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## BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES

The Horserace Betting Levy Schemes (Variation of Settlement  
Period) Order 1978

Made - - - - 23rd March 1978  
Coming into Operation 1st May 1978

In pursuance of section 1(7) of the Horserace Betting Levy Act 1969(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Horserace Betting Levy Schemes (Variation of Settlement Period) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 1st May 1978.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Section 1(2) of the Horserace Betting Levy Act 1969 (procedure for determination of annual scheme for bookmakers' levy where a scheme is not settled by agreement between the Bookmakers' Committee and the Horserace Betting Levy Board) shall, in relation to any levy period beginning after the coming into operation of this Order, be amended by substituting for the words "six months" the words "eight months".

*Merlyn Rees,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.  
23rd March 1978.

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(a) 1969 c. 14.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

The levy payable by bookmakers to the Horserace Betting Levy Board is regulated by a scheme settled annually by the Board with the agreement of the Bookmakers' Committee or, in default of agreement, by the Secretary of State. The levy period begins with 1st April each year. Section 1(2) of the Horserace Betting Levy Act 1969 provides for the Secretary of State to be informed, and for him to determine the scheme, if the recommendations of the Bookmakers' Committee have not been approved by the Board six months before the beginning of the levy period. This Order increases the period of six months to eight months. The effect of the Order is that section 1(2) of the 1969 Act will come into play on 1st August in any year, instead of on 1st October, in relation to the scheme for the year following.

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