

# **FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **POLICY OBJECTIVES**

The Order seeks to provide a legislative framework for the control of firearms which is both effective and proportionate and strikes the right balance between public safety and the reasonable expectations of legitimate shooting enthusiasts. The opportunity was taken to reduce regulation where that could be done without compromising public safety.