

1987 No. 192

BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES**Bookmaking (Licensed Offices) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
1987**

Made 15th April 1987

Coming into operation 1st June 1987

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 32(1) and (12) 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 Bookmaking (Licensed Offices) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 1st June 1987.

(2) In these regulations—

“the Order” means the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985; and

“text” includes figures without words, as well as words, and words and figures.

Notices in licensed offices

2.—(1) The licensed bookmaker shall exhibit in a conspicuous manner and in some conspicuous place inside the licensed office—

(a) including a place near to the entrance of that office, and

(b) where practicable, in a window of that office so that it can be read from outside that office,

a notice stating that persons under the age of 18 are not admitted thereto.

(2) The licensed bookmaker shall exhibit in some conspicuous place inside the licensed office, but not in such a place that the notice exhibited can be read from outside that office, a notice setting out the terms on which he invites persons to bet in that office including—

(a) the amount of the various deductions that may be, or will be, made from winning bets,

(b) any maximum limit on the amount of winnings, and

(c) the procedure for the resolution of disputed bets.

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

Restrictions on advertisements

3. Except as provided by regulation 4, no advertisement—

- (a) which includes any of the matters set out in sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Article 32(11) of the Order, and
- (b) which is published outside a licensed office in any of the ways set out in heads (i), (ii) and (iii) of Article 32(12)(b) of that Order, and
- (c) which consists of, or includes, text or which consists of, or includes, any moving display or moving image,

is permitted.

Advertisements permitted

4.—(1) To the extent that any of the matters set out in paragraph (2) would otherwise contravene the provisions of Article 32(11) of the Order, text in respect of all or any of them may nevertheless be included in an advertisement to which paragraphs (a) and (b) of regulation 3 apply.

(2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1) are:—

- (a) subject to paragraph (3), text indicating that the premises are, or give access to, a licensed office whether—
 - (i) the expression “licensed bookmaking office” or some other expression such as “licensed bookmaker” or “turf accountant” is used, and
 - (ii) the expression is included in the name of the licensed bookmaker or otherwise;
- (b) in the case of premises giving access to a licensed office, text indicating where any such office may be found; and
- (c) text indicating the hours during which a licensed office is open.

(3) Text in respect of the matter referred to in paragraph (2)(a) is not permitted if it exceeds 3 words in length.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 15th April 1987.

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R. McMurray

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations require the display of certain notices inside a licensed bookmaking office and impose restrictions on the advertisements which may be published outside a licensed office.

The licensed bookmaker is required to put in a window where practicable, and in any event in a conspicuous place near the entrance to a licensed office, a notice stating that persons under the age of 18 are not admitted to the premises. The terms on which bets are accepted must also be displayed in a conspicuous place but not in a place visible from outside the office.

On the outside of a licensed office, or premises giving access to such an office, advertisements which consist of or include any moving display or image are prohibited as are textual advertisements other than those restricted to very basic information, i.e., the bookmaker's name, not more than 3 words describing his business, and the hours during which the office is open. A notice on premises giving access to a licensed office may explain how to find the office.

Article 32(1) and (12) is the enabling provision under which these regulations are made. It is brought into operation on 1st June 1987 by the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (1985 Order) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987. (S.R. 1987 No. 185 (C.8)).