

1975 No. 760

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Removal to Northern Ireland) Order 1975

Made - - - - - *5th May 1975*

Coming into Operation *9th June 1975*

In pursuance of section 6 of the Firearms Act 1968(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Firearms (Removal to Northern Ireland) Order 1975 and shall come into operation on 9th June 1975.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. This Order applies to firearms and ammunition of the following classes, that is to say—

- (a) any firearm to which section 1 of the Firearms Act 1968 applies;
- (b) any shot gun (that is to say a smooth-bore gun with a barrel not less than 24 inches in length, not being an air gun);
- (c) any ammunition to which that section applies; and
- (d) any ammunition for a shot gun containing shot and not being ammunition to which that section applies.

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the removal of firearms and ammunition to which this Order applies from Great Britain to Northern Ireland is hereby prohibited unless the removal is authorised by the chief officer of police for the area from which they are to be removed.

(2) This Order does not prohibit—

- (a) the holder of a firearm certificate (whether issued in Great Britain or Northern Ireland) from removing to Northern Ireland any firearm or ammunition to which the certificate relates; or
- (b) any person from removing to Northern Ireland any shot gun, or ammunition for a shot gun, for his own use for sporting purposes there.

Roy Jenkins,

One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
5th May 1975.

(a) 1968 c. 27.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits the removal from Great Britain to Northern Ireland of the firearms and ammunition specified in Article 2, except with the authority of the chief officer of police for the area from which they are removed. The prohibition does not extend to arms and ammunition comprised in a firearm certificate or to shot guns and shot gun ammunition taken to Northern Ireland by a person for his own sporting purposes there (Article 3(2)).

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