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BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES
The Lotteries (Amendment) Regulations 1981

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| <i>Made - - - -</i> | <i>2nd February 1981</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | <i>9th February 1981</i> |
| <i>Coming into Operation</i> | |
| <i>Regulations 1 and 4</i> | <i>2nd March 1981</i> |
| <i>Regulations 2 and 3</i> | <i>1st July 1981</i> |

In pursuance of section 12 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (a), and having consulted the Gaming Board for Great Britain and such associations of local authorities as appear to me to be concerned, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Lotteries (Amendment) Regulations 1981 and this Regulation and Regulation 4 shall come into operation on 2nd March 1981 and Regulations 2 and 3 shall come into operation on 1st July 1981:

Provided that Regulations 2 and 3 shall not have effect in relation to any lottery in respect of which any tickets or chances have been sold before 1st July 1981.

(2) These Regulations do not extend to Scotland.

2. After Regulation 8 of the Lotteries Regulations 1977 (b), there shall be inserted the following Regulations:—

“8A.—(1) No ticket or chance in a society’s lottery shall be sold or distributed, or offered for sale, more than three months before the date of any previous society’s lottery promoted on behalf of the same society.

(2) No ticket or chance in a local lottery shall be sold or distributed, or offered for sale, more than three months before the date of any previous local lottery promoted by the same local authority.

8B. Every ticket in a society’s lottery shall specify the name of the registration authority with which the society is registered under Schedule 1 to the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 (registration of societies for the purpose of promoting lotteries).”.

(a) 1976 c.32.

(b) S.I.1977/256.

3. After Regulation 9 of the Lotteries Regulations 1977, there shall be added the following Regulations:—

“10. Where the information appearing on a ticket in, or a notice or advertisement of, a society’s lottery or local lottery includes any reference in writing to a person who, for reward, is acting or assisting, or has acted or assisted, in the promotion of the lottery—

(a) the size of the lettering used in such reference shall not exceed the size of the smallest lettering used in the same ticket, notice or advertisement to specify the name of the society on whose behalf the lottery is promoted or, as the case may be, the name of the local authority promoting the lottery; and

(b) that reference shall be afforded no greater prominence than is afforded to that name in the same ticket, notice or advertisement.

11.—(1) No request or requirement shall be made to any person supplying lottery tickets to which this Regulation applies for use in a society’s lottery or local lottery to the effect that those tickets shall be supplied in such a manner, or so marked, as to enable a ticket to be identified, before it is sold in the lottery, as a winning ticket.

(2) This Regulation applies to lottery tickets manufactured or designed so as to conceal such information appearing in or on each ticket by way of words, figures, signs, symbols or other features as would, if revealed, indicate that the ticket is a winning ticket or is not.

(3) In this Regulation, “winning ticket” means a ticket which, when sold in a lottery, entitles the holder of the ticket to claim a prize in the lottery.

12. No prize in a society’s lottery or local lottery shall be offered on such terms that the winning of the prize depends upon the purchase of more than one ticket or chance in the lottery.”

4. In the Schedule to the Lotteries Regulations 1977, paragraphs 5 and 6 shall be omitted.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty’s Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
2nd February 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Lotteries Regulations 1977, which relate to the promotion of lotteries by local authorities and on behalf of societies registered under Schedule 1 to the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976. Regulations 2 and 3, which do not apply to a lottery in which any tickets or chances have already been sold when those Regulations come into force, impose additional requirements and restrictions with respect to such promotion—

(a) to limit the period during which tickets or chances in a lottery may be sold where more than one lottery is being promoted by or on behalf of the same body (new Regulation 8A);

(b) to require the name of the registration authority to be specified on tickets in a society's lottery (new Regulation 8B);

(c) to restrict the form in which references may be made in lottery tickets and advertisements to certain persons engaged in the promotion of the lottery (new Regulation 10);

(d) to prevent the supply, for use in what is commonly known as an "instant lottery", of tickets which are identifiable as winning tickets prior to sale (new Regulation 11); and

(e) to prohibit the offering of a lottery prize which can be won only through the purchase of more than one ticket or chance in the lottery (new Regulation 12).

Regulation 4 omits two of the provisions required to be included in a scheme for the promotion of a lottery where the scheme is registered with the Gaming Board. Those provisions relate to the maximum sums permitted for a lottery prize and for the total value of tickets or chances which may be sold in a lottery.

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