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BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES

Gaming Machine (Prohibition of Melding Games) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989

Made	*11th April 1989*
Coming into operation . .	*12th June 1989*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 124(1) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985(**a**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Gaming Machine (Prohibition of Melding Games) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 and shall come into operation on 12th June 1989.

(2) In these regulations "melding game" means a simulated card-game in which the player's aim is to accumulate —

(*a*) specific combinations of cards; or

(*b*) a set of cards which, according to the rules of that game, total exactly or as nearly as possible a specified number of points.

Prohibition of melding games

2. No gaming machine which is constructed or adapted for playing a melding game by means of it shall be—

(*a*) supplied to any premises in Northern Ireland for use on those premises unless it is to be used for gaming in pursuance of an exception in Article 95(1) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;

(*b*) maintained or used on any premises unless it is used for gaming in pursuance of such an exception.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 11th April 1989.

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(**a**) S.I. 1985/1204 (N.I. 11)