1981 No. 132

FIREARMS

Firearms (Certificates Granted in Great Britain and Air Weapons Lawfully Held in Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981

Made	*15th April 1981*
Coming into operation . . .	*1st July 1981*
To be laid before Parliament	

The Secretary of State, in pursuance of articles 15(1), 15(2), 16 and 58 of the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Firearms (Certificates Granted in Great Britain and Air Weapons Lawfully Held in Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1981.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"the Order" means the Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;

"Chief Constable" means the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Requirement of notification and of approval

3.—(1) Article 15(1) of the Order shall not have effect with respect to the possession in Northern Ireland by a person of any firearm (including a shotgun) or ammunition unless he—

(*a*) has furnished to the Chief Constable such particulars of that firearm or ammunition, and such other information, as the Chief Constable may require; and

(*b*) holds a written approval, issued to him by the Chief Constable or by an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary designated by the Chief Constable, in the form set out in Schedule 1 and for the time being in force, authorising that possession.

(2) Article 16 of the Order shall not have effect with respect to the possession in Northern Ireland by a person of any air weapon or ammunition therefor unless he—

(*a*) has furnished to the Chief Constable such particulars of that air weapon or ammunition, and such other information, as the Chief Constable may require; and

(*b*) holds a written approval issued to him by the Chief Constable or by an officer of the Royal Ulster Constabulary designated by the Chief Constable, in the form set out in Schedule 2 and for the time being in force, authorising that possession; and

(*c*) has complied with any conditions contained in that approval.

(3) An approval under paragraph (1)(*b*) or paragraph (2)(*b*) shall expire, unless previously surrendered or revoked, in accordance with the provisions thereof.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/155 (N.I. 2)

Conditions of approval

4. Where article 15(1) of the Order has effect in accordance with Regulation 3(1), any conditions specified in the firearm or shotgun certificate granted under the law for the time being in force in Great Britain shall have effect subject to the addition of any conditions contained in the approval referred to in Regulation 3(1)(*b*).

Revocations

5.—(1) The Firearms (Recognition of Firearm Certificates and Shotgun Certificates granted in Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**a**) (hereinafter referred to as "the 1969 regulations") and the Firearms (Air Weapons Lawfully Held in Great Britain) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the 1979 regulations") are hereby revoked.

(2) Where a certificate of approval has been granted under the 1969 regulations or under the 1979 regulations and is in force immediately before the coming into operation of these regulations, it shall not cease to be in force by reason of paragraph (1) and these regulations (including paragraph (1) above) shall not have effect in respect of any shotgun, air weapon or ammunition to which the certificate of approval relates while that certificate remains in force.

Humphrey Atkins
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State

Northern Ireland Office
15th April 1981

(**a**) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 33
(**b**) S.R. 1979 No. 277

SCHEDULE 1 Regulation 3(1)

Approval of possession in Northern Ireland of firearm and ammunition by holder of firearm or shotgun certificate granted in Great Britain

(This approval enables the holder of a firearm or shotgun certificate granted in Great Britain to have in his possession in Northern Ireland any firearm and ammunition to which the approval relates.)

Name .....

Normally resident at .....

and temporarily resident in Northern Ireland at .....

.....is hereby permitted to have in his possession while resident in Northern Ireland the undernoted firearm(s) and ammunition, for the period from ..... (date) to ..... (date), or to the date of expiry of the firearm or shotgun certificate, whichever is the earlier.

FIREARM(S)

Certificate number	Date of issue	Police Force	Make	Type	Serial Number	Calibre or gauge	Other distinguishing marks if any

AMMUNITION

Certificate number	Type	Quantity

The following conditions shall apply in addition to any conditions specified in the firearm/shotgun certificate—

1. The holder of the approval must on receipt sign it in ink with his usual signature.

2. Any firearm and any ammunition to which the approval relates must at all times when not in actual use be kept in a secure place and beyond the reach of children.

3. The holder must not allow any unauthorised person to use or have in his possession any firearm or any ammunition to which the approval relates.

4. The theft or loss of the approval or any firearm or ammunition to which it relates must be notified to the police immediately on discovery of the theft or loss.

5. If the holder changes his address within Northern Ireland he must, within 7 days, notify the Chief Constable of his new address.