



Offensive Weapons Act 2019

2019 CHAPTER 17

PART 6

FIREARMS

55 Prohibition of certain firearms etc: Northern Ireland

- (1) The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (SI 2004/702 (NI 3)) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 45 (weapons subject to general prohibition), in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (e) insert—
 - “(ea) any rifle with a chamber from which empty cartridge cases are extracted using—
 - (i) energy from propellant gas, or
 - (ii) energy imparted to a spring or other energy storage device by propellant gas,other than a rifle which is chambered for .22 rimfire cartridges;”.
- (3) In Article 45(1), for the “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (f) substitute—
 - “(fa) any device (commonly known as a bump stock) which is designed or adapted so that—
 - (i) it is capable of forming part of or being added to a self-loading firearm, and
 - (ii) if it forms part of or is added to such a firearm, it increases the rate of fire of the firearm by using the recoil from the firearm to generate repeated pressure on the trigger; and”.
- (4) In Article 2(2) (interpretation), in the definition of “prohibited weapon” and “prohibited ammunition”, after “including,” insert “ in the case of weapons, any devices falling within paragraph (1)(fa) of that Article and, ”.
- (5) In Article 70(1)(a) (minimum sentence for certain offences), in each of heads (ii) and (iv), after “(e)” insert “, (ea), (fa) ”.

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- (6) In Schedule 5 (table of punishments)—
- (a) in the entry for Article 45(1)(a), (aa), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g), in the first column, after “(e)” insert “, (ea), (fa)”,
 - (b) in the entry for Article 61(1), in the third column, for “or (e)” substitute “, (e), (ea) or (fa)”, and
 - (c) in the entry for Article 62(1), in the third column, for “or (e)” substitute “, (e), (ea) or (fa)”.
- (7) The amendments made by subsection (5) apply only in relation to—
- (a) an offence under Article 45(1)(ea) or (fa) of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (SI 2004/702 (NI 3)) which is committed after the coming into force of subsection (5), and
 - (b) an offence under a provision listed in Article 70(1A) of that Order in respect of a firearm specified in Article 45(1)(ea) or (fa) of that Order which is committed after the coming into force of subsection (5).

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 55(1)(6)(a) in force at Royal Assent, s. 55(2)(3) in force for specified purposes at Royal Assent, see. s. 70(5)(h)(i)(j)(k)
- I2** S. 55(2)(3) in force at 14.7.2021 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2021/819, **reg. 2(g)**
- I3** S. 55(4)(5)(6)(b)(c)(7) in force at 14.7.2021 by S.I. 2021/819, **reg. 2(g)**

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