# Illegal use of pyrotechnics (flares, smoke bombs, fireworks) on football grounds in Latvia.

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### **PRESENTATION STRUCTURE**

Normative base

- Latvian fans and pyrotechnics
- Opinion of an "experienced" fan on the legalisation of pyrotechnics



## I. Normative base

- Section 52 (c) of <u>FIFA Stadium Safety and Security</u> <u>Regulations</u>
- Paragraphs 2.1.4 2.1.6 of the <u>Latvian Football</u> <u>Federation (hereinafter - LFF) Safety Regulations</u>
- Paragraphs 6.2.4 and 6.2.5 of the <u>LFF Disciplinary</u> <u>Regulations</u>



### I. Normative base

- Paragraph 1 of Article 17 of the Law of the Republic of Latvia on the Circulation of Pyrotechnic Articles
- Article 181 of <u>the Latvian Administrative Infringements</u> <u>Code</u>



# **II. Latvian fans and pyrotechnics**





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- Fans of Major League teams and the national team of Latvia use pyrotechnics at almost every game.
- Security personnel provokes major conflicts after the use of pyrotechnics
- The experience of other countries



### **II. Latvian fans and pyrotechnics**





# III. Opinion of an "experienced" fan on the legalisation of pyrotechnics

- Swedish experience
- Use of pyrotechnics as a manifestation of protest
- A symbol of the victory over the system



# III. Opinion of an "experienced" fan on the legalisation of pyrotechnics

- Legalisation = a routine = NO interest to use it anymore
- A fan (ultras, hooligans, etc.) was originally an antisystemic person and the stadium stand was an island of the system denial, an island of freedom



### Thank you for your attention!



