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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2021 No. 247 (C. 9)**

**LICENSING**

**The Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) (2021 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021**

*Made - - - - 9th September 2021*

The Department for Communities<sup>(1)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 47(2) of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Citation and Interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) (2021 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

(2) In this Order, “the Act” means the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021.

**Appointed Day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 specified in the Schedule is 1st October 2021.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Communities on 9th September 2021.

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(1) Formerly the Department for Social Development; see 2016 c. 5 (N.I.), s.1 (7)

(2) 2021 c. 7 (N.I.)

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## SCHEDULE

Article 2

Provisions of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 coming into operation on 1st October 2021.

<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
Section 1	Removal of additional restrictions at Easter
Section 2	Removal of restrictions on late opening for on-sales on Sunday
Section 3	Public houses and hotels: further additional hours
Section 4	Alignment of closing time for liquor and entertainment
Section 5	Police authorisations for additional hours
Section 6	Extension of “drinking-up time”
Section 8	Licensed race tracks: Sunday sales
Section 21	Minimum price for alcohol
Section 23	Independent review of licensing system including surrender principle
Section 24	Annual publication of the number of licences
Section 27	Removal of exemption for angostura bitters
Section 30	Removal of additional restrictions at Easter
Section 31	Removal of restrictions on late opening on Sunday
Section 32	Extension of “drinking-up time”
Section 33	Increase in number of authorisations for special occasions
Section 42	Guidance
Section 43	Review
The following paragraphs of Schedule 1 and section 45(1) in so far as it relates to them – paragraphs 2(1), 2(2)(d), 2(4), 5, 7(2)(a), 8, 9, 12(a), 15(1) and (3), and 19.	Minor and consequential amendments
In Schedule 2 the following entries and section 46 so far as it relates to them –	Repeals
In the Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996: In Article 2(2) – (b) in the definition of “intoxicating liquor”, sub-paragraph (a) and, in the full-out words beneath sub-paragraph (e), “(a)”.	
In Article 30(7), the words “, Easter Day or Good Friday”.	

<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
In Article 42(1)(a), the words “Good Friday or”.	
Article 42(1)(b) and the following “and”.	
In Article 42(2)(b), the words “or Easter Day”.	
In Article 44(6)(a), the words “Easter Day or Good Friday”.	
In Article 45(1), the words “other than premises to which an order under Article 44 applies”.	
In Article 45(3)(a), the words “, Easter Day or Good Friday”.	
In Article 47(6)(a), the words “Easter Day or Good Friday”.	
In Article 50(1), the words “or Easter Day”.	
In the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996:	
In Article 24(1)(a), the words “Good Friday or”.	
Article 24(1)(b) and the following “and”.	
In Article 24(1)(c), “Sunday or”.	
In Article 24(2)(a)(i), the words “Good Friday or”.	
Article 24(2)(a)(ii).	
Article 24(2)(b) and the following “and”.	
Article 25(b) and the preceding “or”.	
In Article 26(3), the words “, Easter Day or Good Friday”.	

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order brings into operation certain provisions of the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021. These provisions relate to Easter and Sunday opening

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hours, 2am opening in pubs and hotels, alignment of alcohol sales and entertainment hours, late nights for small pubs, drinking-up time, and sale of alcohol at race-tracks, in respect of licensed premises.

The Order also brings into operation provisions relating to Easter and Sunday opening hours, drinking-up time and late nights for special occasions in respect of registered clubs.

The Order also brings into operation provisions relating to minimum unit pricing of alcohol, reviews of the licensing system and the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 and publication of data.