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2004 No. 702 (N.I. 3)

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

- - - 10th March 2004

THE FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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- 2. (1) A person carrying on the business of an auctioneer, carrier or warehouseman or an...
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- 3. (1) A person who is the holder of a certificate of competence to slaughter animals...
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- 4. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have in his possession on board...
 - Sporting purposes
- 5. A person carrying a firearm or ammunition belonging to another person holding a firearm certificate...
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- 11. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, borrow a shotgun from the occupier...
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- 3. (1) The Department of Justice may by notice in writing to the persons responsible for...
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- 6. References in paragraphs 1 to 5 to a description of a firearm include—(a) in

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- 1. Any offence under any of the following provisions of the Sexual Offences (Northern Ireland) Order...
- 2. Offences under any of the following provisions of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861...
- 3. Offences under section 7 of the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland) 1968 (c....
- 4. Offences under any of the following provisions of the Criminal Damage (Northern Ireland) Order 1977...
- 5. Offences under Article 172 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 1)...
- 6. Offences under the Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI 17) (abduction of children).
- 7. Offences under section 123(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 (c. 33)...
- 8. Offences under section 66 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (c. 32) (assault on,...
- 9. Offences under paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (c....
- 10. Attempting to commit any offence specified in paragraphs 1 to 9.

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Changes to legislation:

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 May 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to:

- art. 19 and cross-heading omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(4) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- Sch. 1 para. 9(3)(a) substituted by 2011 c. 24 (N.I.) s. 105(2)
- Sch. 1 para. 11(3) substituted by 2011 c. 24 (N.I.) s. 104(2)
- Sch. 5 words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(13)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- Sch. 5 words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(13)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- Sch. 5 words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(13)(c) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- Sch. 5 words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(13)(d) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- Sch. 7 para. 18-20 repealed by S.I. 2008/1216 (N.I.) Sch. 6 Pt. 1 (Amendment not carried through relevant text not available on SLD)
- art. 2(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(2)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 2(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(2)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 2(2) words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(2)(c) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 15(6) omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(3) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 20 omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(5) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 21 omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(6) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 22 omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(7) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 23 omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(8) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 43 omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(9) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 44(2) omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(10)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))

- art. 44(5)(b) and word omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(10)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 46(4) omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(11) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 55(2) omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(12)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 55(3)(a) words omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(12)(b) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 55(5) omitted by S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64(12)(a) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))
- art. 70(2) excluded by 2016 c. 18 (N.I.) s. 170(1)s. 170(2)(a)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 6(3A) inserted by 2019 c. 17 s. 62(2)
- art. 6A inserted by 2019 c. 17 s. 62(3)
- art. 11(1A) inserted by 2019 c. 17 s. 62(4)