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ARMS AND AMMUNITION

The Firearms (Amendment) Rules 2007

Made - - - - - *6th September 2007*

Coming into force - - - - - *1st October 2007*

The Secretary of State makes the following Rules in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 40(7) and 53 of the Firearms Act 1968(a).

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Firearms (Amendment) Rules 2007 and shall come into force on 1st October 2007.

Amendments to the Firearms Act 1968

2.—(1) Schedule 4 to the Firearms Act 1968 (particulars to be entered by firearms dealer in register of transactions) is amended as follows.

(2) After the heading to Schedule 4, insert—

“PART 1

PARTICULARS RELATING TO FIREARMS (OTHER THAN AIR WEAPONS) AND AMMUNITION

Note: in this Part references to firearms do not include any firearm to which Part 2 of this Schedule applies.”

(3) After paragraph 5 insert—

“PART 2

PARTICULARS RELATING TO AIR WEAPONS

Note: in this Part “air weapon” includes any component of, or accessory to, an air weapon.

1. The quantities and description of air weapons purchased or acquired with the names and addresses of the sellers or transferors and the dates of the several transactions.

2. The quantities and description of air weapons sold or transferred with the names and addresses of the purchasers or transferees and the dates of the several transactions.

(a) 1968 c. 27. Section 40(2) was amended by section 31(2) of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 (c. 38). There are other amendments to section 40 which are not relevant to these Rules.

3. The quantities and description of air weapons in possession for sale or transfer at the date of the last stocktaking or such other date in each year as may be specified in the register”.

Amendments to the Firearms Rules 1998

3. In rule 10(4) of the Firearms Rules 1998(a) (firearms dealers), omit the words “firearms or” (in the second place they appear).

4.—(1) Part 4 of Schedule 5 to the Firearms Rules 1998 (firearms dealer’s register of transactions) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 2(a) after “in the case of firearms” insert “(other than air weapons)”.

(3) After paragraph 2(b) insert the following sub-paragraphs—

“(c) in the case of air weapons (except air weapons sold or transferred as mentioned in sub-paragraph (d))—

(i) the class of air weapon (eg air rifle, air gun or air pistol);

(ii) the make, type or distinctive name of the air weapon;

(iii) the calibre;

(iv) the identification number or other distinguishing mark, if present;

(v) the maker’s name, if known;

(d) in the case where an air weapon is sold or transferred by or from one firearms dealer to another, the class of air weapon (eg air rifle, air gun or air pistol);”.

Home Office
6th September 2007

Tony McNulty
Minister of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Rules)

These Rules amend Schedule 4 to the Firearms Act 1968. They set out the particulars to be entered by a firearms dealer in the register of transactions in respect of air weapons.

These Rules also amend the Firearms Rules 1998 to set out the details of the description of air weapons that is required to be entered in the register of transactions. However, where an air weapon is sold or transferred by or from one registered dealer to another, only the class of the air weapon needs to be entered in the register as the description of the air weapon.

(a) SI 1998/1941; there are amendments to those Rules which are not relevant to these Rules.

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