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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 2004 No. 702

## The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

### PART IV

#### CONTROL OF TRANSACTIONS

##### **Purchase or acquisition of firearms in <sup>F1</sup>... member States**

43.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), where—

- (a) a person who resides in Northern Ireland purchases or acquires a firearm in [<sup>F2</sup>a member State]; and
- (b) that firearm is a firearm which falls within category C for the purposes of Annex I to the European weapons directive,

he shall, within 7 days from the transaction, send notice of it to the Chief Constable.

(2) A person shall not be required to give notice under paragraph (1) of a transaction under which he acquires a firearm on terms which—

- (a) restrict his possession of the firearm to the whole or a part of the period of a visit to the member State where the transaction takes place; and
- (b) preclude the removal of the firearm from that member State.

(3) A person shall not be required to give notice under paragraph (1) of a transaction under which he purchases or acquires a firearm if he is the holder of a firearm certificate relating to that firearm and containing, in relation to that firearm, a condition that he may have it in his possession only for the purpose of its being kept or exhibited as part of a collection.

(4) A notice required by paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) describe the firearm in question (giving its identification number and the reference number of the certificate if any); and
- (b) state the nature of the transaction and the name and address in Northern Ireland of the person sending the notice.

(5) A person who fails to comply with this Article shall be guilty of an offence.

**F1** Word in [art. 43](#) heading omitted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by virtue of [The Law Enforcement and Security \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1371\)](#), regs. 1, **5(6)**

**F2** Words in [Order](#) substituted (31.12.2020 immediately before IP completion day) by [The Law Enforcement and Security \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020 \(S.I. 2020/1371\)](#), regs. 1, **5(3)**

**Changes to legislation:**

The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004, Section 43 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 August 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- art. 43 omitted by [S.I. 2019/742 reg. 64\(9\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2019/742, reg. 64 omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/1371, regs. 1, 4(3))

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

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

- art. 6(3A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(2\)](#)
- art. 6A inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(3\)](#)
- art. 11(1A) inserted by [2019 c. 17 s. 62\(4\)](#)