

1987 No. 396

BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES**Bookmaking (Conduct of Licensed Offices) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1987***Made* 23rd October 1987*Coming into operation* 7th December 1987*To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of
Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 32(14) 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 Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Bookmaking (Conduct of Licensed Offices) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 7th December 1987.

*Amendment of Article 32 of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements
(Northern Ireland) Order 1985*

2. In Article 32 of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 for paragraphs (3) to (6) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

“(3) Except as permitted by paragraph (3A) or (3B), no apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of sounds or visual images or both shall be used in the licensed office.

(3A) Subject to paragraphs (4) to (4B) such apparatus as is mentioned in paragraph (3) may be used in the licensed office provided that the matter seen or heard comprises only information about, and the coverage of, a sporting event including—

- (a) information relating to any betting on such an event; and
- (b) any other matter, including an advertisement, which is incidental to such an event or such coverage.

(3B) Subject to paragraphs (4) to (4B), such apparatus as is mentioned in paragraph (3) may be used in the licensed office provided that the matter seen or heard comprises only—

- (a) information relating to betting on any event in connection with which betting transactions may be or have been effected in that office; and

(b) the result of such an event.

(4) No apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of sounds or sounds and visual images shall be used in the licensed office so as to be audible outside that office.

(4A) No apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of visual images shall be used in the licensed office unless those images appear on a screen; and any screen so used shall not—

(a) exceed 30 inches wide; or

(b) be so positioned that those images can be seen from outside the licensed office.

(4B) No apparatus for showing visual images of a sporting event shall be used in the licensed office if—

(a) the service by means of which such images appear is not intended to be received by the general public or other licensed offices generally; or

(b) in the case of images that appear by means of the use of video recordings, identical recordings of the same event are not available to other licensed offices generally.

(4C) In paragraph (4B) “video recording” has the same meaning as in section 1(3) of the Video Recordings Act 1984(a).

(5) A licensed office shall not be used for any purpose other than the effecting of betting transactions and no music, dancing or other entertainment, except any entertainment which complies with the provisions of paragraph (3A), shall be provided or allowed, and no refreshment of any kind shall be served, in such an office.

(6) Paragraph (2) shall not, subject to the restrictions in paragraphs (3A) to (5), prohibit the provision of the facilities permitted by paragraphs (3A), (3B) and (5).”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 23rd October 1987.

(L.S.)

R. McMurray

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order substitutes in Article 32 of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (conduct of licensed offices) new provisions with respect to the use, in licensed bookmaking offices, of:—

- (a) wireless and television sets for sound and television broadcasting;
- (b) television sets for the showing of video recordings or the reception of a cable programme service or programmes shown by the use of satellite; and
- (c) visual display units.

Use of such apparatus is prohibited (paragraph (3)) except in connection with:—

- (a) information about and the coverage of sporting events (paragraph (3A)); or
- (b) other events on which betting may take place in the licensed office but only to the extent of communicating the betting on, and the result of, the events (paragraph (3B)).

Use of such apparatus is prohibited if:—

- (a) it is audible from outside the licensed office (paragraph (4));
- (b) the visual images made available by such apparatus either appear on a screen which exceeds 30 inches wide or are visible from outside the licensed office (paragraph (4A));
- (c) in the case of apparatus showing visual images of a sporting event, the service by means of which such images are shown is either not generally available or not generally available to other licensed offices (paragraph (4B)).

The existing prohibition on the use of a licensed office for any purpose other than the effecting of betting transactions and on music, dancing or other entertainment and the serving of refreshments in such an office is continued (paragraph (5)) subject to a new exception in respect of entertainment permitted by paragraph (3A) (the coverage of sporting events).

The existing prohibition in Article 32(2) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (prohibition on encouragement to bet) will not prohibit the facilities permitted by the provisions substituted in that Article by this Order (paragraph (6)).