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I, HEATHER HUMPHREYS, Minister for Justice, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving further effect to Directive (EU) 2017/853 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2017¹ and giving effect to Commission Implementing Directive (EU) 2019/68 of 16 January 2019², hereby make the following regulations:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the European Communities (Acquisition and Possession of Weapons and Ammunition) (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

(2) These Regulations, the European Communities (Acquisition and Possession of Weapons and Ammunition) (Amendment) Regulations 2019 (S.I. No. 420 of 2019), the European Communities (Acquisition and Possession of Weapons and Ammunition) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 493 of 2010) and the Principal Regulations shall be construed as one and may be cited together as the European Communities (Acquisition and Possession of Weapons and Ammunition) Regulations 1993 to 2021.

(3) These Regulations come into operation on 1 August 2021.

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the European Communities (Acquisition and Possession of Weapons and Ammunition) Regulations 1993 (S.I. No. 362 of 1993).

3. Regulation 3(1) of the Principal Regulations is amended –

- (a) in subparagraph (a), by the substitution of “and all essential components of such firearms to which a transaction relates” for “and to which a transaction relates”, and
- (b) in subparagraph (b), by the insertion of “or essential components” after “firearms”.

4. The Principal Regulations are amended by the insertion of the following Regulation after Regulation 3AB:

¹ OJ No. L 137, 24.5.17, p. 22

² OJ No. L 15, 17.1.19, p. 18

“Additional requirements for marking of firearms to which Directive applies manufactured or imported into Union on or after 1 August 2021

3ABA.(1) This Regulation applies to a firearm to which the Directive applies manufactured or imported into the Union on or after 1 August 2021.

(2) Without prejudice to the requirements of Regulation 3AB, where a firearm is one to which this Regulation applies, the unique marking, referred to in paragraph (3) or (4), as the case may be, of Regulation 3AB that each essential component of a firearm is marked with, shall –

- (a) subject to paragraph (3), have a font size of at least 1.6 millimetres, and
- (b) where the essential component of the firearm consists of a frame or receiver made from a non-metallic material, be applied to a metal plate that is permanently embedded in the material of the frame or receiver in such a way that the plate cannot be easily removed and where removing the plate would destroy a portion of the frame or receiver.

(3) Where an essential component of a firearm to which this Regulation applies is too small to be marked in compliance with paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 3, a font size smaller than 1.6 millimetres may be used.”.

5. The Principal Regulations are amended by the insertion of the following Regulation after Regulation 3AC:

“Additional requirements for marking of essential components manufactured or imported into Union on or after 1 August 2021

3AD. (1) This Regulation applies to an essential component manufactured or imported into the Union on or after 1 August 2021.

(2) Without prejudice to the requirements of Regulation 3AC, where an essential component is one to which this Regulation applies, the unique marking, referred to in paragraph (3) or (4), as the case may be, of Regulation 3AC that each essential component is marked with, shall –

- (a) subject to paragraph (3), have a font size of at least 1.6 millimetres, and
- (b) where the essential component consists of a frame or receiver made from a non-metallic material, be applied to a metal plate that is permanently embedded in the material of the frame or receiver in such a way that the plate

cannot be easily removed and where removing the plate would destroy a portion of the frame or receiver.

(3) Where an essential component to which this Regulation applies is too small to be marked in compliance with paragraph 1 of Part 2 of Schedule 3, a font size smaller than 1.6 millimetres may be used.”.

6. Regulation 13(1) of the Principal Regulations is amended by the substitution of “Regulation 3A, 3AB, 3ABA, 3AC, 3AD” for “Regulation 3A, 3AB, 3AC”.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
9 June, 2021.

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