

# Offensive Weapons Act 2019

# **2019 CHAPTER 17**

### PART 6

### **FIREARMS**

# Payments in respect of ancillary equipment

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide for payments to be made in respect of ancillary equipment of any description specified in the regulations.
- (2) In subsection (1) "ancillary equipment" means equipment, other than prohibited ammunition, which—
  - (a) is designed or adapted for use in connection with firearms prohibited by virtue of section 54 or 55, and
  - (b) has no practicable use in connection with any firearm which is not a prohibited weapon.
- (3) Regulations under subsection (1) must provide that a payment may only be made to a person making a claim which meets—
  - (a) condition A, and
  - (b) where the claim is made in respect of ancillary equipment which is ammunition, condition B.
- (4) Condition A is that the person making the claim had the ancillary equipment to which the claim relates in their possession—
  - (a) on or immediately before 20th June 2018, or
  - (b) after that date because they purchased it by virtue of a contract entered into on or before that date.
- (5) Condition B is that the possession of the ammunition by the person making the claim was, at all material times, lawful by virtue of a firearm certificate held by them or by virtue of being a registered firearms dealer.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (1) may require, as a condition of eligibility for receipt of payments in respect of any equipment—

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- (a) the surrender (whether to the police or any other person) of that equipment in accordance with the regulations within a period specified in the regulations,
- (b) the disposal of that equipment by way of sale within a period so specified, or
- (c) either such surrender or such disposal of the equipment within a period so specified.
- (7) The provision that may be made by regulations under subsection (1) includes—
  - (a) other provision restricting eligibility for receipt of payments, including provision restricting eligibility to claims made in respect of ancillary equipment surrendered or disposed of within a period specified in the regulations;
  - (b) provision about the procedure to be followed (including any time within which claims must be made and the provision of information) in respect of claims and for the determination of claims;
  - (c) provision enabling a person to exercise a discretion in determining—
    - (i) whether to make a payment in response to a claim, and
    - (ii) the amount of such a payment.