and sparks-, flame- and/or noise-producing pyrotechnic compositions, the tubes being fixed to a supporting structure	rotation and ascent, with emission of sparks and flames, producing a visual and/or aural effect in the air
banger pétard à mèche Knallkörper	non-metallic case containing black powder	report
battery batterie Batterie	assembly including several elements, each of the same type and corresponding to one of the types of firework listed in this document and in accordance with ISO 25947-5:2017, 4.3, with one or two points of ignition, which does not require external support	as for the individual elements
battery requiring external support batterie nécessitant un support externe Batterie die externe Stabilisierung erfordert	assembly including several elements, each of the same type and corresponding to one of the types of firework listed in this document and in accordance with ISO 25947-5:2017, 4.3, with one or two points of ignition, which requires external support	as for the individual elements
Bengal flame feu de Bengale Bengalfeuer	tube containing slow-burning pyrotechnic composition	emission of coloured flame
Bengal match allumette Bengale Bengalholz	short wooden stick partially coated (along one end) with slow-burning pyrotechnic composition, with a dot of friction-sensitive pyrotechnic composition at the tip, and designed to be held in the hand	emission of coloured flame and sparks
Bengal stick baguette Bengale Bengalfackel	wooden stick partially coated (along one end) with slow-burning pyrotechnic composition and designed to be held in the hand	emission of coloured flame and sparks
Christmas cracker christmas cracker Knallbonbon	paper or foil tube, crimped at each end, enclosing novelties and with one or more snaps running along the length of the tube	report when pulled apart and release of the novelties
combination combinaison Kombination	assembly including several elements, not all of the same type, each corresponding to one of the types of firework listed in this document and in accordance with ISO 25947-5:2017, 4.3, with one or two points of ignition, which does not require external support	as for the individual elements
combination requiring external support combinaison nécessitant un support externe Kombination die externe Stabilisierung erfordert	assembly including several elements, not all of the same type, each corresponding to one of the types of firework listed in this document and in accordance with ISO 25947-5:2017, 4.3, with one or two points of ignition, which requires external support	as for the individual elements
compound firework composition d'artifices Verbundfeuerwerk	assembly including several separately type and batch tested fireworks complying with ISO 25947, which are securely fixed on the same base, and connected together by linking the protruding and reserve fuses of each firework, or with pyrotechnic cords, or a mixture of both, with one or two points of ignition, without external support	as for the individual articles

Table 2 (continued)

Type name	Brief description	Principal effect(s)
crackling granules crépitant Knatterartikel	bag, or other container, enclosing small granules of pyrotechnic composition	crackling
double banger pétard aérien Doppelschlag	tube containing two portions of black powder connected by a delay fuse	report, then ascent followed by second report
double flash banger Doppelblitzschlag	tube containing two report charges, at least one report charge contains other composition than black powder and connected by a delay fuse.	report, then ascent followed by second report.
flash banger pétard à composition flash Blitzknallkörper	non-metallic case containing perchlorate/metal-based or nitrate/metal-based report composition	report and flash of light
flash pellet clignoteur pyrotechnique Blitztablette	pellet of intermittently-burning pyrotechnic composition	multiple flashes of light
fountain fontaine Fontäne	non-metallic case containing sparks- and flame-producing pyrotechnic composition and designed to be placed on the ground, or to be fixed in the ground, or to be fixed to a support, or to be held in the hand	emission of sparks and flames with aural effect other than report or without any aural effect
ground mover mobile pyrotechnique Pyrodriifter	novelty item containing non-metallic tube or tubes with gas- or sparks- or flame producing pyrotechnic composition that is designed to move on the ground	movement on the ground with emission of sparks or flames, with or without aural effects (other than report)
ground spinner tourbillon Bodenfeuerwirbel	non-metallic tube or tubes containing gas- and sparks-producing pyrotechnic composition, with or without noise-producing pyrotechnic composition	rotation on the ground and emission of sparks and/or flames with or without aural effect (other than report)
hand-held sparkler cierge magique Wunderkerze, in der Hand zu halten	rigid wire partially coated along one end with slow-burning pyrotechnic composition, with or without an ignition head and designed to be held in the hand	emission of sparks, with or without aural effect (other than report)
jumping cracker pétard sauteur Knallfrosch	paper tube containing black powder, folded back on itself several times and bound together	reports in succession, with jumping motions
jumping ground spinner tourbillon sauteur Sprungrad	non-metallic tube containing gas- and sparks-producing pyrotechnic composition, with or without whistling pyrotechnic composition	rotation on the ground frequently interrupted by a jumping motion, and emission of sparks and flames, with or without an aural effect (other than report)
mine pot à feu en mortier Feuertopf	tube containing propellant charge and pyrotechnic units and/or non-pyrotechnic objects and designed to be placed on the ground or to be fixed in the ground	ejection of the content in a single burst producing a widely dispersed visual and/or aural effect in the air