## FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

## **NOTES ON ARTICLES**

## Article 67 - Conversion of weapons

Makes it an offence for a person other than a firearms dealer to shorten the barrel of a shotgun to a length less than 60.96 centimetres or to convert into a firearm anything which, though having the appearance of a firearm, is incapable of discharging a missile. A person who possesses, purchases or acquires a shortened shotgun or a converted firearm without a firearm certificate shall be treated for the purposes of punishment as having committed the offence in an aggravated form.