

# JAHARP 2021-08

Consumer Fireworks  
Pyrotechnics Marine Distress Signal and Rescue product

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## Final Press Release

The Joint Action on pyrotechnic articles removes so far 17 dangerous pyrotechnic articles from the market and uncovers a worrying picture for marine distress signals. Enforcement actions are ongoing.

### CONSUMER FIREWORKS

64 (Rockets, Bangers, Sparklers, Fountains, Batteries, and others)

17 products were found non compliant (27%)

7 products assessed as posing a serious risk

17 products removed from the market

High sound pressure levels, articles exploding on the ground, batteries tipping over

MODELS SAMPLED



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### MARINE DISTRESS SIGNAL AND RESCUE PRODUCTS

17 (6 hand flares, 6 parachute rockets, 5 smoke signals)

15 products were found non compliant (88%)

8 products assessed as posing a serious risk

Enforcement actions in progress

Malfunctioning when ignited, breaking down into fragments, too short burning times

## Two Final Conferences

The two Work Packages of the Joint Action both held their final conference on **11 July 2024**. Representatives from MSAs, the ADCO groups, manufacturer associations, the European Commission and other stakeholders attended the conferences.

During the event dedicated to consumer fireworks, the participants discussed the possible policy and non-policy actions that could be taken in order to help reduce the non-conformity rates that have remained fairly stable for several years. They emphasised that their enforcement actions would **improve fireworks safety before New Year's Eve**.

The participants in the Marine Distress Signals conference found the error rates observed by the project worrying and discussed ways to improve compliance of these products. It was noted that several of the tested articles posed a very-high risk, as they showed not only to fail in their main purpose of announcing a dangerous situation and asking for help, but to also **actively endanger the life of the user** further, by exploding too soon and too close to the boat, or by breaking down into fragments.

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### EU LEGISLATION IN SCOPE

Directive 2013/29/EU  
Directive 2014/90/EU

### KEY TAKE-AWAYS

JAHARP2021 Omnibus is made of 7 coordinated product compliance verification activities + 3 horizontal activities running until November 2024.


### KEY EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Dangerous products removed from the EU market, level playing field for all market actors.

Better, more harmonised product market surveillance, next to new skills and new knowledge for the EU MSAs.

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