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BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES

Lotteries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made . . . . . 29th November 1994

Coming into operation . . 9th January 1995

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 137(17) and 138(1) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985(**a**), and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and after consultation in accordance with Article 138(2) of that Order with such associations of district councils as appear to the Department to be concerned, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Lotteries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 9th January 1995 except that they will not have effect in relation to any lottery in respect of which any tickets or chances have been sold before that day.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Order" means the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;

"lottery" means a society's lottery.

Lottery returns

2.—(1) The promoter of a lottery shall send a return in the form set out in the Schedule to the district council which registered the society under Article 136 of the Order(**b**).

(2) The promoter shall attach to the return a copy of a ticket sold in the lottery.

Persons to whom and by whom tickets shall not be sold

3. No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold to or by a person who has not attained the age of sixteen years.

No ticket shall be sold in any street

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold to a person in any street.

(**a**) S.I. 1985/1204 (N.I. 11)
(**b**) Article 136 as amended by S.I. 1994/1893 (N.I. 8)

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not have effect in relation to the sale of a ticket or chance by a person present in a kiosk or shop premises having no space for the accommodation of customers.

(3) In this regulation, "street" includes any bridge, road, lane, footway, subway, square, court, alley or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, which is open to the public without payment.

Machines

5. No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold by means of a machine.

Door to door selling

6. No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold by a person when visiting any other person at his home in the discharge of any official, professional or commercial function not connected with lotteries.

Information on tickets

7. Every ticket distributed or sold in a lottery shall specify the name of the district council which registered the society under Article 136 of the Order.

8. Where two or more lotteries are promoted by a society on the same date, the tickets to be sold in each such lottery shall indicate in which lottery they are sold by means of a serial number.

9. Where the information appearing on a ticket distributed or sold in a lottery includes any reference in writing to a person who, in relation to that lottery, has been, is or will be, employed as an external lottery consultant or manager—

(*a*) the size of the lettering used in such reference shall not exceed the size of the smallest lettering used in the same ticket to specify the name of the society on whose behalf the lottery is promoted; and

(*b*) that reference shall be afforded no greater prominence than is afforded to that name in the same ticket.

Winning tickets not to be identifiable before being sold

10.—(1) No request or requirement shall be made to any person supplying tickets to which this regulation applies for use in a lottery to the effect that those tickets shall be supplied in such a manner, or so marked, as to enable a ticket to be identified, before it is sold in the lottery, as a winning ticket.

(2) No tickets supplied in such a manner, or so marked, as mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be sold in a lottery.

(3) This regulation applies to lottery tickets manufactured or designed so as to conceal such information appearing in or on each ticket by way of words, figures, signs, symbols or other features as would, if revealed, indicate that the ticket is a winning ticket or is not.

(4) In this regulation, "winning ticket" means a ticket which, when sold in a lottery, entitles the holder of the ticket to claim a prize in the lottery.

Prohibition on offering a prize which depends on the purchase of more than one ticket

11.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no prize in a lottery shall be offered on such terms that the winning of the prize depends on the purchase of more than one ticket or chance in the lottery.

(2) The winning of a prize in a lottery may depend upon the purchase of more than one chance provided that the price of the number of chances required to win a prize does not exceed the amount specified for the purposes of Article 137(5) of the Order(**a**).

Prohibition on invitation to purchase any group of tickets in certain lotteries

12. No person shall be invited to purchase any group of tickets or chances in a set of lotteries in which the determination of the winners in the lotteries is designed to secure that a person holding a group of winning tickets or chances is a winner of a prize in each lottery in the set of lotteries to which that group of tickets or chances relates.

Revocations

13. The Lotteries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987(**b**) and the Lotteries (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(**c**) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 29th November 1994.

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(**a**) Article 137(5) as amended by S.R. 1990 No. 238
(**b**) S.R. 1987 No. 193
(**c**) S.R. 1990 No. 237