

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

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

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **NOTES ON ARTICLES**

***Article 78 - Application of certain provisions of this Order to police***

Provides an exemption from the requirement to hold a firearm certificate for members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland, police support staff, police trainees and police reserve trainees, and members of the Harbour and Airport Police, in so far as it relates to possession of a firearm in their capacity as such. In addition, it provides for the Chief Constable to purchase firearms and ammunition for police purposes, without the requirement of a firearm certificate.