

1979 No. 277

FIREARMS**Firearms (Air Weapons Lawfully Held in Great Britain) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1979***Made* 1st August 1979*Coming into operation* 27th August 1979*To be laid before Parliament*

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of section 13B (as inserted(a)) and section 49 (as modified(b)) of the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969(c), hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Firearms (Air Weapons Lawfully Held in Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 and shall come into operation on 27th August 1979.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“the Act” means the Firearms Act (Northern Ireland) 1969;

“Chief Constable” means the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Requirements of notification and approval

3.—(1) Section 13B of the Act shall not have effect with respect to the possession in Northern Ireland by a person of any air weapon or ammunition therefor unless he—

(a) has furnished to the Chief Constable such particulars of that air weapon or ammunition, and such other information, as the Chief Constable may require; and

(b) holds a written approval issued to him by the Chief Constable in the form set out in the Schedule and for the time being in force, authorising that possession; and

(c) has complied with any conditions contained in that approval.

(2) The approval shall expire, unless previously surrendered or revoked, in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Northern Ireland Office
1st August 1979

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State

(a) S.I. 1979/923 (N.I. 7) article 9
(b) S.I. 1973/2163 (1973 III, p. 7541)
(c) 1969 c. 12 (N.I.)

SCHEDULE Regulation 3

Approval of possession in Northern Ireland of air weapon(s) and ammunition therefor by person resident in Great Britain

(This approval enables the person to whom it relates to have in his possession in Northern Ireland an air weapon other than one declared by rules made by the Secretary of State under section 53 of the Firearms Act 1968 to be specially dangerous and for which a firearm certificate is required under this Act. The approval also applies to ammunition for the weapon to which it relates.)

Name normally resident at and temporarily resident in Northern Ireland at is hereby permitted to have in his possession the undernoted air weapon(s) and ammunition while resident in Northern Ireland from to

AIR WEAPON(S)

Table with 2 columns: Description (type, maker's name, etc.) and Serial Number

Table with 2 columns: AMMUNITION and Quantity and Type

The following conditions shall apply to this approval:—

- 1. The holder of the approval must on receipt sign it in ink with his usual signature.
2. The air weapon and ammunition to which the approval relates must at all times when not in actual use be kept in a secure place and beyond the reach of children.
3. The holder must not allow any unauthorised person to use or have in his possession the air weapon or ammunition to which the approval relates.

4. The theft or loss of the approval or any air weapon or ammunition to which it relates must be notified to the police immediately on discovery of the theft or loss.

5. If the holder changes his address within Northern Ireland he must, within 7 days, notify the Chief Constable of his new address.

6. When the holder of the approval departs from Northern Ireland he must return it to the Chief Constable giving the date of his departure.

7. Where the period of residence in Northern Ireland will extend beyond the date of expiry of this approval the holder must notify the Chief Constable of that fact, not less than 14 days before the date of expiry.

8. The air weapon to which this approval relates may only be used for the following purposes:—

Date
Official Stamp	(Rank of Officer)

	for Chief Constable
	Royal Ulster Constabulary

Signature of the person to whom the approval is issued

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

Except as provided by these Regulations, a person resident in Great Britain may, without holding a firearm certificate, have in his possession in Northern Ireland an air weapon and ammunition therefor, if he may lawfully have that air weapon and ammunition in his possession in Great Britain without a firearm certificate. These regulations provide that this is so only if that person also gives the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary certain information, has obtained a written approval from him, and has complied with the conditions in the approval.

1979 No. 278**Use of Roads (Carrowdore '100') Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

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1979 No. 279**Use of Roads (Maze Kart Race) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

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1979 No. 280**Use of Roads (Glenariff Hill Climb) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979**

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