

5. The firing of distress signals in any situation other than distress is an offence under the Shipping and Port Control Ordinance in Hong Kong. Expired pyrotechnics must not be used at sea for tests or practice purposes or used on land as fireworks, and should be landed ashore as soon as possible after their date of expiry.

6. The disposal of out-of-date marine pyrotechnics (distress signals) not in accordance with paragraph 2 may constitute an offence under the Dangerous Goods Ordinance in Hong Kong.

7. This notice supersedes Marine Department Notices No.34 and 34A of 1991.

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