

November 2, 2017

**Re: Notice of NEW Fireworks Law
Notice of Upcoming Expiration of Current Consumer Fireworks Facility License
Notice of Process for Licensure under the New Fireworks Law**

Dear Permanent Consumer Fireworks Facility Licensee:

This is an important notice to all persons who are currently licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (Department) to sell consumer fireworks in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A new Fireworks Law took effect on October 30, 2017. Under that new law, your facility may continue to sell consumer fireworks under its current license for a period of 90 days (through January 28, 2018) or until the term of the current license expires, whichever comes first. You must apply for and obtain a *new* license under the *new* law to be able to lawfully sell consumer fireworks beyond this expiration date.

Although the new Fireworks Law will expand your customer base by allowing sales of consumer fireworks to Pennsylvania residents with fewer restrictions than under the previous law, your facility *must be licensed under the new Fireworks Law* before it can sell consumer fireworks to the extent allowed under that new law. Until this new license is issued your facility can only sell consumer fireworks to the extent it could under the previous law.

A New Permanent Consumer Fireworks Facility License application packet is enclosed, as is an unofficial (downloaded, reformatted) copy of the new Fireworks Law.

If you wish to sell consumer fireworks from your facility after the expiration date described above, you must apply for (and receive) an initial license for your facility under the new Fireworks Law. The enclosed packet contains detailed instructions. In summary, a complete application includes (1) a complete, signed and dated application form; (2) payment (by *cashier's check, certified check or money order only*) of the nonrefundable \$2,500 initial application fee and the appropriate annual license fee; (3) proof of required insurance coverage (from the insurance provider); (4) a copy of a certificate of occupancy for the facility; and (5) other required paperwork as described in the application materials. Please review the enclosed packet carefully for further details on this process. Licensing information can also be found on the Department's webpage: www.agriculture.pa.gov, and Department staff is available at (717) 787-9089 to help answer any questions. Incomplete application packets will be returned to the submitter without any review or action by this Department.



Although the new Fireworks Law requires that the Department conduct an inspection of the facility within 30 days of receiving a complete license application and issue or deny the license within 14 days following that inspection, the Department appreciates the urgency of your application and will work to conduct the required inspection and act on the application with all speed.

Please do not delay in assembling and submitting a complete New Permanent Consumer Fireworks Facility License Application for your facility. If this Department receives your *complete* application within the next 30 days it will be able to process the application, conduct the required inspection and act on the application quickly, with no lapse in licensure.

Questions can be addressed to undersigned at the Department's Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards, at the address listed below.

Respectfully,

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Bureau Director