
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 702

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART II

FIREARM CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Certificates granted in Great Britain, etc.

Air guns held without a firearm certificate in Great Britain

18.—(1) A person resident in Great Britain may, without holding a firearm certificate, have an air gun [^{F1}to which paragraph (3) applies] in his possession in Northern Ireland if—

- (a) he may have the air gun in his possession in Great Britain without a firearm certificate by virtue of section 1(3)(b) and (4)(b) of the Firearms Act 1968 (c. 27);
- (b) he has provided the Chief Constable with such information about the air gun and such other information as the Chief Constable may require; and
- (c) he holds a document (“a certificate of approval”) authorising that possession issued to him by the Chief Constable [^{F2}on payment of the appropriate fee] .

(2) The Chief Constable may at any time require the holder of a certificate of approval to surrender it.

[^{F3}(3) This paragraph applies to an air gun which is capable of discharging a missile so that the missile has, on being discharged, a kinetic energy in excess of one joule.]

F1 Words in art. 18(1) inserted (13.5.2016) by Justice Act (NorthernIreland) 2016 (c. 21), s. 61(1), **Sch. 5 para. 6(2)(a)(i)**

F2 Words in art. 18(1)(c) added (13.5.2016) by Justice Act (NorthernIreland) 2016 (c. 21), s. 61(1), **Sch. 5 para. 6(2)(a)(ii)**

F3 Art. 18(3) added (13.5.2016) by Justice Act (NorthernIreland) 2016 (c. 21), s. 61(1), **Sch. 5 para. 6(2)(b)**

Changes to legislation:

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Section 18 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 10 June 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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- art. 6(3A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(2\)](#)
- art. 6A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(3\)](#)
- art. 11(1A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(4\)](#)