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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1992 No. 1723 (N.I. 14)**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**The Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>15th July 1992</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>29th July 1992</i>
<i>Coming into operation</i>		<i>16th September 1992</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 15th day of July 1992

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Whereas this Order is made only for purposes corresponding to those of section 1 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1992(1):

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(2) (as modified by section 2(2) of the said Act of 1992) and of all other powers enabling Her in that behalf, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

**Title, commencement and citation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 and shall come into operation on the expiration of two months from the day on which it is made.

(2) This Order and the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Orders 1981 to 1989 may be cited together as the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Orders 1981 to 1992.

**Interpretation**

2. The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954(3) shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

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(1) 1992 c. 31  
(2) 1974 c. 28  
(3) 1954 c. 33 (N.I.)

### Duration of firearm certificates

3. In Article 28 of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1981<sup>(4)</sup>—

(a) in paragraph (8) (firearm certificate unless previously revoked or cancelled continues in force and may be renewed for three years or such shorter period as may be prescribed), the words “or such shorter period as may be prescribed” in both places where they occur shall cease to have effect;

(b) after that paragraph there shall be inserted the following paragraphs—

“(8A) The Secretary of State may by order substitute for references in paragraph (8) to three years references to such other period as is specified by the order.

(8B) An order made under paragraph (8A) shall apply only to certificates granted or renewed after the date on which the order comes into operation.

(8C) An order made under paragraph (8A) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament in like manner as a statutory instrument and section 5 of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946<sup>(5)</sup> shall apply accordingly.”.

*G. I. de Deney*  
Clerk of the Privy Council

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<sup>(4)</sup> 1981 NI 2  
<sup>(5)</sup> 1946 c. 36

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made only for purposes corresponding to those of section 1 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1992.

It empowers the Secretary of State to extend the period for which firearm certificates are granted or renewed.