

2004 No. 464

NORTHERN IRELAND

**The Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997
(Amnesty Period) Order 2004**

Made - - - - - 25 February 2004

Coming into force - - 26th February 2004

Whereas a draft of this Order has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 2(2)(b) of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997^(a), the Secretary of State hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2004 and shall come into force on 26th February 2004.

Appointed day

2. The day hereby appointed for the purposes of section 2(2)(b) of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 is 25th February 2005, being not more than twelve months after the day on which this Order is made or later than 27th February 2007.

Revocation

3. The Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2003^(b) is hereby revoked.

25 February 2004

Paul Murphy
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State
Northern Ireland Office

(a) 1997 c. 7. The powers in section 2(2)(b) of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 are restricted by section 2(3) of that Act as amended by the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Act 2002 (c. 6).
(b) S.I. 2003/426.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Under section 2(1) of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (“the 1997 Act”) a decommissioning scheme must identify a period during which firearms, ammunition and explosives may be dealt with in accordance with the scheme (“the amnesty period”). The 1997 Act was amended by the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Act 2002 (“the 2002 Act”). Under section 2(3) of the 1997 Act, as amended, the day appointed by Order under section 2(2)(b) must be no more than twelve months after the date on which the Order was made and no later than 27th February 2003 or such later date as the Secretary of State may from time to time appoint.

The Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/426) appointed 26th February 2004 as the day before which the amnesty period identified in a decommissioning scheme must end. This Order appoints 25th February 2005 as the day before which the amnesty period identified in a decommissioning scheme must end.

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