



Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 5

PART IV

FINAL PROVISIONS

50 Interpretation and supplementary provisions

- (1) In this Act—
 - “licence”, “licensed pistol club” and “licensed premises” have the meanings given by section 19 above;
 - “small-calibre pistol” means—
 - (a) a pistol chambered for .22 or smaller rim-fire cartridges; or
 - (b) an air pistol to which section 1 of the 1968 Act applies and which is designed to fire .22 or smaller diameter ammunition;
 - “the 1968 Act” means the Firearms Act 1968;
 - “the 1988 Act” means the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988.
- (2) Any expression used in this Act which is also used in the 1968 Act or the 1988 Act has the same meaning as in that Act.
- (3) Any reference in the 1968 Act to a person who is by virtue of that Act entitled to possess, purchase or acquire any weapon or ammunition without holding a certificate shall include a reference to a person who is so entitled by virtue of any provision of this Act.
- (4) Sections 46, 51(4) and 52 of the 1968 Act (powers of search, time-limit for prosecutions and forfeiture and cancellation orders on conviction) shall apply also to offences under this Act.
- (5) Sections 53 to 56 and section 58 of the 1968 Act (rules, Crown application, service of notices and savings) shall have effect as if this Act were contained in that Act.
- (6) The provisions of this Act shall be treated as contained in the 1968 Act for the purposes of the Firearms Act 1982 (imitation firearms readily convertible into firearms to which section 1 of the 1968 Act applies).