
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3158

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART VI **N.I.**

MISCELLANEOUS

f¹Code of practice

F1 [Art. 76F](#) and cross-heading inserted (1.10.2022) by [Licensing and Registration of Clubs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(c. 7\), ss. 25\(1\), 47\(2\)](#); S.R. 2022/180, arts. 1(2), 2, Sch.

Code of practice **N.I.**

76F.—(1) Where a person or group of persons which the Department considers to have a relevant interest produces a relevant code of practice, the Department may approve the code.

(2) A person or group has a “relevant interest” if the person or group—

- (a) is representative of persons whose business involves the sale of intoxicating liquor under a licence, or
- (b) is representative of persons whose business involves the production of intoxicating liquor, or
- (c) is representative of persons whose business involves dealing wholesale in intoxicating liquor, or
- (d) is engaged in research into, or otherwise has an interest in, the effects of the consumption of intoxicating liquor on personal or public health or on public order.

(3) A code of practice is relevant if it relates to—

- (a) the display or sale of intoxicating liquor in licensed premises, or
- (b) activities designed to promote the sale of intoxicating liquor in licensed premises whether for consumption in or off such premises.

(4) Where the Department approves a relevant code of practice, it must give notice of its approval in the Belfast Gazette.

(5) Before deciding whether to approve a relevant code of practice, the Department must consult the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

(6) Where a person or group of the kind referred to in paragraph (1) amends a relevant code of practice, the Department may approve the amendments; and paragraphs (4) and (5) apply in relation to approving an amendment as they apply in relation to approving a code, unless the Department does not consider the amendment significant enough for those paragraphs to apply.

(7) The Department may withdraw its approval of a relevant code or of an amendment to it; and paragraphs (4) and (5) apply in relation to withdrawing approval of a code or amendment as they apply in relation to approving it.]

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Seamen's canteens

Special provisions with respect to grant or renewal of licences for seamen's canteens **N.I.**

77.—(1) Before application is made for the grant of a licence for a seamen's canteen, draft rules as to the persons entitled to use the canteen shall be prepared.

(2) A copy of the draft rules shall be attached to the notice, and the copies of the notice, mentioned in paragraph 1 (c) of Schedule 1.

(3) Without prejudice to Article 7(4)(b), (c) and (d), a court shall not grant a licence for a seamen's canteen unless the body providing the canteen undertake to make rules for the canteen in the form of the draft, with the modifications, if any, required by the court, and not to vary those rules without the consent of a court.

(4) Without prejudice to Article 15(2), a court shall not renew a licence for a seamen's canteen unless it is satisfied—

- (a) that the rules as to the persons entitled to use the canteen have been observed; and
- (b) that those rules have not been and will not be varied otherwise than with the consent of a court.

(5) An application for consent to the variation of rules under this Article may be made to a court of summary jurisdiction.

^{F2}^{F3}*Indoor arenas and outdoor stadia*

F2 2004 NI 17

F3 Art. 77A cross-heading substituted (1.9.2016) by [Licensing Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. **4(3)**, 8(1)

^{F4}**Attachment of conditions to licences for indoor arenas or outdoor stadia** **N.I.**

77A.—(1) Without prejudice to Article 7(12) or 15(6A), a court of summary jurisdiction may at any time where an application is made to it under this Article, exercise with respect to a licence for an indoor arena ^{F5}or outdoor stadium], the powers conferred on it by paragraph (2).

(2) The court may, if satisfied that it is appropriate to do so—

- (a) attach to the licence such conditions as it thinks fit, or
- (b) vary or remove any condition attached to the licence.

[^{F6}(2A) In exercising a power under paragraph (2) in the case of a licence for an outdoor stadium, the court shall consider whether there should be attached to the licence conditions which would be appropriate in circumstances in which the outdoor stadium was being used primarily for events designed to appeal to persons under the age of 18 (regardless of whether the application relates to that matter).]

(3) An application for the purposes of paragraph (2)(a) may only be made by the district commander of the police district in which the indoor arena ^{F7}or outdoor stadium] is situated.]

F4 Art. 77A heading substituted (1.9.2016) by [Licensing Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. **4(3)**, 8(1)

F5 Words in art. 77A(1) inserted (1.9.2016) by [Licensing Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. **4(3)(a)**, 8(1)

- F6** Art. 77A(2A) inserted (1.9.2016) by [Licensing Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016 \(c. 24\), ss. 4\(3\)\(b\), 8\(1\)](#)
- F7** Words in art. 77A(3) inserted (27.8.2021) by [Licensing and Registration of Clubs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2021 \(c. 7\), s. 47\(1\)\(d\), Sch. 1 para. 11](#)

Wholesale dealers

Sales by wholesalers, etc. N.I.

