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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE THREE AGENCIES

HM Customs, the Royal Gibraltar Police and the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service would like to wish all an enjoyable Christmas and New Year and remind the public of the importance of behaving responsibly even when out having a good time. During the festive season, celebrations may sometimes get out of hand and lead to unfortunate accidents.

Fireworks are very popular during the festive period but it is important that care is taken when using them. When buying Fireworks, please check that they are compliant to British Safety and EU Standards and their importation should be authorised. It is recommended to buy locally and only from a reputable licensed retailer.

- Import licences may be granted by the Collector of Customs. Information, licence applications and advice on buying fireworks in Spain are all available from HM Customs.
- The firework safety code and general advice on the use of fireworks and fire prevention is available from the Gibraltar Fire and Rescue Service.
- Enquiries about the use of fireworks, the dangers and potential criminal charges through misuse are available from the Royal Gibraltar Police.

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HM Customs:	Tel 200 78879	hmcustoms@gibraltar.gov.gi
Gib Fire and Rescue Service	Tel 200 72936	firesafety@gibfire.gi
Royal Gibraltar police	Tel 200 72500	info@royalgib.police.gi

Information sheets and posters will be circulated and are available from all Police, Fire and Customs out-stations.

Fireworks may be fun, but they can be dangerous if they are misused. Please follow the safety advice and let everyone enjoy the festive celebrations safely and joyfully. Do not let it end with a family gathering around a hospital bed!