

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1994 No. 1893 (N.I. 8)

The Betting and Lotteries (Northern Ireland) Order 1994

19th July 1994

Title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Betting and Lotteries (Northern Ireland) Order 1994.
(2) This Order shall come into operation on such day or days as the Head of the Department of Health and Social Services may by order appoint^{F1}.

Annotations:

F1 fully exercised by SR 1994/466

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954^{F2} shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.
(2) In this Order “the principal Order” means the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985^{F3}.

Annotations:

F2 1954 c. 33 (NI)
F3 1985 NI 11

Private lotteries

3. In Article 2 of the principal Order (interpretation)—
- (a) in paragraph (2) in the definition of “private lottery”
 - (i) the words “and in which the sale of tickets or chances by the promoters is confined to” shall be omitted;
 - (ii) for the words from “and which” onwards there shall be substituted “ and which satisfies the conditions in paragraph (2A) ”;
 - (b) after paragraph (2) there shall be inserted—
 - “(2A) The conditions referred to in the definition of “private lottery” in paragraph (2) are—
 - (a) the lottery must be promoted by persons each of whom—
 - (i) is one of the persons for whom the lottery is promoted; and

- (ii) in the case of a lottery promoted for the members of a society, is authorised in writing by the governing body of the society to promote the lottery; and
- (b) the sale of tickets or chances in the lottery must be confined—
 - (i) to the persons for whom the lottery is promoted; and
 - (ii) in the case of a lottery promoted for the members of a society, to any other persons on the society's premises.” .

Removal of prohibition on the use of premises for the delivery of football pools coupons and stakes

4. In Article 3 of the principal Order (restriction on use of premises for betting transactions)—
- (a) in paragraph (1) for “paragraph (2)” there shall be substituted “ paragraphs (1A) and (2) ”;
 - (b) after paragraph (1) there shall be inserted—
 - “(1A) Subject to paragraphs (1B) and (1C), paragraph (1) shall not apply to the use of premises as a place where persons may deliver—
 - (a) completed coupons or other entry forms for qualifying competitions promoted by a registered pool promoter within the meaning of section 4(2) of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963^{F4}, who carries on his pool betting business by post; and
 - (b) the stake money in respect of such coupons or other entry forms, for forwarding to the registered pool promoter.
 - (1B) Paragraph (1A) shall not affect the operation of paragraph (1) in relation to such premises as may be prescribed by regulations.
 - (1C) In paragraph (1A), the reference to coupons or other entry forms for qualifying competitions does not include any coupon or other entry form that can effect entry to a competition that is not a qualifying competition.
 - (1D) In paragraphs (1A) and (1C), “qualifying competition” means a competition—
 - (a) that is a competition for prizes for making forecasts as to association football games to be played on a Saturday, a Sunday or a day that is a bank holiday within the meaning of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971^{F5}, and
 - (b) that requires each entry in the competition to consist of a forecast as to at least 4 such games.” .

Annotations:

- F4** 1963 c. 2
- F5** 1971 c. 80

Reduction of age limit in relation to football pool betting

- 5.—(1) After Article 51(4) of the principal Order (betting with young persons) there shall be added—
- “(4A) In any case concerning—
 - (a) a bet which is an entry in a qualifying competition (as defined in Article 3(1D)), or
 - (b) a betting transaction relating to such a bet,

this Article shall have effect with the substitution in paragraphs (1) to (4) of “16” for “ 18 ”.”.

(2) After Article 52(3) of the principal Order (betting circulars not to be sent to young persons) there shall be added—

“(4) In any case concerning—

- (a) a bet which is an entry in a qualifying competition (as defined in Article 3(1D)),
- (b) a betting transaction relating to such a bet, or
- (c) information as to any game of association football upon which such betting is carried on,

this Article shall have effect with the substitution in paragraphs (1) and (3) of “ 16 ” for “18”.”.

(3) In column 2 of Schedule 18 to the principal Order, in the entries relating to Articles 51(1) and (2) and 52(1), after the word “18” where it appears there shall be inserted the words “ or, as the case may be, 16 ”.

Registration of societies

6. In Article 136 of the principal Order (registration of societies)—

(a) after paragraph (2)(b) there shall be inserted—

“(bb) specify the address of the office or head office of the society, and” ;

(b) after paragraph (5)(a) there shall be inserted—

“(aa) that the address of the office or head office of the society is the same as that of the office or head office of another registered society that is established for the same or a connected purpose; or” ;

(c) after paragraph (10)(a) there shall be inserted—

“(aa) that the address of the office or head office of the society is the same as that of the office or head office of another registered society that is established for the same or a connected purpose; or” ;

(d) after paragraph (10) there shall be inserted—

“(10A) A registered society shall notify the district council of any change in the address of the society's office or head office within 21 days from the day on which the change takes effect.” ;

(e) in paragraph (12)(a) for “(11)” there shall be substituted “ (10A) or (11) ”.

Rules for societies' lotteries

7. In Article 137 of the principal Order (rules for societies' lotteries)—

(a) in paragraph (3) (information to be given on every ticket and every notice or advertisement of the lottery) for the words from “and every notice” to “published” there shall be substituted “ distributed or sold ”;

(b) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted—

“(4) The Department may, by order subject to affirmative resolution, specify—

- (a) the maximum number of lotteries that may be promoted on behalf of the same society in any year; and
- (b) the minimum number of days that must elapse between the dates of any 2 lotteries promoted on behalf of the same society.” ;