
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3159

The Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART IV

CONDUCT OF REGISTERED CLUBS

Special provisions with respect to young persons

Supply, etc., of intoxicating liquor to young persons

34.—(1) A registered club shall not—

- (a) supply intoxicating liquor to a person under the age of 18; or
- (b) supply intoxicating liquor to any person for consumption by a person under the age of 18 in the premises of the club; or
- (c) permit any person under the age of 18 to consume intoxicating liquor in any part of the premises of the club.

(2) If paragraph (1) is contravened—

- (a) the registered club; and
- (b) every official of the club at the time of the contravention; and
- (c) the person supplying the intoxicating liquor or, as the case may be, permitting the consumption of the intoxicating liquor;

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

(3) In any proceedings for an offence by reason of a contravention of paragraph (1) it shall be a defence for a person to prove—

- (a) that he exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of such an offence; or
- (b) that he had no reason to suspect that the person under the age of 18 had not attained that age.

[^{F1}(4) Without prejudice to any other means of proving the exercise of all due diligence, for the purposes of paragraph (3) the person is to be treated as having exercised all due diligence to avoid the commission of an offence if—

- (a) the person was shown any of the documents specified in paragraph (5); and
- (b) that document would have convinced a reasonable person.

(5) The documents referred to in paragraph (4)(a) are any document purporting to be—

- (a) a passport;
- (b) a photocard driving licence;
- (c) an electoral identity card;

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- (d) a photographic identity card of a type approved by the British Retail Consortium for the purposes of its Proof of Age Scheme; or
- (e) such other document, or a document of such other description, as may be prescribed.]

F1 Art. 34(4)(5) added (1.5.2012) by [Licensing and Registration of Clubs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 18\)](#), **ss. 9(2)**, 18; S.R. 2012/28, art. 2, Sch.

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- [art. 31B inserted by 2011 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 11](#)