



# Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

## 1982 CHAPTER 45

### PART II

#### LICENSING AND REGULATION—PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES

##### *[<sup>F1</sup>Licensing and regulation of knife dealers*

##### **[<sup>F1</sup>27A Knife dealers' licences**

- (1) A licence, to be known as a “knife dealer's licence”, is required for carrying on business as a dealer in any article mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) Those articles are—
  - (a) knives (other than [<sup>F2</sup>folding pocket knives whose blades do not exceed 3.5 inches (8.91 centimetres) in length or knives] designed for domestic use);
  - [<sup>F3</sup>(aa) daggers (other than kirpans or skean dhus whose blades do not exceed exceed 3.5 inches (8.91 centimetres) in length);]
  - (b) knife blades (other than those designed for domestic use);
  - (c) swords;
  - (d) any other article—
    - (i) which has a blade; or
    - (ii) which is sharply pointed,and which is made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person.
- (3) A knife dealer's licence shall, in addition to specifying the activity which the dealer engages in, specify the premises in or from which the activity is to be carried on.
- (4) In subsections (1) and (3), “dealer” means a person carrying on a business which consists wholly or partly of—
  - (a) selling;
  - (b) hiring;
  - (c) offering for sale or hire;

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- (d) exposing for sale or hire;
- (e) lending; or
- (f) giving,

to persons not acting in the course of a business or profession any article mentioned in subsection (2) (whether or not the activities mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (f) are carried out incidentally to a business which would not, apart from this section, require a knife dealer's licence).

- (5) In subsection (4), “selling”, in relation to an article mentioned in subsection (2)—
- (a) includes—
    - (i) selling such an article by auction;
    - (ii) accepting goods or services in payment (whether in part or in full) for such an article; but
  - (b) does not include selling (by auction or otherwise) such an article by one person on behalf of another;
- and “sale” is to be construed accordingly.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (4), an article is not to be treated as being exposed for sale if it is exposed for sale (by auction or otherwise) by a person other than the owner.
- (7) The Scottish Ministers may by order modify subsection (2) so as to—
- (a) add articles or classes of article;
  - (b) amend descriptions of articles or classes of article;
  - (c) remove articles or classes of article.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers may by order—
- (a) modify subsection (4) so as to modify the definition of “dealer”;
  - (b) specify descriptions of activity which are not to be taken to be businesses for the purposes of that subsection (or that subsection as modified).
- (9) The power in subsection (8)(a) includes in particular power to add descriptions of business.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 27A-27S and cross-heading inserted (1.11.2007 for specified purposes, 1.6.2009 for specified purposes, 1.9.2009 for specified purposes, 1.6.2010 in so far as not already in force) by [Custodial Sentences and Weapons \(Scotland\) Act 2007 \(asp 17\)](#), **ss. 58, 67(2)**; S.S.I. 2007/431, art. 3, sch., S.S.I. 2009/197, art. 2, Sch.
- F2** Words in s. 27A(2)(a) substituted (1.9.2009) by [The Knife Dealers \(Exceptions\) Order 2009 \(S.S.I. 2009/218\)](#), arts. 1, **2(a)**
- F3** S. 27A(2)(aa) inserted (1.9.2009) by [The Knife Dealers \(Exceptions\) Order 2009 \(S.S.I. 2009/218\)](#), arts. 1, **2(b)**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 27A(4) modified (1.9.2009) by [The Knife Dealers \(Exceptions\) Order 2009 \(S.S.I. 2009/218\)](#), arts. 1, **3**

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 22(1)(c) repealed by [2015 asp 10 s. 65\(3\)](#)
- s. 49(9) added by [2010 asp 13 s. 200\(1\)\(b\)](#)