
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 702

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART II

FIREARM CERTIFICATES, ETC.

Issue, etc. of documents for European purposes

Article 7 authorities

22.—(1) In this Order “Article 7 authority” means a document issued under paragraph (2) or (4).

(2) Where a person who resides in Northern Ireland is granted, or is the holder of, a firearm certificate, he shall be entitled to be issued by the Chief Constable with a document stating that, for the purposes of Article 7 of the European weapons directive, the holder of the firearm certificate has the agreement of the United Kingdom authorities, for so long as the firearm certificate remains in force, to any purchase or acquisition by him in [^{F1}a member State] of any firearm or ammunition to which the firearm certificate relates.

(3) A person may make an application for the issue of an Article 7 authority under paragraph (2)—

- (a) at the same time as an application for a firearm certificate which will entitle him to the issue of the document under that paragraph; or
- (b) subsequently while the firearm certificate is in force.

(4) Where—

- (a) a person who resides in Northern Ireland is proposing to purchase or acquire any firearm or ammunition in [^{F1}a member State];
- (b) he is not the holder of a firearm certificate relating to that firearm or ammunition;
- (c) the firearm falls within category B for the purposes of Annex I to the European weapons directive or the ammunition is capable of being used with such a firearm; and
- (d) he satisfies the Chief Constable that he is not proposing to bring that firearm or ammunition into [^{F2}Northern Ireland],

the Chief Constable may issue him with a document stating that, for the purposes of Article 7 of the European weapons directive, he has the agreement of the United Kingdom authorities to any purchase or acquisition by him in [^{F1}a member State] of that firearm or ammunition.

F1 Words in *Order* substituted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [The Law Enforcement and Security \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1371\)](#), regs. 1, **5(3)**

F2 Words in art. 22(4)(d) substituted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [The Law Enforcement and Security \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1371\)](#), regs. 1, **5(5)**

Changes to legislation:

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Section 22 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 August 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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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- art. 22 omitted by [S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64\(7\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- 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\(4\)](#)