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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 1076 (c. 37)**

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION**

**The Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997  
(Commencement) (No.1) Order 1997**

*Made - - - - 15th March 1997*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 53(3) and (4) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997<sup>(1)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 (Commencement) (No. 1) Order 1997.
2. Sections 16 (Payments in respect of prohibited small firearms and ammunition), 17 (Payments in respect of ancillary equipment) and 18 (Parliamentary control of compensation schemes) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 shall, for the purposes only of making a compensation scheme, come into force on 17th March 1997.

Home Office  
15th March 1997

*Michael Howard*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997 into force on 17th March 1997 for the purposes of making a compensation scheme. Under section 16 the Secretary of State is to make a compensation scheme for persons who will effectively be deprived of their firearms or ammunition by virtue of the 1997 Act. Under section 17 any scheme made by the Secretary of State is to provide compensation for persons whose ancillary equipment for such firearms has no practicable use in relation to any other firearm. Section 18 provides that a compensation scheme cannot be made unless a draft of it has been laid before Parliament and approved by each House.