STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2004

PART VI

FIREARMS CLUBS

Authorisation

49.—(1) The Chief Constable may, on payment of the appropriate fee, grant an authorisation for a firearms club if he is satisfied that it can operate without danger to public safety or to the peace.

(2) The Chief Constable may at any time by notice in writing—

(a) attach conditions to an authorisation;

(b) vary or revoke conditions attached under this Article.

(3) An authorisation shall, unless the Chief Constable revokes it, continue in force for a period of five years from the date on which it is granted.

(4) The Unlawful Drilling Act 1819 (c. 1) shall not have effect in relation to a firearms club if an authorisation is in force in relation to it.

(5) Any person who—

(a) operates, or participates in the activities of, a firearms club for which an authorisation is not in force; or

(b) contravenes any condition of an authorisation,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Revocation or variation of authorisation

50.—(1) The Chief Constable may revoke an authorisation if he is not satisfied that the club can operate without danger to public safety or to the peace.

(2) The Chief Constable may vary an authorisation on the application of an officer of the club.

(3) In this Article "authorisation" means an authorisation granted under Article 49.

Power of entry

51.—(1) A constable or member of the police support staff authorised in that behalf by the Chief Constable may on producing his authority if required to do so—

(a) enter any premises occupied or used by a firearms club; and

(b) inspect the premises and anything on them,

for the purpose of ascertaining whether the conditions of any authorisation granted under Article 49 are being complied with.

(2) Any person who intentionally obstructs a constable or a member of the police support staff in the exercise of his powers under this Article shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) In this Article "premises" includes any place and in particular includes a range.