



Firearms (Amendment) Act 1997

1997 CHAPTER 5

PART I

PROHIBITION OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION AND CONTROL OF SMALL-CALIBRE PISTOLS

Special exemptions from prohibition of small firearms

7 Firearms of historic interest

- (1) The authority of the Secretary of State is not required by virtue of subsection (1)(aba) of section 5 of the 1968 Act for a person to have in his possession, or to purchase or acquire, or to sell or transfer, a firearm which—
 - (a) was manufactured before 1st January 1919; and
 - (b) is of a description specified under subsection (2) below,if he is authorised by a firearm certificate to have the firearm in his possession, or to purchase or acquire it, subject to a condition that he does so only for the purpose of its being kept or exhibited as part of a collection.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument specify a description of firearm for the purposes of subsection (1) above if it appears to him that—
 - (a) firearms of that description were manufactured before 1st January 1919; and
 - (b) ammunition for firearms of that type is not readily available.
- (3) The authority of the Secretary of State is not required by virtue of subsection (1)(aba) of section 5 of the 1968 Act for a person to have in his possession, or to purchase or acquire, or to sell or transfer, a firearm which—
 - (a) is of particular rarity, aesthetic quality or technical interest, or
 - (b) is of historical importance,if he is authorised by a firearm certificate to have the firearm in his possession subject to a condition requiring it to be kept and used only at a place designated for the purposes of this subsection by the Secretary of State.

Status: *This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

- (4) This section has effect without prejudice to section 58(2) of the 1968 Act (antique firearms).