
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 574

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1980

Made - - - - 22nd April 1980

Laid before Parliament 30th April 1980

Coming into Operation 1st July 1980

In pursuance of section 43 of the Firearms Act 1968(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1980 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

(2) This Order shall not extend to Scotland.

2. The Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 1978(b) (hereafter referred to as the 1978 Order) is hereby revoked.

3. Section 32(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 (which relates to fees for firearm and shot gun certificates and which was set out, as amended, in Schedule 1 to the 1978 Order) shall have effect as set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. In section 32(3A) of the Firearms Act 1968 (which provides that no fee shall be payable in respect of firearm certificates for certain signalling devices and ammunition and which was set out in Article 5 of the 1978 Order) for the word “six” there shall be substituted the word “eight” and accordingly that provision shall have effect as set out in Part II of Schedule 1 to this Order.

5. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 35 of the Firearms Act 1968 (which relate respectively to the fee for registration as a firearms dealer and the fee for renewal of registration as a firearms dealer and which were set out, as amended, in Schedule 2 to the 1978 Order) shall have effect as set out, respectively, in Parts I and II of Schedule 2 to this Order.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
22nd April 1980.

Articles 3 and 4

SCHEDULE 1

Section 32(1) and (3A) of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended

PART I

32.—(1) Subject to this Act, there shall be payable—

- (a) on the grant of a firearm certificate a fee of £25;
- (b) on the renewal of a firearm certificate or on the replacement of a firearm certificate which has been lost or destroyed, a fee of £20;
- (c) on any variation of a firearm certificate (otherwise than when it is renewed or replaced at the same time) so as to increase the number of firearms to which the certificate relates, a fee of £20;
- (d) on the grant of a shot gun certificate a fee of £12; and
- (e) on the renewal of a shot gun certificate or on the replacement of a shot gun certificate which has been lost or destroyed, a fee of £8.

PART II

(3A) No fee shall be payable on the grant, variation or renewal of a firearm certificate which relates solely to and, in the case of a variation, will continue when varied to relate solely to a signalling device, which, when assembled and ready to fire, is not more than eight inches long and which is designed to discharge a flare, or to ammunition for such a device.

Article 5

SCHEDULE 2

Section 35(1) and (3) of the Firearms Act 1968 as amended

PART I

35.—(1) Subject to this Act, on the registration of a person as a firearms dealer there shall be payable by him a fee of £58.

PART II

(3) Before a person for the time being registered as a firearms dealer can be granted a new certificate of registration under section 33(5) of this Act, he shall pay a fee of £36.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which extends only to England and Wales, increases the fees in respect of firearm certificates and shot gun certificates and in respect of the registration of firearms dealers and the new registration certificates issued to firearms dealers annually. Article 4 extends an existing exemption relating to signalling devices.