



# Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997

## 1997 CHAPTER 7

### 2 Duration of decommissioning scheme.

- (1) A decommissioning scheme must identify a period during which firearms, ammunition and explosives may be dealt with in accordance with the scheme (“the amnesty period”).
- (2) The amnesty period must end before—
  - (a) [<sup>F1</sup>27th February 2003], or
  - (b) such later day as the Secretary of State may by order from time to time appoint.
- (3) A day appointed by an order under subsection (2)(b) must not be—
  - (a) more than twelve months after the day on which the order is made, or
  - (b) [<sup>F2</sup>later than 27th February [<sup>F3</sup>2010]].
- (4) An order under subsection (2)(b) shall be made by statutory instrument; and no order shall be made unless a draft has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament.

#### Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 2(2)(b) power exercised: 27.2.1999 appointed by [S.I. 1998/893](#), [art. 2](#) (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 1999/454](#), [art. 3](#))
- S. 2(2)(b) power exercised: 24.2.2000 appointed by [S.I. 1999/454](#), [art. 2](#) (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2000/452](#), [art. 3](#))
- S. 2(2)(b) power exercised: 23.5.2000 appointed by [S.I. 2000/452](#), [art. 2](#) (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2000/1409](#), [art. 3](#))
- S. 2(2)(b) power exercised: 20.5.2001 appointed by [S.I. 2000/1409](#), [art. 2](#) (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2001/1622](#), [art. 3](#))
- S. 2(2)(b) power exercised: 27.2.2002 appointed by [S.I. 2001/1622](#), [art. 2](#)

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)

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### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in 2(2)(a) substituted (26.2.2002) by [2002 c. 6, s.1\(2\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 2(3)(b) substituted (26.2.2002) by [2002 c. 6, s. 1\(3\)](#)
- F3** Word in s. 2(3)(b) substituted (10.12.2006) by [Northern Ireland \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 2006 \(c. 33\), ss. 21, 31\(3\); S.I. 2006/3263, art. 2](#)

### Commencement Information

- I1** S. 2(2)(b): 26.2.2004 appointed by [S.I. 2003/426](#), art. 2 (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2004/464](#), art. 3)
- I2** S. 2(2)(b): 25.2.2005 appointed by [S.I. 2004/464](#), art. 2 (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2005/418](#), art. 3)
- I3** S. 2(2)(b): 24.2.2006 appointed by [S.I. 2005/418](#), art. 2 (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2006/480](#), art. 3)
- I4** S. 2(2)(b): 23.2.2007 appointed by [S.I. 2006/480](#), art. 2 (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2007/715](#), art. 3)
- I5** S. 2(2)(b): 20.2.2008 appointed by [S.I. 2007/715](#), art. 2 (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2008/378](#), art. 3)
- I6** S. 2(2)(b): 14.2.2009 appointed by [S.I. 2008/378](#), art. 2 (which S.I. was revoked by [S.I. 2009/281](#), art. 3)
- I7** S. 2(2)(b): 9.2.2010 appointed by S.I. [S.I. 2009/281](#), art. 2

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