This Statutory Instrument has been made in consequence of a defect in S.I. 2025/681 and is being issued free of charge to all known recipients of that Statutory Instrument.

Draft Order laid before Parliament under section 141E of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (c. 33), for approval by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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2026 No.

CRIMINAL LAW, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2026

Made - - - -	***
Coming into force - -	*1st July 2026*

The Secretary of State makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 141(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988(**a**).

In accordance with section 141(11E)(**b**) of that Act, a draft of the instrument was laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2026.

(2) This Order comes into force on 1st July 2026.

(3) This Order extends to England and Wales.

Amendment of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988

2.—(1) The Schedule to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988(**c**) (descriptions of weapons to which section 141 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 applies) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 1B(3)(b)(ii) (secondary straight cutting edge)—

(a) for "5%" substitute "105%";

(b) omit "or shorter".

(**a**) 1988 c. 33.
(**b**) Inserted by section 43(4) of the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 (c. 38).
(**c**) S.I. 1988/2019, amended by S.I. 2025/681. There are other amendments but they are not relevant to this Order.

Name
Minister of State
Home Office

Date

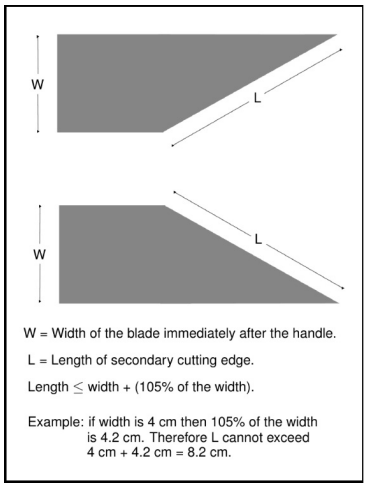
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the description of the weapon sometimes known as a "ninja sword" which is a prohibited weapon listed at paragraph 1(u) of the Schedule to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988 (S.I. 1988/2019).

Article 2(2) amends the description of the secondary straight cutting edge so that its length is no more than 105% longer than the width of the blade immediately after the handle as illustrated in the diagram below.

ILLUSTRATION



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A full Impact Assessment has not been prepared as this amendment makes a minor correction to the legal description of a ninja sword and aligns the legislation with the policy intent. Although the revised legal definition amends the description in the original instrument, it does not change any of the impacts assessed in the original 2025 Impact Assessment, and therefore assessed impacts remain unchanged.

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