



Explosives (Age of Purchase &c.) Act 1976

1976 CHAPTER 26

An Act to restrict further the sale to young persons of explosive substances, including fireworks, and to increase the penalties provided by sections 31 and 80 of the Explosives Act 1875. [22nd July 1976]

1 Increase of age for purchase of fireworks etc and of certain penalties relating to fireworks etc.

[^{F1}(1) In section 31 of the ^{M1} Explosives Act 1875 (which, as extended by section 39 of that Act, prohibits the sale to children of explosives, including fireworks, and provides that a person who makes a sale in contravention of the said section 31 shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding £20) for the words “any child apparently under the age of thirteen” there shall be substituted the words “any person under the age of sixteen” and for the word “£20” there shall be substituted the word “£200”.]

(2) ^{F2}

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 1(1) repealed in part by [Consumer Protection Act 1987](#) (c. 43, SIF 109:1), ss. 41(2), 47(1)(2), 48, [Sch. 5](#)

F2 S. 1(2) repealed by [Consumer Protection Act 1987](#) (c. 43, SIF 109:1), ss. 41(2), 47(1)(2), 48, [Sch. 5](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 The text of s. 1(1)(2) is in the form in which it was originally enacted: it was not reproduced in Statutes in Force and does not reflect any amendments or repeals which may have been made prior to 1.2.1991.

Marginal Citations

M1 1875 c. 17.

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2 Citation, extent and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Explosives (Age of Purchase &c.) Act 1976, and this Act and the ^{M2}Explosives Acts 1875 and ^{M3}1923 may be cited together as the Explosives Acts 1875 to 1976.
- (2) This Act shall not extend to Northern Ireland.
- (3) This Act shall come into force at the expiration of one month beginning with the date of its passing.

Marginal Citations

M2 1875 c. 17.

M3 1923 c. 17.

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

- Act repealed by [2003 c. 22 Sch.](#)