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## Declaration GGV 2016-03-Rev1-00

According to section 7.9.2 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods code and section 2.1.3.4, the undersigned, competent authority of the Kingdom of Belgium hereby declares that the 'Christmas Crackers' currently classified as UN 0337 Fireworks, Class 1.4s, and bearing the marking '28228284 001'may be excluded from class 1 and the IMDG code on the following conditions:

1. This declaration is given on the basis of the following:

That TÜV Rheinland Inter-Cert Kft., has tested the 'Christmas Crackers' with the conclusion that these articles meet the test criteria of section 2.1.3.4.2 of the IMDG-Code and can therefore be excluded from Class 1. This is documented by TÜV in report 28228284 001, dated 7 July 2015 and in the letter with registration number PR-2015/05555, dated 21 June 2015. The Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate has received verification of these documents from TUV by e-mail at 17 February 2016.

That the Hungarian Office for Mining and Geology has issued an approval with number MBFH/1961-2/2015 dated 31 August 2015, which excludes the 'Christmas Crackers' from Class 1 on the basis of the ADR/RID.

That the Maritime & Coastguard Agency (UK) has issued an approval with reference number MS116/004/0043 Part 13, dated 17 August 2015 in which the 'Christmas Crackers' are excluded from Class 1 for the transport on board of sea-going vessels.

The Environment and Transport Inspectorate (Netherlands)has issued an approval on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 with reference ILT/RW/VV/16-4663.

- 2. A copy of this authorization shall accompany the transports documents;
- 3. This authorisation is only valid from and to Belgian ports;
- 4. No changes shall be made to the 'Christmas Crackers' in comparison with the tested ones;
- 5. The representatives of the transport shall send to the "Scheepvaartcontrole", Oostende Bureau, detailed report of any accident occurring during the loading of a vessel, the transport to and from or the storage in the port and during the voyage.

This administration reserves the right to withdraw this permission at any time when it considers necessary to do so.

In any case this declaration will expire on the 30th of June 2017, but can be subject to renewal.

Costende, the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2016

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