## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2004 No. 702 (N.I. 3)

## NORTHERN IRELAND

# The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

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## THE FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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# SCHEDULES SCHEDULE 1 — FIREARM CERTIFICATES – EXEMPTIONS

## Firearms dealers

1. (1) The holder of a firearms dealer's certificate may, without...

Auctioneers, carriers and warehousemen

2. (1) A person carrying on the business of an auctioneer,...

## Slaughter of animals

3. (1) A person licensed to slaughter animals may, without holding...

## Equipment for ships and aircraft

4. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have...

## Sporting purposes

5. A person carrying a firearm or ammunition belonging to another...

## Athletics meetings, etc.

6. A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have a...

## Firearms clubs

7. A member of a firearms club which is authorised under...

## Recreational facilities

8. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, acquire...

## Air guns and ammunition

9. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have...

## Rifles

10. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, borrow...

## Shotguns

11. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, borrow...

## Theatre and cinema

12. (1) A person taking part in a theatrical performance may,...

## SCHEDULE 2 — FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IN MUSEUMS

## *Introductory*

1. (1) In this Schedule—"licence" means a museum firearms licence;...

## Museum firearms licences

2. (1) The Secretary of State may, on an application in...

## Variation and revocation

3. (1) The Secretary of State may by notice in writing...

#### Foos

4. The appropriate fee shall be payable on the grant of...

## Offences and enforcement

5. (1) It shall be an offence for any of the...

## SCHEDULE 3 — RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS

- 1. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition manufactured and...
- 2. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition purchased or...
- 3. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition accepted for...
- 4. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition sold or...
- 5. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition in possession...

## SCHEDULE 4 — OFFENCES TO WHICH ARTICLE 59(2) APPLIES

- 1. The common law offence of rape.
- 2. Offences under any of the following provisions of the Offences...
- 3. Offences under section 7 of the Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions)...
- 4. Offences under any of the following provisions of the Criminal...
- 5. Offences under Article 172 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland)...
- 6. Offences under the Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI...
- 7. Offences under section 123(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public...
- 8. Offences under section 66 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act...
- 9. Offences under paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Immigration...
- 10. Attempting to commit any offence specified in paragraphs 1 to...
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## Firearm certificate

## Museum firearms licence

## Visitor's firearm permit

## Firearms dealer's certificate

#### Firearms club

## SCHEDULE 7 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1975 (c. 59)

1. In Schedule 1, for paragraph 9 substitute the following paragraph—...

Suppression of Terrorism Act 1978 (c. 26)

2. In Schedule 1, for paragraph 15 substitute the following paragraph—...

Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

- 3. In section 50(5A)(b), for "Article 6(1)(a), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae)...
- 4. In Article 68(4A)(b), for "Article 6(1)(a), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae),...
- 5. In section 170(4A)(b), for "Article 6(1)(a), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae)...

Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 26)

6. In Article 29(1), for sub-paragraph (f) substitute the following sub-paragraph—...

Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 (c. 47)

7. In the Schedule—(a) in the cross-heading preceding paragraph 8,...

Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI 2)

- 8. In Article 2(2)— (a) in the definition of "ammunition", for...
- 9. In Schedule 11, in paragraph 3 for "1981" substitute "2004"....

Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 4)

10. In Article 44(4A), for "Article 52A" and "1981" substitute respectively...

Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)

11. In section 141(13) for "1981" substitute "2004".

Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

12. In Schedule 5, in Part II, after paragraph 15 add...

Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 24)

- 13. In Article 2(9), for "Article 52A" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 14. In Article 4(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 15. In Article 10(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 16. In Article 13(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...

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- 17. In Article 15(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 18. In Article 19(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 19. In Article 20(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 20. In Article 24(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...

## Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (c. 7)

- 21. In section 10(1)—(a) in paragraph (a) of the definition...
- 22. In paragraph 8 of the Schedule, after "1981" insert "or...

## Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)

- 23. In section 77(3) for the entry relating to the Firearms...
- 24. In Schedule 9, in Part I, for paragraph 16 substitute...

## Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16)

25. In Schedule 1 (powers of seizure)— (a) for paragraph 30...

## Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)

26. In Schedule 5, in paragraph 5(2) for "Article 4(1)" and...

## Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

- 27. In paragraph 145 of Schedule 5 (other offences for the...
- 28. In paragraph 146 of that Schedule for "Article 17A" substitute...
- 29. In paragraph 147 of that Schedule for "Article 18(1)" substitute...
- 30. In paragraph 148 of that Schedule for "Article 18(2)" and...
- 31. In paragraph 149 of that Schedule for "Article 19" substitute...

## Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)

- 32. In paragraph 33 of Schedule 17 (violent offences and sexual...
- 33. In paragraph 34 of that Schedule for "Article 17A" substitute...
- 34. In paragraph 35 of that Schedule for "Article 18(1)" substitute...
- 35. In paragraph 36 of that Schedule for "Article 18(2)" and...
- 36. In paragraph 37 of that Schedule for "Article 19" substitute...

## SCHEDULE 8 — REPEALS

**Explanatory Note**