STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2004 No. 702 (N.I. 3)

# NORTHERN IRELAND

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

Made--10th March 2004Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1

## THE FIREARMS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004

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14. Museum firearms licence

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## Firearms dealers

1. (1) The holder of a firearms dealer's certificate may, without...

## Auctioneers, carriers and warehousemen

2. (1) A person carrying on the business of an auctioneer,...

## Slaughter of animals

3. (1) A person licensed to slaughter animals may, without holding...

Equipment for ships and aircraft

4. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have...

## Sporting purposes

5. A person carrying a firearm or ammunition belonging to another...

## Athletics meetings, etc.

6. A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have a...

## Firearms clubs

7. A member of a firearms club which is authorised under...

## Recreational facilities

8. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, acquire...

## Air guns and ammunition

9. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, have...

## Rifles

10. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, borrow...

## Shotguns

11. (1) A person may, without holding a firearm certificate, borrow...

## Theatre and cinema

12. (1) A person taking part in a theatrical performance may,...

SCHEDULE 2 — FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IN MUSEUMS

## Introductory

1. (1) In this Schedule— "licence" means a museum firearms licence;...

#### Museum firearms licences

2. (1) The Secretary of State may, on an application in...

## Variation and revocation

3. (1) The Secretary of State may by notice in writing...

#### Fees

4. The appropriate fee shall be payable on the grant of...

#### Offences and enforcement

5. (1) It shall be an offence for any of the...

## SCHEDULE 3 — RECORD OF TRANSACTIONS

- 1. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition manufactured and...
- 2. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition purchased or...
- 3. The quantities and descriptions of firearms and ammunition accepted for...
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## SCHEDULE 4 — OFFENCES TO WHICH ARTICLE 59(2) APPLIES

- 1. The common law offence of rape.
- 2. Offences under any of the following provisions of the Offences...
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- 4. Offences under any of the following provisions of the Criminal...
- 5. Offences under Article 172 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland)...
- 6. Offences under the Child Abduction (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI...
- 7. Offences under section 123(1) of the Criminal Justice and Public...
- 8. Offences under section 66 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act...
- 9. Offences under paragraph 4 of Schedule 11 to the Immigration...
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## Museum firearms licence

## Visitor's firearm permit

## Firearms dealer's certificate

## Firearms club

## SCHEDULE 7 — CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS

## Criminal Jurisdiction Act 1975 (c. 59)

1. In Schedule 1, for paragraph 9 substitute the following paragraph—...

## Suppression of Terrorism Act 1978 (c. 26)

2. In Schedule 1, for paragraph 15 substitute the following paragraph—...

## Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (c. 2)

- 3. In section 50(5A)(b), for "Article 6(1)(a), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae)...
- 4. In Article 68(4A)(b), for "Article 6(1)(a), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae),...
- 5. In section 170(4A)(b), for "Article 6(1)(a), (ab), (ac), (ad), (ae)...

Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (NI 26)

6. In Article 29(1), for sub-paragraph (f) substitute the following sub-paragraph—...

#### Repatriation of Prisoners Act 1984 (c. 47)

7. In the Schedule— (a) in the cross-heading preceding paragraph 8,...

#### Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (NI 2)

- 8. In Article 2(2)— (a) in the definition of "ammunition", for...
- 9. In Schedule 11, in paragraph 3 for "1981" substitute "2004"....

#### Mental Health (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 (NI 4)

10. In Article 44(4A), for "Article 52A" and "1981" substitute respectively...

#### Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33)

11. In section 141(13) for "1981" substitute "2004".

## Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (NI 12)

12. In Schedule 5, in Part II, after paragraph 15 add...

## Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (NI 24)

- 13. In Article 2(9), for "Article 52A" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 14. In Article 4(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 15. In Article 10(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 16. In Article 13(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...

- 17. In Article 15(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 18. In Article 19(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 19. In Article 20(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...
- 20. In Article 24(1), for "Article 52A(2)" and "1981" substitute respectively...

## Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (c. 7)

- 21. In section 10(1)— (a) in paragraph (a) of the definition...
- 22. In paragraph 8 of the Schedule, after "1981" insert "or...

## Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11)

- 23. In section 77(3) for the entry relating to the Firearms...
- 24. In Schedule 9, in Part I, for paragraph 16 substitute...

## Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (c. 16)

25. In Schedule 1 (powers of seizure)— (a) for paragraph 30...

## Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (c. 29)

26. In Schedule 5, in paragraph 5(2) for "Article 4(1)" and...

## Sexual Offences Act 2003 (c. 42)

- 27. In paragraph 145 of Schedule 5 (other offences for the...
- 28. In paragraph 146 of that Schedule for "Article 17A" substitute...
- 29. In paragraph 147 of that Schedule for "Article 18(1)" substitute...
- 30. In paragraph 148 of that Schedule for "Article 18(2)" and...
- 31. In paragraph 149 of that Schedule for "Article 19" substitute...

## Criminal Justice Act 2003 (c. 44)

- 32. In paragraph 33 of Schedule 17 (violent offences and sexual...
- 33. In paragraph 34 of that Schedule for "Article 17A" substitute...
- 34. In paragraph 35 of that Schedule for "Article 18(1)" substitute...
- 35. In paragraph 36 of that Schedule for "Article 18(2)" and...
- 36. In paragraph 37 of that Schedule for "Article 19" substitute...

#### SCHEDULE 8 — REPEALS

Explanatory Note