

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules, rule 2 of which substitutes an expanded rule for rule 2 of the Firearms (Dangerous Air Weapons) Rules 1969 (“the 1969 Rules”), make an addition to the category of air weapons which are declared by the 1969 Rules to be specially dangerous (those already so declared are referred to in paragraph 1(a) of the expanded rule) and which therefore require a firearm certificate by virtue of section 1 of the Firearms Act 1968. The effect of the expanded rule is that an air weapon which is disguised as another object is additionally so declared. An air weapon disguised as another object does not benefit from the exception which already exists in the 1969 Rules (and which is set out in paragraph (2) of the expanded rule) in respect of a weapon designed for use only under water.