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RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES**The Restrictive Trade Practices (Approval of Standards and Arrangements) Order 1984**

Made - - - - - 21st December 1984
Coming into Operation 15th January 1985

Whereas section 9(5) of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976(a) (“the Act”) provides for the approval by the Secretary of State of standards of dimension, design, quality or performance or of arrangements as to the provision of information or advice to purchasers, consumers or users prescribed or adopted by any trade association or other body:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 9(5) of the Act hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Restrictive Trade Practices (Approval of Standards and Arrangements) Order 1984 and shall come into operation on 15th January 1985.

2. The Secretary of State hereby approves the standards and arrangements specified in the Schedule hereto.

Eric Wright,
 An Under Secretary of the
 Department of Trade and Industry.

21st December 1984.

SCHEDULE

Standards of dimension, design, quality or performance and arrangements as to the provision of information or advice to purchasers, consumers or users, contained in Decision XV-7 (as amended by Decision XVI-4) taken pursuant to the Convention for the Reciprocal Recognition of Proof Marks for Small Arms(b) done at Brussels on 1st July 1969 by the Permanent International Commission for the Reciprocal Recognition of Proof Marks for Small Arms.

The standards and arrangements were adopted by the Worshipful Company of Gunmakers on 1st March 1983 and by the Birmingham Gun Barrel Proof House on 24th February 1983.

(a) 1976 c. 34.

(b) Cmnd. 5942.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order is made under section 9(5) of the Restrictive Trade Practices Act 1976. This provides for certain terms in an agreement to be disregarded in deciding whether the Act applies to the agreement. The terms to be disregarded are those by which the parties to the agreement (e.g. manufacturers or suppliers of goods) agree to comply with—

- (a) standards of dimension, design, quality or performance; or
- (b) arrangements as to the provision of information or advice to purchasers, consumers or users.

Such standards or arrangements, unless approved by the British Standards Institution, must have been prescribed or adopted by a trade association or other body and must be approved by order of the Secretary of State made by statutory instrument.

By this Order, the Secretary of State approves the standards and arrangements contained in Decision XV-7 (as amended by Decision XVI-4) taken pursuant to the Convention for the Reciprocal Recognition of Proof Marks for Small Arms done at Brussels on 1st July 1969 by the Permanent International Commission for the Reciprocal Recognition of Proof Marks for Small Arms.

The effect of the Order is thus to allow manufacturers and suppliers of commercial ammunition to agree to comply with these standards and arrangements without the agreement needing to be registered under the Act and investigated by the Restrictive Practices Court.

Copies of the Decisions containing the standards and arrangements are available for public inspection during working hours and without payment at the offices of the Worshipful Company of Gunmakers, The London Proof House, 48-50 Commercial Road, London E1 1LP and the Birmingham Gun Barrel Proof House, Banbury Street, Birmingham B5 5RH.

Copies of the Decisions may be obtained from either address.

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