

**2023 No. 74 (C. 5)**

**GAMING MACHINES, CHEATING AND CODE OF PRACTICE**

**The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment)  
(2022 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland)  
2023**

*Made* - - - -

*2nd May 2023*

The Department for Communities<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 17(3) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022<sup>(b)</sup>.

**Citation**

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) (2022 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2023.

**Appointed Day**

**2.** The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 specified in the Schedule is 1st October 2023.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 2nd May 2023.

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Communities

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<sup>(a)</sup> Formerly the Department for Social Development; see 2016 c.5 (N.I.), s.1 (7)  
<sup>(b)</sup> 2022 c.14

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

Provisions of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 coming into operation on 1st October 2023.

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<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
Section 7	Offence of inviting, etc. person under 18 to play gaming machine
Section 13	Cheating
Section 16	Code of Practice

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is the first commencement order made under the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 (“the 2022 Act”). The Order brings into operation certain provisions of the 2022 Act which make amendments to the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 (“the 1985 Order”).

The Order appoints 1st October 2023 as the day for the coming into operation of section 7 of the 2022 Act which inserts Article 124A into the 1985 Order. This creates a new offence of inviting, causing or permitting a person under the age of 18 to play a gaming machine other than a lower limit gaming machine.

This Order also appoints 1st October 2023 as the day for the coming into operation of section 13 of the 2022 Act which inserts a new Article 169 into the 1985 Order. This provision deals with the offence of cheating.

Finally, this Order appoints 1st October 2023 as the day for the coming into operation of section 16 of the 2022 Act, which inserts Article 180A into the 1985 Order. This provides that the Department must issue one or more Codes of Practice about the manner in which facilities for gambling are provided. Section 16(2) also makes consequential amendments to the 1985 Order.

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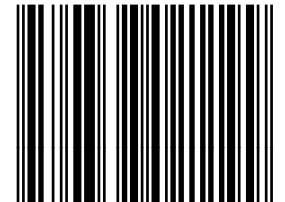
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