

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

**S.I. 2004 No. 702 (N.I. 3)**

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **NOTES ON ARTICLES**

#### ***Article 26 – Grant of firearms dealer’s certificate***

Replaces the practice of registering firearms dealers and the issue of a certificate of registration with a more straightforward system of authorisation by way of the grant of a firearms dealer’s certificate and provides the criteria for the grant of a certificate. The Article brings the legislation into line with Great Britain by replacing the “need” criterion of the current Order with the requirement that the Chief Constable is satisfied that the applicant will engage in business as a firearms dealer to “a substantial extent or as an essential part of another trade or profession”.