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 STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS
 

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1978 No. 267

## ARMS AND AMMUNITION

**The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978***Made - - - - 27th February 1978**Laid before Parliament 7th March 1978**Coming into Operation 1st April 1978*

In pursuance of section 43 of the Firearms Act 1968(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1978.

(2) This Order shall not extend to Scotland.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if this Order and the Order revoked by this Order were Acts of Parliament.

3. The Firearms (Variation of Fees) (No. 2) Order 1976(c) (hereafter referred to as the 1976 Order) is hereby revoked.

4. Section 32(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 (which relates to fees for firearm and shot gun certificates and which was set out, as amended, in Schedule 1 to the 1976 Order) shall have effect as set out in Schedule 1 to this Order.

5. Section 32 of the Firearms Act 1968 shall continue to have effect with the insertion, after subsection (3) thereof, of the following subsection:—

“(3A) No fee shall be payable on the grant, variation or renewal of a firearm certificate which relates solely to and, in the case of a variation, will continue when varied to relate solely to a signalling device, which, when assembled and ready to fire, is not more than six inches long and which is designed to discharge a flare, or to ammunition for such a device.”.

6. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 35 of the Firearms Act 1968 (which relate respectively to the fee for registration as a firearms dealer and the fee for renewal of registration as a firearms dealer and which were set out, as previously amended, in Schedule 2 to the 1976 Order) shall have effect as set out, respectively, in Parts I and II of Schedule 2 to this Order.

*Merlyn Rees,*

One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.

27th February 1978.

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(a) 1968 c. 27.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1976/2157.

## Article 4

## SCHEDULE 1

*Section 32(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended*

32.—(1) Subject to this Act, there shall be payable—

- (a) on the grant of a firearm certificate a fee of £16;
- (b) on the renewal of a firearm certificate or on the replacement of a firearm certificate which has been lost or destroyed, a fee of £13;
- (c) on any variation of a firearm certificate (otherwise than when it is renewed or replaced at the same time) so as to increase the number of firearms to which the certificate relates, a fee of £13;
- (d) on the grant of a shot gun certificate a fee of £7; and
- (e) on the renewal of a shot gun certificate or on the replacement of a shot gun certificate which has been lost or destroyed, a fee of £5.

## Article 6

## SCHEDULE 2

*Section 35(1) and (3) of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended*

## PART I

35.—(1) Subject to this Act, on the registration of a person as a firearms dealer there shall be payable by him a fee of £30.

## PART II

(3) Before a person for the time being registered as a firearms dealer can be granted a new certificate of registration under section 33(5) of this Act, he shall pay a fee of £25.

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order, which extends only to England and Wales, increases the fees in respect of firearm certificates and shot gun certificates and in respect of the registration of firearms dealers and the new registration certificates issued to firearms dealers annually. Article 5 consolidates into this Order an amendment made previously.

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