# 1987 No. 8

# BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES

## Gaming (Bingo) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987

*Made* . . . . . *14th January 1987*

*Coming into operation* . . *16th February 1987*

The Department of Health and Social Services, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 76(2) and (8) 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 regulations:

*Citation, commencement and interpretation*

**1.**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Gaming (Bingo) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987 and shall come into operation on 16th February 1987.

(2) In these regulations—

"the Order" means the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985;

"charging period" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2(3).

(3) A reference in these regulations to a charge in respect of gaming by way of bingo does not include an amount paid for a chance of winning a prize in games of bingo to which Article 77 of the Order applies.

*Bingo charges*

**2.**—(1) Any charge which, apart from this regulation would be prohibited by Article 56 of the Order, may be made in respect of gaming by way of bingo if the charge complies with the following conditions, which are that—

(*a*) the charge shall be in respect of one person and be for admission to or otherwise in respect of gaming by way of bingo which takes place within a charging period;

(*b*) the charge shall be of a fixed amount of money not exceeding £4;

(*c*) where in relation to one charging period more than one charge can be incurred, or the same charge can be incurred more than once, by one person (without leaving the bingo club premises and being readmitted), every charge shall be in accordance with a scheme of charging so devised that the aggregate amount of the charges which can be incurred by any one person (without leaving the bingo club premises and being readmitted) in relation to that charging period does not exceed £4; and

(a) S.I. 1985/1204 (N.I. 11)

(*d*) where charges are made for permission to take part in games of bingo of the kind whose rules permit a player to withdraw any part of his initial stake after the game has begun, the number of times that one person can incur such a charge (whether by incurring different charges of that kind, or by incurring the same charge more than once or by incurring charges partly in one way and partly in another) shall not exceed three in relation to one charging period.

(2) There may be specified for the purposes of this regulation, in a notice displayed on the bingo club premises at or near the principal entrance, one or more periods of time which are—

(*a*) identified by reference to the clock,

(*b*) wholly within the hours during which gaming takes place on those premises,

(*c*) not wholly or partly concurrent, and

(*d*) not shorter in duration than two hours each.

(3) Any reference in this regulation to a charging period is a reference—

(*a*) in the case where a period is specified in accordance with paragraph (2), to a period so specified; and

(*b*) in any other case, to a period of twenty-four hours beginning with midnight.

*Display of information*

**3.** In relation to gaming by way of bingo in respect of which a charge may be made by virtue of regulation 2, the following information shall be prominently displayed in the bingo club premises before each game of bingo has ended, or, where the stake hazarded by each player is in respect of a series of games, before that series has ended—

(*a*) the aggregate amount of the charges (if any) paid by the players by virtue of regulation 2 for the right to take part in that game or that series of games;

(*b*) the aggregate amount staked by the players in that game or that series of games; and

(*c*) the aggregate amount to be paid out as winnings to those players.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Health and Social Services on 14th January 1987.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These regulations authorise the making of charges in respect of gaming by way of bingo on bingo club premises up to a maximum of £4, during a charging period which should be no shorter than two hours in length. All charging periods which may be notified in bingo clubs must be within the hours during which gaming takes place and not wholly or partly concurrent.

The regulations also specify the information which must be prominently displayed in bingo club premises.

Article 76(2) and (8) of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985 is the enabling provision under which these regulations are made. It is brought into operation on 16th February 1987 by the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (1985 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987. (S.R. 1987 No. 6 (C. 1)).