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**The Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2)
(England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

Made - - - - *15th July 2022*

Coming into force - - *16th July 2022*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 31(4)(a) and (5) and 70(1) of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019(a).

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Amendment to the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) (England and Wales) Regulations 2021

2. In the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) (England and Wales) Regulations 2021(b), in the definition of “the specified period” in regulation 1(2), for “of 14 months beginning with 5th July 2021” substitute “beginning with 5th July 2021 and ending with 31st March 2023”(c).

15th July 2022

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(a) 2019 c. 17 (“the Act”). Section 31(5) of the Act provides that regulations containing a provision by virtue of subsection (4)(a) may be amended by subsequent regulations under section 70(1) so as to continue any provision of Part 2 of the Act in force for the specified purpose or in relation to the specified area for a further specified period.

(b) S.I. 2021/762 brought provisions of Part 2 of the Act into force on 5th July 2021 for a specified period in relation to specified areas and purposes.

(c) The effect of this amendment is to extend the pilot period of knife crime prevention orders.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (Commencement No. 2) (England and Wales) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/762) (“the Commencement Regulations”).

Section 31 of the Offensive Weapons Act 2019 (c. 17) (“the Act”) requires the provisions of Part 2 (knife crime prevention orders) to be brought into force either for one or more specified purposes or in relation to one or more specified areas in England and Wales, and for the Secretary of State to lay a report before Parliament on the operation of those provisions, before all of the provisions of Part 2 may be brought fully into force in England and Wales.

Regulation 2 of the Commencement Regulations brought into force, in specified areas and for specified purposes, provisions of Part 2 of the Act for a ‘pilot period’ (the specified period) of 14 months from 5 July 2021.

Regulation 2 of these Regulations amends the Commencement Regulations so that the pilot period will end at the end of 31 March 2023.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.

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