
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 141(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”) provides that any person who manufactures, sells or hires, or offers for sale or hire, exposes or has in his or her possession for the purpose of sale or hire, or lends or gives to any other person, a weapon to which that section applies shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or both. The import of any such weapon is prohibited by section 141(4) of the 1988 Act.

The Schedule to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988 (S.I. [1988/2019](#)) specifies the descriptions of weapons to which section 141 of the 1988 Act applies. This Order adds a new description of weapon, the disguised knife, to the list of weapons specified in the 1988 Order.

This Order comes into force on the day after the day on which it is made.