78.—(1) A wholesaler within the meaning of section 4 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall not sell intoxicating liquor to any person in Northern Ireland other than a person mentioned in paragraph (2) unless—

- (a) the wholesaler is the holder of a licence under this Order for premises which are either of a kind mentioned in Article 5(1)(a) or (b) or an hotel to which Article 5(5)(b)(ii) applies; and
 - (b) the sale is made in those premises during the permitted hours.
- (2) The persons referred to in paragraph (1) are—
- (a) the holder of a licence under this Order;
 - (b) a wholesaler within the meaning of the said section 4;
 - (c) a public body;
 - (d) any person who may lawfully sell intoxicating liquor by retail without a licence;
 - (e) a club which is registered, or exempted from registration, under the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996; or
 - (f) any other persons of such classes as may be prescribed by regulations made subject to affirmative resolution.

(3) Any person acting in contravention of paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(4) A manufacturer of, or wholesale dealer in, cider, notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a licence, may sell cider to the holder of a licence in any quantity.

Pharmacists

Sale of intoxicating liquor, etc., by pharmacists N.I.

79.—(1) A pharmacist notwithstanding that he does not hold a licence may sell or supply medicine consisting of or including intoxicating liquor, if—

- (a) subject to paragraph (2), it is sold or supplied for use in accordance with the order or prescription of a doctor; or
- (b) it is of a kind prescribed by regulations.

(2) The order or prescription—

- (a) shall be produced to the pharmacist before the sale or supply of the medicine, and shall not be returned to the person for whose benefit it was given or to any other person acting on his behalf; and
- (b) shall be authority for the sale or supply of such a medicine on one occasion only.

(3) The provisions of this Order, other than this Article, shall not apply to the sale or supply of intoxicating liquor as or in medicine by a pharmacist in accordance with paragraphs (1) and (2).

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Vessels, aircraft and trains

Licences for non-seagoing vessels **N.I.**

80.—(1) A licence may be granted in respect of a vessel other than a seagoing vessel as if it were premises situated at the place from which it plies and notwithstanding that it is not premises of a kind mentioned in Article 5(1).

(2) When a court grants a licence under paragraph (1) it may attach to the licence such conditions as it thinks fit.

(3) Without prejudice to Article 15(2), a court shall not renew a licence granted under paragraph (1) unless it is satisfied that the conditions of the licence have been observed.

(4) The conditions of a licence granted under paragraph (1) may be varied by a court which renews or transfers the licence.

(5) If any condition of a licence granted under paragraph (1) is not observed, the holder of the licence and the master of the vessel shall each be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale..

(6) Without prejudice to paragraphs (1) to (5), Article 3(4) and Article 67(10), this Order shall apply in relation to a vessel for which a licence is in force as if the vessel were premises.

(7) In the provisions of this Order relating to offences by the holders of licences, any reference to the holder of a licence for a vessel shall include a reference to the master of the vessel and any reference to a servant or agent of the holder shall, in relation to the master, include a reference to any person employed in the vessel.

Application of Order to certain seagoing vessels and to aircraft and railway passenger vehicles **N.I.**

81.—(1) This Order shall not prohibit the sale without a licence of intoxicating liquor to passengers in a seagoing vessel, an aircraft or a railway passenger vehicle for consumption on board the vessel, aircraft or vehicle, if the following conditions are observed.

(2) The conditions mentioned in paragraph (1) are—

- (a) that the vessel, aircraft or vehicle is of a kind employed for the carriage of passengers;
- (b) in the case of a vessel, that the vessel is one which plies between a place in Northern Ireland and a place in a country other than Northern Ireland and that the liquor is sold only—
 - (i) during the period commencing 1 and a half hours before the time fixed for departure and ending at the time of departure; and
 - (ii) while the vessel is being navigated;
- (c) in the case of an aircraft, that the liquor is sold only while the aircraft is in flight;
- (d) in the case of a railway passenger vehicle, that the vehicle is one in which passengers can be supplied with food and the liquor is served in the course of a railway journey on which fare paying passengers are carried by a railway undertaking.

