
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which extends only to England and Wales, increases certain fees payable under the Firearms Act 1968 (“the 1968 Act”) and the Firearms (Amendment) Act 1988 (“the 1988 Act”). Article 4 increases the fees payable under section 32 of the 1968 Act on the grant of a firearm or shot gun certificate or on the renewal of a shot gun certificate. The provisions of section 32 relating to fees for renewal, variation and replacement of a firearm certificate, and for replacement of a shot gun certificate, remain unchanged and are consolidated in this Order. (There is no increase either in the lower fee payable under section 11(3) of the 1988 Act for the grant or renewal of a shot gun certificate when a firearm certificate is granted or renewed on the same occasion.) Article 6 increases the fee payable under section 35(1) of the 1968 Act for registration as a firearms dealer. Article 9 increases the fee payable under section 15(4) of the 1988 Act for the Secretary of State’s approval of a rifle or pistol club whereby its members, whilst engaged as such in target practice, are exempted from the requirement to hold a firearm certificate. Articles 5, 7 and 8 consolidate in this Order all previous amendments of sections 32 and 35 of the 1968 Act relating to fees.