

FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

NOTES ON ARTICLES

Article 38 – Record of transactions in firearms

Requires firearms dealers to keep records of transactions and to retain all relevant documents for 2 years. The Article also specifies the information to be kept in the records, when they are to be made and that they are to be kept for a period of 5 years, which is a reduction on the previous 10-year requirement. There is provision for an authorised officer (a constable or a member of the police support staff) to enter a dealer's premises and inspect his stock, records and relevant documents. Where the record is held in an electronic form the dealer must ensure that it can be easily produced in a readable form which can be taken away. The Article does not apply to sale by auction in accordance with a permit issued under Article 34(1).