



Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 45

Converted and de-activated weapons

7 Conversion not to affect classification.

(1) Any weapon which—

[^{F1}(a) has at any time (whether before or after the passing of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997) been a weapon of a kind described in section 5(1) or (1A) of the principal Act (including any amendments to section 5(1) made under section 1(4) of this Act);]

(b) is not a self-loading or pump-action smooth-bore gun which has at any such time been such a weapon by reason only of having had a barrel less than 24 inches in length,

shall be treated as a prohibited weapon notwithstanding anything done for the purpose of converting it into a weapon of a different kind.

(2) Any weapon which—

(a) has at any time since the coming into force of section 2 above been a weapon to which section 1 of the principal Act applies; or

(b) would at any previous time have been such a weapon if those sections had then been in force,

shall, if it has, or at any time has had, a rifled barrel less than 24 inches in length, be treated as a weapon to which section 1 of the principal Act applies notwithstanding anything done for the purpose of converting it into a shot gun or an air weapon.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) above there shall be disregarded the shortening of a barrel by a registered firearms dealer for the sole purpose of replacing part of it so as to produce a barrel not less than 24 inches in length.

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 7(1)(a) substituted (1.7.1997) by 1997 c. 5, s. 52(1), **Sch. 2 para. 16**; S.I. 1997/1535, art. 3(b), **Sch. Pt. 1**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988, Section 7.