Legal proceedings

Evidence **N.I.**

82.—(1) Evidence that a transaction in the nature of a sale of intoxicating liquor took place shall, in any proceedings relating to an offence under this Order, be evidence of the sale of the liquor without proof that money passed.

(2) Evidence that consumption of intoxicating liquor was about to take place shall in any such proceedings be evidence of the consumption of intoxicating liquor without proof of actual consumption.

(3) Evidence that any person, other than the licence holder or his servant or agent obtained, consumed or intended to consume intoxicating liquor in licensed premises shall be evidence that the liquor was sold to that person by the holder of the licence or his servant or agent.

(4) Where intoxicating liquor in open containers is found in any premises, consumption of intoxicating liquor shall, in any proceedings for a contravention of any provision of this Order, be deemed to have taken place in those premises, unless the contrary is proved.

(5) Where it is proved that intoxicating liquor has been sold in or in any part of licensed premises and taken outside those premises or that part, it shall be deemed to have been sold for consumption off the premises or, as the case may be, that part, unless the contrary is proved.

Appeals **N.I.**

83.—(1) Without prejudice to Articles 61 and 65 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980, any party to the proceedings who is dissatisfied with a decision of a county court on an application made to it under this Order may appeal from that decision as if the decision had been made in exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by Part III of that Order of 1980 and the appeal were brought under Article 60 of that Order of 1980.

(2) For the purposes of—

- (a) paragraph (1),
- (b) Articles 61 and 62 of the County Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1980,
- (c) Articles 143 and 146 of the Magistrates' Courts (Northern Ireland) Order 1981,

a person who appears as an objector in any proceedings under this Order shall be deemed to be a party to the proceedings.

Supplemental

Exemptions and savings **N.I.**

84. Nothing in this Order shall—

- (a) affect the operation of [^{F8}the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011] ;
- (b) apply to the sale or consumption of intoxicating liquor to or in any canteen in which the sale of intoxicating liquor is carried on under the authority of [^{F9}the Department of Justice,] the Secretary of State or the [^{F10}Policing Board] or to or in any authorised mess of members of Her Majesty's naval, military or air forces;
- (c) prejudice or affect the sale by any manufacturing or wholesale chemist of spirits of wine wholesale for medicinal purposes to registered medical practitioners, duly registered pharmaceutical chemists or persons requiring the spirits for use for scientific purposes in any laboratory;
- (d) apply to the sale or supply of medicated spirits or spirits or spirituous liquor made up in medicine by a doctor;
- (e) apply to intoxicating liquor in confectionery which—
 - (i) does not contain intoxicating liquor in a proportion greater than 200 millilitres of liquor (containing a quantity of ethyl alcohol amounting to 57 per cent. of the volume of the liquor inclusive of the alcohol contained in it as at 20°C) per kilogram of the confectionery; and

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- (ii) either consists of separate pieces weighing not more than 42 and a half grams or is designed to be broken into such pieces for the purposes of consumption;
- (f) apply to the sale of intoxicating liquor to or by a public body exercising functions in connection with the training of persons who are or propose to become engaged or employed in the hotel or catering industry, if it is supplied with meals prepared or served by such persons by way of demonstration or consumed as ancillary to such a meal.

- F8** Words in art. 84(a) substituted (13.2.2015 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation) by [Planning Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 25\), s. 254\(1\)\(2\), Sch. 6 para. 82](#) (with s. 211); [S.R. 2015/49, arts. 2, 3, Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#) (as amended (16.3.2016) by [S.R. 2016/159, art. 2](#)))
- F9** Words in art. 84(b) inserted (12.4.2010) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\), arts. 1\(2\), 4\(3\), Sch. 2 para. 17](#) (with arts. 28-31); [S.I. 2010/977, art. 1\(2\)](#)
- F10** [2000 c. 32](#)

Modifications of Schedules, amendments, transitional provisions, savings and repeals N.I.

85.—(1) The provisions of Schedule 1, paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 and Part I of Schedule 8 may be modified by county court rules and the provisions of Schedules 4 to 7, Part II of Schedule 8 and Schedules 9 and 10 may be modified by magistrates' courts rules, and any rules made under this paragraph may make consequential modifications of this Order.

Para. (2)—Amendments

(3) The transitional provisions and savings contained in Schedule 12 shall have effect for the purposes of this Order.

Para. (4)—Repeals

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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](#)