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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3158**

**The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**PART IV**

**CONDUCT OF LICENSED PREMISES, ETC.**

*[<sup>F1</sup>Self-service and vending machines*

**[<sup>F1</sup>Prohibition on self-service and sales by vending machines**

**54A.**—(1) In any licensed premises, intoxicating liquor must not be sold or made available for purchase for consumption in or off the premises in a form which would enable a person to whom it was sold (or a person that person is with) to operate the dispenser of the liquor.

(2) In any licensed premises, intoxicating liquor must not be sold or made available for purchase for consumption in or off the premises by means of a vending machine.

(3) The activities prohibited by this Article include making available in a public or common part of the premises concerned intoxicating liquor for consumption in or off the premises which, in the absence of the licence holder or a servant or agent, persons are trusted by the licence holder—

- (a) to pay for by placing money in a container, or by some other process, which the licence holder has provided for that purpose in a public or common part of the premises, or
- (b) to agree to pay for by recording by a process which the licence holder has provided for that purpose in a public or common part of the premises the intoxicating liquor appropriated.

(4) Regulations may provide that, where prescribed conditions are satisfied, paragraph (2) does not apply in the case of—

- (a) licensed premises within Article 5(1)(a) which provide accommodation for guests such as is mentioned in Article 46(3);
- (b) licensed premises within Article 5(1)(c);
- (c) licensed premises within Article 5(1)(d).

(5) A holder of a licence acting in contravention of paragraph (1) or (2) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.]

**F1** [Art. 54A](#) and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2022) by [Licensing and Registration of Clubs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(c. 7\)](#), ss. **18(1)**, 47(2); S.R. 2022/180, arts. 1(2), 2, Sch.

**Changes to legislation:**

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Section 54A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 18 May 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- [art. 57B inserted by 2011 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 5](#)