
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2019 No. 1420

The Firearms Regulations 2019

Citation, commencement, extent and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Firearms Regulations 2019 and come into force on 12th December 2019.

(2) Regulation 5 extends to Northern Ireland only.

(3) In these Regulations—

“appropriate national authority” means—

(a) in relation to England and Wales and Scotland, the Secretary of State;

(b) in relation to Northern Ireland, the Department of Justice in Northern Ireland;

“deactivated firearm” means a firearm that has been deactivated in accordance with the technical specifications set out in the document published by the Secretary of State under section 8A(5) of the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 (controls on defectively deactivated weapons)(1) which apply to that firearm;

“firearm”, for the purposes of regulations 1 to 4, has the meaning given—

(a) in relation to England and Wales and Scotland, by section 57(1) of the Firearms Act 1968 (interpretation)(2);

(b) in relation to Northern Ireland, by Article 2(2) of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 (interpretation)(3);

“transfer”, for the purposes of regulations 1 to 4, includes sell, give, let on hire for a period of more than 14 days or lend for a period of more than 14 days.

(1) 1988 c. 45. Section 8A was inserted by section 128 of the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3).

(2) 1968 c. 27. Section 57(1) was amended by section 125(1) and (2) of the Policing and Crime Act 2017.

(3) S.I. 2004/702 (N.I. 3). Relevant amendments are referenced in these Regulations.