



2021 CHAPTER 7

PART 2

REGISTRATION OF CLUBS

*Miscellaneous*

**Code of practice**

**41.**—(1) At the beginning of Part 5 of the Registration of Clubs Order (miscellaneous) insert—

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**41K.**—(1) Where a person or group of persons which the Department considers to have a relevant interest produces a relevant code of practice, the Department may approve the code.

- (2) A person or group has a “relevant interest” if the person or group—
- (a) is representative of registered clubs, or
  - (b) is representative of persons whose business involves the production of intoxicating liquor, or
  - (c) is representative of persons whose business involves dealing wholesale in intoxicating liquor, or
  - (d) is engaged in research into, or otherwise has an interest in, the effects of the consumption of intoxicating liquor on personal or public health or on public order.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021, Section 41. (See end of Document for details)

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(3) A code of practice is relevant if it relates to the display or supply, or activities designed to promote the supply or consumption, of intoxicating liquor in registered clubs.

(4) Where the Department approves a relevant code of practice, it must give notice of its approval in the Belfast Gazette.

(5) Before deciding whether to approve a relevant code of practice, the Department must consult the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

(6) Where a person or group of the kind referred to in paragraph (1) amends a relevant code of practice, the Department may approve the amendments; and paragraphs (4) and (5) apply in relation to approving an amendment as they apply in relation to approving a code, unless the Department does not consider the amendment significant enough for those paragraphs to apply.

(7) The Department may withdraw its approval of a relevant code or of an amendment to it; and paragraphs (4) and (5) apply in relation to withdrawing approval of a code or amendment as they apply in relation to approving it.”.

(2) In Article 5(5) of the Registration of Clubs Order (grant of registration: matters of which court must be satisfied), after sub-paragraph (i) insert “; and

(j) that each of the officials of the club is aware of the responsibilities under any code of practice which the Department has approved under Article 41K (and from which it has not withdrawn its approval).”.

(3) In Article 7(4) of the Registration of Clubs Order (renewal of registration by clerk of petty sessions: grounds for clerk to refer to court), after sub-paragraph (b) (but before the following “or”) insert “or

(ba) the clerk is not satisfied that the applicant has been complying with any code of practice which the Department has approved under Article 41K (and from which it has not withdrawn its approval).”.

(4) In Article 8(3) of the Registration of Clubs Order (renewal of registration: matters of which court must be satisfied), after sub-paragraph (d) insert “; and

(e) that each of the officials of the club is aware of the responsibilities under, and has been complying with, any code of practice which the Department has approved under Article 41K (and from which it has not withdrawn its approval).”.

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#### Commencement Information

**I1** S. 41 not in operation at Royal Assent, see [s. 47\(2\)](#)

**I2** S. 41 in operation at 1.10.2022 by [S.R. 2022/180](#), arts. 1(2), 2, [Sch.](#)

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