

# **BETTING AND GAMING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2004**

**S.I. 2004 No. 310 (N.I. 1)**

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## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

### **BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES**

3. The Order will amend the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (“the 1985 Order”) to relax some statutory controls on betting and gaming in the following areas:
  - the regulation of football pools competitions;
  - betting on tracks including a change to allow on-course Sunday betting and to provide employment protection rights for track betting workers;
  - bookmaking office licences and the conduct of licensed bookmaking offices;
  - the registration of clubs under the 1985 Order for gaming machine purposes;
  - gaming machines including the premises in which they may be used and the conditions applying; and
  - the advertising of bingo.
4. The changes will, for the most part, bring the Northern Ireland law in these areas more closely into line with the corresponding law in Great Britain.