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# Federal Aviation Administration Hazardous Materials Division

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE INTERIM OF 2010

### **ILLEGAL FIREWORKS TASK FORCE**

## ACT 170, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAI'I 2010

# PRESENTATION FAA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION

FAA Objectives For the safe and secure transportation of hazardous materials in air commerce.

Regulations Title 49, Code of Federal Aviation, (49CFR) Parts 100 – 185. Also referred to as HMR. Governs the safe transport of HM in commerce.

ICAO - IATA ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization, Technical Instructions for the Safe Transportation of Dangerous Goods. IATA: Dangerous Goods Regulations. Developed by the IATA DG Board composed of members of various air carriers.

**HM Agents/HM Specialists responsibilities** 

Outreach

**Fireworks** 



# Media Advisory

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Hawaii Fireworks: A Dangerous Gamble

LOS ANGELES, CA – Passengers departing from airports in Hawaii continue to be responsible for a disproportionally high percentage of fireworks that are found illegally stashed in checked and carry-on baggage in the Federal Aviation Administration's Western-Pacific Region.

The FAA reminds Hawaii air travelers that all fireworks, including the smallest sparklers, are banned from carry-on and checked bags because of the tremendous fire risk they pose to aircraft in the air and on the ground. Friction can cause these items to ignite during flight. Because of this danger, domestic and international regulations prohibit passengers from carrying fireworks and firework novelty items in their checked or carry-on baggage, or on their persons. Fireworks are exceptionally popular in Hawaii, and people sometimes try to take items with them when they return home to the mainland or head there to visit friends and family.

Violations of the hazardous-materials regulations can be expensive. Civil penalties range up to \$50,000 per violation with a minimum fine of \$250. Criminal convictions can result in prison sentences of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 for individuals and \$500,000 for corporations.

The FAA's Western-Pacific Region Office of Security and Hazardous Materials proposed more than \$3.4 million in fines for HazMat violations in Fiscal Years 2008-09.

NOTE: For more information on fireworks and other prohibited items, visit the FAA's web site at http://www.faa.gov/passengers/prepare\_fly.



# WARNING! FIREWORKS NOTALLOWED

# IN YOUR CARRY-ON LUGGAGE, CHECKED LUGGAGE, CARGO AND MAIL

Any person carrying fireworks onto an aircraft or attempting to ship them illegally faces CIVIL PENALTIES of up to \$50,000 per violation, or CRIMINAL PROSECUTION that would carry penalties of up to \$500,000 and/or five years in prison.

To avoid fines or prison and ensure proper disposal of fireworks, you MUST notify your Airline Representative or Screening Personnel if you have fireworks in your carry-on luggage, checked luggage and cargo, BEFORE check-in or screening.