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Dear Sir,

As introduction let me tell you that I am the manager at Wells Fireworks in the UK. We manufacture a range of high-quality pyrotechnics for the professional and amateur market. Our range includes Stage, Arena, Stadium and Close proximity products including special effects for the film industry.

It has come to our notice that on some of our products there is a certain amount of confusion regarding the phrase '*For Outdoor Use Only*'.

With the introduction of CE Marking for Pyrotechnics a few years ago, it was decided to split the products into two main groups, these were designated *T1* and *T2*. Products marked as *T1* are for use by ANY person including amateur use whereas *T2* products are strictly for use by professional users only, also called PWSK (or Persons with Specialist Knowledge).

During the writing of the Pyrotechnic Directive it was decided to have a third sub-group of '*T1 – Outdoor*'. This sub-group was to cover products that, although they were a little larger than most *T1* products performance wise, they still functioned in the same manner as their smaller *T1* cousins. It was for that reason that when used by *T1* or amateur users, these products should only be used Outdoors (because of their larger performance) hence the name *T1-Outdoor* and the warning.

HOWEVER . . .

This Outdoor restriction does NOT apply when these products are used by Pyrotechnic Professionals (PWSK). As long as the correct assessments have been carried out and the user has used their specialist knowledge to judge if it is safe to do so, there is NO reason why these products can not be used perfectly safely indoors in suitable venues. The statement on the label of '*Outdoor Use Only*' does not count for these specialist users and should be discounted.

I do hope this clears up any confusion,



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