

# **AIR WEAPONS AND LICENSING (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **STRUCTURE AND SUMMARY OF THE ACT**

#### ***Schedule 1: Exemptions***

##### ***Paragraph 1 – Approved air weapon clubs***

267. This paragraph exempts members of an air weapon club approved by the Chief Constable under section 18 from the requirement to hold an air weapon certificate, for the purpose of possessing or using an air weapon for target shooting at that club. The air weapon in question may be owned by the club and held on an air weapon certificate issued to the club secretary, or borrowed from elsewhere (for example another club member who holds their own air weapon certificate).
268. Sub-paragraph (b)(i) sets out that this exemption applies while the member is target shooting at other approved air weapon clubs, or at an event or competition, provided that the shooting is in connection with their club membership. Sub-paragraph (b)(ii) also allows possession and use of an air weapon in connection with club target shooting, for example to allow a club member to transport an air weapon owned by the club between shooting venues.
269. Sub-paragraph (c) requires that, where an air weapon club member is aged below 14, they must be supervised by another club member aged 21 or over for this exemption to apply. There is no lower age limit to the application of this exemption.