



# Firearms Act 1937

## 1937 CHAPTER 12

### PART I

#### REGULATION OF PURCHASE, POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF CERTAIN FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS

#### *Savings and application*

#### **15 Savings**

- (1) Nothing in this Part of this Act shall relieve any person using or carrying a firearm from the obligation to take out a licence to use or carry a gun under the Gun Licence Act, 1870, or a licence to kill game under the law with respect to such a licence.
- (2) The provisions of this Part of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any provisions of this or any other Act which prohibit or restrict the sale or transfer of firearms and ammunition.

#### **16 Firearms and ammunition to which Part I applies**

- (1) This Part of this Act applies to all firearms as defined in section thirty-two of this Act, except the following weapons and component parts thereof and accessories thereto, namely—
  - (a) a smooth bore gun having a barrel not less than twenty inches in length;
  - (b) an air gun, air rifle or air pistol not being of a type declared by rules made by a Secretary of State under this Act to be specially dangerous.
- (2) This Part of this Act applies to all ammunition as defined in section thirty-two of this Act, except the following articles, namely—
  - (a) cartridges containing five or more shot, none of which exceeds nine twenty-fifths of an inch in diameter;
  - (b) ammunition for an air gun or air rifle or air pistol;
  - (c) blank cartridges not exceeding one inch in diameter.

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- (3) For the purpose of this section the diameter of a cartridge shall be measured immediately in front of the rim or cannelure of the base of the cartridge.