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Dear Attorney General,

CONSULTATION ON LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL IN RELATION TO THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF FIREWORKS

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Environmental Management Authority (EMA), I extend best wishes for a successful 2022.

The subject and MAGLA's correspondence dated 5 January 2022 refer. The EMA has been grappling with the issue of fireworks and the remit of the Summary Offences Act, Chap. 11:02 to treat with same for some time. From June-July 2020, the EMA conducted stakeholder consultations by way of a public survey on *'The Use and Impacts of Fireworks on Trinidad & Tobago'*. The results were presented to the Ministry of Planning & Development (MPD) in November 2020 and to the wider public via the EMA's Webinar series in August 2020.

In October 2021 the EMA completed and submitted its *'Position Paper on the Management of Fireworks in Trinidad & Tobago'* to MPD for urgent consideration.


In light of the current public consultation being conducted by MAGLA on a draft Summary Offences (Amendment) Bill in relation to the regulation of the use of fireworks, the EMA is pleased to share the enclosed Survey Results and Position Paper for information and reference.

Written submissions on the draft Amendment Bill will be provided under separate cover by the stipulated deadline of 26 January 2022. The EMA looks forward to the enactment of fireworks legislation to protect human health and the environment.

Should any clarification or further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact our Manager-Legal Services, Jenell Partap (jpartap@ema.co.tt) or Assistant Manager-Technical Services, Jiselle Joseph (jjoseph@ema.co.tt).

Yours sincerely,

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY


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Encl/(2) Survey Results on the Use and Impacts of Fireworks on Trinidad & Tobago
Position Paper on the Management of Fireworks in Trinidad & Tobago

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