



ABOUT AFSL

The American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) is an independent non-profit trade association for the American fireworks industry dedicated to improving the quality and safety of consumer fireworks.

AFSL was founded in 1989 in response to findings that the majority of fireworks imported from China did not comply with the national standards for quality and safety established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). The industry mobilized and combined resources to establish its own voluntary system for testing and high standards to ensure that their imported products met and exceeded the existing CPSC standards.

Once established, AFSL started the China Fireworks Quality Improvement Program (QIP) which is composed of three main facets including voluntary standards, factory assistance and product certification. Although the QIP is designed to test and enhance the standards of imported fireworks, products manufactured in the United States can also be tested and certified by AFSL upon the manufacturers' request.

AFSL is solely funded by its members either through annual fees or per-case fees of AFSL certified fireworks. Membership is open to anyone in the fireworks industry including manufacturers, distributors, retailers or any individual or group invested in the quality and safety of fireworks.

A 12 member Board of Directors oversees AFSL to ensure the organization upholds its reputation for excellence. AFSL daily operations are managed by an appointed Executive Director and his/her supporting staff.

Since its inception, AFSL has successfully and significantly increased the product standard compliance rate, the safety and the quality of fireworks sold in the United States. Their dedication provides the fireworks industry, and consumers, with the freedom to celebrate the American tradition of fireworks.

AFSL is headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland.