
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes exceptions to the requirement for a knife dealers' licence under section 27A of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Article 2 specifies the classes of article which are to be excepted from the list of articles under section 27A(2) of the 1982 Act. This includes folding pocket knives. It also adds “daggers” as a class of article and makes exceptions for kirpans and skean dhus within this class. Article 2 applies only where the article’s blade does not exceed 3.5 inches (8.91 centimetres) in length.

Article 3 specifies the exceptions to the meaning of business under section 27A(4) of the 1982 Act. It removes the hiring, offering or exposing for hire, lending or giving of fencing weapons from the meaning of “business” but only where the purpose is for teaching the sport of fencing.