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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2004 No. 702**

**The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004**

**PART II**

**FIREARM CERTIFICATES, ETC.**

*Firearm certificates*

**Grant of firearm certificate to young persons**

7.—(1) In this Article “young person” means a person under the age of 18 who has attained the age of 16.

(2) The Chief Constable may grant a firearm certificate to a young person if—

(a) each firearm to which it relates is—

(i) an air gun to which paragraph (4) applies;

(ii) a shotgun; or

(iii) a .22 rimfire rifle that is to say of a calibre not exceeding 5.59 millimetres; and

(b) the Chief Constable attaches a condition under Article 6(1) that the firearm and any ammunition for it to which the certificate relates are for the purpose of—

(i) pest control; or

(ii) the protection of livestock;

on agricultural land occupied by the holder or on which he works and also resides.

(3) The Chief Constable may grant a firearm certificate to a young person if—

(a) each firearm to which it relates is—

(i) an air gun to which paragraph (4) applies; or

(ii) a shotgun; and

(b) the Chief Constable attaches a condition under Article 6(1) that the holder shall have the firearm and any ammunition for it to which the certificate relates in his possession only—

(i) for sporting purposes; and

(ii) for a specified period of at least 12 months under the supervision of a person who has attained the age of 21 and has held a firearm certificate for a firearm of that type for at least three years.

(4) 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.