

FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

NOTES ON ARTICLES

Article 46 – Exemptions from the requirement of authority under Article 45

Permits prohibited weapons to be purchased or acquired without the Secretary of State's authorisation in certain circumstances. In particular it provides that a person may purchase or acquire a weapon and ammunition designed or adapted for the purpose of tranquillising or otherwise treating animals provided it is held on a firearm certificate conditioned for that specific purpose. This brings Northern Ireland into line with Great Britain.