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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 3114 (c.116)**

**ARMS AND AMMUNITION**

**The Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2)  
Act 1997 (Commencement) Order 1997**

*Made - - - - 17th December 1997*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 3(3) and (4) of the Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1997<sup>(1)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1997 (Commencement) Order 1997.
2. In this Order “the 1997 (No. 2) Act” means the Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1997.
3. The provisions of the 1997 (No. 2) Act specified in Part I of the Schedule to this Order shall come into force on 17th December 1997, save that:
  - (a) subsections (3) and (4) of section 2 shall come into force on that date for the purposes only of making a compensation scheme, and
  - (b) subsection (7) of section 2 shall come into force on that date to the extent only that it relates to the repeals listed in the said Part I.
4. Subject to article 5 below the provisions of the 1997 (No. 2) Act specified in Part II of the Schedule to this Order shall come into force on 1st February 1998.
5. The provisions referred to in article 4 above shall not have effect until 1st March 1998 in relation to—
  - (a) the possession, sale or transfer of a small-calibre pistol by a person who, immediately before 1st February 1998, has the pistol in his possession by virtue of:
    - (i) a firearm certificate or a visitor’s firearm permit, or
    - (ii) a permit issued under section 7 of the Firearms Act 1968<sup>(2)</sup>, or
  - (b) the possession, purchase, acquisition, sale or transfer of a small-calibre pistol by a registered firearms dealer.

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(1) 1997 c. 64.  
(2) 1968 c. 27.

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Home Office  
17th December 1997

*Jack Straw*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of  
State

## SCHEDULE

### PART I

#### PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 17TH DECEMBER 1997

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Subject matter of provision</i>
Section 2	Consequential amendments and repeals
In the Schedule—the entry relating to section 32(2B) of the Firearms Act 1968, the entry relating to section 15A of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988, and the entries relating to sections 11 to 14, 19 to 31, 45(2), 46, 49(2) and 50(1) of, and Schedule 1 and paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to, the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997.	Repeals

### PART II

#### PROVISIONS COMING INTO FORCE ON 1ST FEBRUARY 1998

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Subject matter of provision</i>
Section 1	Prohibition of small-calibre pistols
Section 2(3), (4) and (7), insofar as not already in force.	Consequential amendments and repeals not already in force.
	In the Schedule—Repeals the entries relating to sections 5(1)(aba)
In the Schedule—the entries relating to sections 5(1)(aba) and 57(1A) of the Firearms Act 1968 and the entry relating to section 1(9) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997.	Repeals

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into force the provisions of the Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1997. Article 3 brings the provisions specified in Part I of the Schedule into force on 17th December 1997, subject to the savings indicated in paragraph (a) and (b) of that article. Article 4 brings the provisions specified in Part II of the Schedule into force on 1st February 1998. However those provisions do not have

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effect until 1st March 1998 in the case of certain certificate or permit holders and registered firearms dealers.