
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Firearms Acts (Amendment) Regulations 1992

Purchase and acquisition of shot gun under visitor's permit

6.—(1) In section 17 of the 1988 Act (visitors' permits), after subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(1A) A visitor's shot gun permit shall not authorise the purchase or acquisition by any person of any shot gun with a magazine except where—

- (a) that person is for the time being the holder of a licence granted, for the purposes of any order made under section 1 of the Import, Export and Customs Powers (Defence) Act 1939(1), in respect of the exportation of that shot gun;
- (b) the shot gun is to be exported from Great Britain to a place outside the member States without first being taken to another member State;
- (c) the shot gun is acquired on terms which restrict that person's possession of the gun to the whole or a part of the period of his visit to Great Britain and preclude the removal of the gun from Great Britain; or
- (d) the shot gun is purchased or acquired by that person exclusively in connection with the carrying on of activities in respect of which—
 - (i) that person; or
 - (ii) the person on whose behalf he makes the purchase or acquisition, is recognised, for the purposes of the law of another member State relating to firearms, as a collector of firearms or a body concerned in the cultural or historical aspects of weapons.”

Accordingly, in subsection (1) of that section, the words “(subject to subsection (1A) below)” shall be inserted after the word “and”, in the second place where it occurs.

(2) After section 42 of the 1968 Act there shall be inserted the following sections—

“Information as to transactions under visitors' permits.

42A.—(1) A person who sells, lets on hire, gives or lends a shot gun with a magazine to another person who—

- (a) shows that he is entitled to purchase or acquire the weapon as the holder of a visitor's shot gun permit under section 17 of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988; but
- (b) fails to show that the purchase or acquisition falls within subsection (1A)(c) or (d) of that section (temporary acquisitions or purchases or acquisitions by collectors etc.) or that he resides outside the member States,

shall, within forty-eight hours of the transaction, send by registered post or the recorded delivery service notice of the transaction to the chief officer of police who granted that permit.

(2) A notice under subsection (1) above shall—

- (a) contain a description of the shot gun (giving the identification number if any);
- (b) state the nature of the transaction (giving the name of the person to whom the gun has been sold, let on hire, given or lent, his address in the member State where he resides and the number and place of issue of his passport, if any); and
- (c) set out the particulars of any licence granted for the purposes of an order made under section 1 of the Import, Export and Customs Powers (Defence) Act 1939 by virtue of which the transaction is authorised under section 17 of that Act of 1988.

(3) It is an offence for a person to fail to comply with this section.”

(3) In Part I of Schedule 6 to the 1968 Act (prosecution and punishment of offences), after the entry relating to section 42 there shall be inserted the following entry—

“Section 42A...	Failure to report transaction authorised by visitor’s shot gun permit.	Summary	3 months or a fine —” of level 5 on the standard scale; or both.
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