STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2019 No. 1419

## The Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2019

## Amendments to the Firearms Rules 1998

**2.**—(1) The Firearms Rules 1998(1) are amended as follows.

- (2) In rule 2 (interpretation), after paragraph (d) insert—
  - "(da) "relevant component part" has the same meaning as in section 57(1)(c) read together with section 57(1D)(2) of the Firearms Act 1968.".
- (3) In rule 3 (firearm certificates), after paragraph (4)(iv)(b) insert—
  - "(c) where the holder of the certificate is under the age of eighteen, arrangements must be in place for ensuring that one of the following persons assumes responsibility for the secure storage of the firearms and ammunition to which the certificate relates in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)—
    - (i) the holder's parent or guardian;
    - (ii) a person aged eighteen or over who is authorised under the principal Act to have possession of such firearms and ammunition.".
- (4) In rule 5 (shot gun certificates), after paragraph 4(iv)(b) insert—
  - "(c) where the holder of the certificate is under the age of eighteen, arrangements must be in place for ensuring that one of the following persons assumes responsibility for the secure storage of the shot guns to which the certificate relates in accordance with subparagraph (a)—
    - (i) the holder's parent or guardian;
    - (ii) a person aged eighteen or over who is authorised under the principal Act to have possession of such shot guns.".

(5) In Part 4 of Schedule 5 (firearms dealer's register of transactions), in paragraph 2 (directions as to the manner of keeping a register)—

- (a) for sub-paragraph (a) substitute—
  - "(a) in the case of firearms (other than air weapons) manufactured before 14th September 2018 and firearms of historical importance—
    - (i) the class of firearms (eg shot gun, rifle, revolver or pistol);
    - (ii) the calibre;
    - (iii) the name of the manufacturer or brand;
    - (iv) the country or place of manufacture, if known;
    - (v) the identification number (which may be the serial number) or other distinguishing mark, if present;
  - (aa) in the case of firearms (other than air weapons and firearms of historical importance) manufactured in the United Kingdom or anywhere in the European

<sup>(1)</sup> S.I. 1998/1941; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2007/2605, S.I. 2013/2970 and S.I. 2018/1042.

<sup>(2)</sup> section 57(1D) was inserted by section 125(4) of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3).

Union or imported from outside the European Union on or after 14th September 2018—

- (i) the class of firearms (eg shot gun, rifle, revolver or pistol);
- (ii) the calibre;
- (iii) the unique marking affixed to each relevant component part, to include-
  - (aa) the name of the manufacturer or brand;
  - (bb) the country or place of manufacture;
  - (cc) the serial number and the year of manufacture (if not part of the serial number);
  - (dd) the model (where feasible);
- (iv) where a relevant component part, other than the frame and the receiver, is too small to have a unique marking including all of the information set out in paragraph (iii)(aa) to (dd) above, the serial number or alphanumeric or digital code instead of that information.".
- (b) after sub-paragraph (b)(iii), insert—

"(iv) batch number;".