

Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005

Guidance to applicants for a licence or registration from Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Department

NB Storage of more than 2000kg of explosives, and any storage at mines or in harbour areas, is dealt with by the Health & Safety Executive.

Storage of up to 2000kg of explosives that include smokeless powder, blasting explosives, black powder or anything else requiring an Explosives Certificate, is dealt with by the police.

Only storage of up to 2000kg of other explosives (including fireworks, small arms ammunition and air bag inflators) is dealt with by Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Department.

Anyone wishing to apply for a licence or a registration from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) should contact HSE or alternatively go to:

www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/information.

Applicants should then scroll down and select Forms for an application.

Applications to the Police should be made to the Explosives Liaison Officer (ELO) for the police service for the area where the store is located (details of the Police ELO contacts nationally is available at: www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/index.htm).

Filling in the Form

Individual applicants and Sole Traders

In the case of a partnership, Part A should be completed by one of the partners who is prepared to accept liability for the storage. The contact address must be a permanent address in Great Britain. If a licence or registration is required for more than one store, a separate application form must be completed for each store, and a separate fee paid.

Company applicants

If a company head office is applying for licences or registrations for a number of different stores, a separate application form must be completed for each store, and a separate fee paid.

Proposed licence / registration period

With effect from 26 April 2005, the former scheme of licensing and registration (under the Explosives Act 1875) was replaced by the current scheme (under the Manufacture & Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005). Consequently, a first application under these Regulations must be regarded as a "New Application", regardless of whether a licence or registration under the old scheme has previously been in force for the store.

Premises may be **registered** (rather than licensed) only if the amount of explosives to be stored at any one time is no more than:

30kg of explosives of any hazard type

100kg of hazard type 3 explosives

100kg of a combination of hazard type 3 and hazard type 4 explosives

250kg of hazard type 4 explosives, or

250kg of small arms ammunition and percussion caps and 30kg of shooters' powder

Out of hours contact details

This should be the person responsible for the store and/or someone who can provide access in an emergency.

Nature of business

Recreational User includes shooters and re-enactors.

Type and amount of explosive being kept

You should tick all that apply to this application.

The form asks for the Total Quantity '**net mass**' of the explosives to be kept. This means the weight of the explosive contained within an article (ie less packaging, casings, etc).

For fireworks, ***the net mass should be assumed to be one quarter of the gross weight of the fireworks unless the manufacturer has provided more specific information.***

Other information in support of this application

Floor plans for shops selling pyrotechnic articles, including fireworks

Please indicate approximate dimensions on the plan, and indicate where the articles will be stored. If other floors of the building are not in your occupation, please indicate on which floor the articles will be stored and which floors are not in your occupation.

The regulations require separation distances to be maintained between explosives stores and inhabited buildings, public traffic routes and public places. There are exceptions for those keeping small quantities of explosives (one example is for the keeping of up to 250kg net mass of Hazard Type 4 explosive). Details of separation distance requirements may be obtained from Brent & Harrow Trading Standards. Applicants are strongly advised to check what, if any, separation distance requirements will be needed around the store.

The regulations state the maximum quantity of pyrotechnic articles which may be kept under a Registration in the sales area of a shop or other retail premises. The maximum permitted quantity relates to the size of the sales area. If you are planning to store more than 12.5kg net mass (50kg gross) please indicate the sales area, showing the total floor area (in square metres) and the position and the number of entrances and exits to and from it.

Copies of the Manufacture and Storage of Explosives Regulations 2005 (Statutory Instrument SI 2005/1082) may be obtained from HMSO. The regulations may also be viewed or downloaded from the HMSO website at www.hmsso.gov.uk.

Maps

If the intended place of keeping is not an existing building, with a street number and postcode, please provide with your application a large-scale map (such as an Ordnance Survey Site Plan, or other similar scale map) with the location of the store marked on it.

Fees

All Year Licence: £ 500

New registration: £105;

Renewal of a registration: £52

Cheques should be made payable to "London Borough of Brent Trading Standards Service".