STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1986 No. 103

BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES

The Licensed Betting Offices Regulations 1986

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In pursuance of section 10(6) of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963(**a**) and paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 4 to that Act, having regard to the definition of "prescribed" in section 55(1) of that Act, I hereby make the following Regulations:—

PART I

GENERAL

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Licensed Betting Offices Regulations 1986.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on 10th March 1986.

(3) These Regulations shall not extend to Scotland.

2. In these Regulations "the 1963 Act" means the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963.

3. The Betting (Licensed Offices) Regulations 1960(**b**) are hereby revoked.

PART II

RESTRICTIONS ON ADVERTISEMENTS TO WHICH SECTION 10(6)*(b)* OF THE 1963 ACT APPLIES

4.—(1) Except as provided by Regulation 5 below, no advertisement—

(a) which includes any of the matters set out in paragraphs *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* of section 10(5) of the 1963 Act(**c**), and

(b) which is published outside a licensed betting office in any of the ways set out in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of section 10(6)*(b)* of that Act, and

(c) which consists of, or includes, text or which consists of, or includes, any moving display or moving image,

is permitted.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation and Regulation 5 below, the expression "text" includes figures without words, as well as words, and words and figures.

(**a**) 1963 c.2; section 10(6) was inserted by section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1984 (c.25).
(**b**) S.I. 1960/2332.
(**c**) Section 10(5) was amended by section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1984.

5.—(1) To the extent that any of the matters set out in paragraph (2) below would otherwise contravene the provisions of section 10(5) of the1963 Act, text in respect of all or any of them may nevertheless be included in an advertisement to which sub-paragraphs *(a)* and *(b)* of Regulation 4(1) above apply.

(2) The matters referred to in paragraph (1) above are:—

(a) subject to paragraph (3) below, text indicating that the premises are, or give access to, a licensed betting office whether—

(i) the expression "licensed betting office" or some other expression such as "bookmaker" or "turf accountant" is used, and

(ii) the expression is included in the name of the licensee or otherwise;

(b) in the case of premises giving access to a licensed betting office, text indicating where any such office may be found; and

(c) text indicating the hours during which a licensed betting office is open.

(3) Text in respect of the matter referred to in paragraph 2*(a)* above is not permitted if it exceeds three words in length.

PART III

OPENING HOURS OF, AND NOTICES IN, LICENSED BETTING OFFICES

6. The times at which a licensed betting office shall be closed shall, in any one day, include the periods between midnight and 7 a.m. and between 6.30 p.m. and midnight.

7.—(1) The licensee shall exhibit in a conspicuous manner and in some conspicuous place or places inside the licensed premises—

(a) including a place near to the entrance of those premises, and

(b) where practicable, in a window of those premises so that it can be read from outside those premises,

a notice or notices stating that persons under the age of 18 years are not admitted thereto.

(2) The licensee shall exhibit in some conspicuous place or places inside the licensed premises, but not in such a place that the notice exhibited can be read from outside those premises, a notice or notices setting out the terms on which he invites persons to bet on those premises including—

(a) the amount of the various deductions that may be, or will be, made from winning bets,

(b) any maximum limit on the amount of winnings, and

(c) the procedure for the resolution of disputed bets.

Douglas Hurd,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Home Office.
23rd January 1986.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations concern the advertisements which may be published outside a licensed betting office; restrict the hours during which licensed betting offices may be open; and require the display of certain notices in them. These Regulations replace the provisions of the Betting (Licensed Offices) Regulations 1960 ("the 1960 Regulations"); those Regulations are revoked by Regulation 3. These Regulations come into operation on the date on which section 2 of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1984 ("the 1984 Act") comes into force by virtue of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1984 (Commencement) Order 1986 (S.I. 1986/102).

Section 2 of the 1984 Act amended section 10(5) of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 ("the 1963 Act") to exempt from the restrictions imposed on advertisements by section 10(5) advertisements to which section 10(6) of the 1963 Act (as inserted by section 2 of the 1984 Act) applies. Section 10(6)*(b)* applies to advertisements which are published outside a licensed betting office (in the ways described in sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of that provision) and which comply with restrictions contained in regulations. Part II of these Regulations exercises that power to make restrictions. Regulation 4 prohibits all advertisements including text (as defined in Regulation 4(2)) except in respect of the matters set out in Regulation 5(2) (and subject to the further restriction in Regulation 5(3)). Regulation 4 also prohibits all advertisements which consist of, or include, moving displays or moving images.

The times during which licensed betting offices must remain closed are set out in Regulation 6; these times are unchanged from the equivalent provision in the 1960 Regulations. In addition to the requirement to display the betting office licence (which is imposed by paragraph 3*(a)* of Schedule 4 to the 1963 Act) and the requirement to display a notice prohibiting the admission of persons under 18 years, the holder of a betting office licence is now required to display his rules of betting (Regulation 7(2)). However, the prohibition (which applied under the 1960 Regulations) on the display of other written matter and signs (subject to exceptions) no longer applies.

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