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An Ordinance to prohibit the importation of Fireworks into the Island of Rarotonga. (14 January 1957.)

1. Short title and commencement - This Ordinance may be cited as the Rarotonga Fireworks Ordinance, 1957, and shall come into force on the day of assent by the [High Commissioner].

[The words "High Commissioner" were substituted for the words "Resident Commissioner of Rarotonga" by S.3(4) of the Cook Islands Amendment Act 1965.]

2. Interpretation - In this Ordinance "Fireworks" means any explosive and any firework composition when such explosive or composition is enclosed in any case or contrivance, or is otherwise manufactured so as to form a squib, cracker, serpent, rocket (other than ship safety rocket), maroon, lance, wheel, Chinese fire, Roman candle or other article specially adapted for the production of pyrotechnic effects and includes sparkler matches and throwdowns.

3. Unlawful to import - It shall not be lawful for any person to import Fireworks into the Island of Rarotonga.

4. Imported Fireworks may be seized - (1) Any officer of police may, on being authorized so to do by warrant under the hand of a Judge or Registrar of the High Court, seize and take possession of any Fireworks imported into Rarotonga and for that purpose may enter into or upon any land or building in or upon which such Fireworks may be, and in so doing may use such force, if any, as may be necessary.

(2) All Fireworks seized under this section shall become the property of Her Majesty the Queen free and discharged from all right, title, estate or interest possessed in respect thereof by any other person.

5. Penalty - Every person who imports Fireworks into Rarotonga after this Ordinance comes into force shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine of Fifty Pounds (£50).
