



# Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 63

### PART III

#### GENERAL

### 33 Interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“the Commissioners” means the Commissioners of Customs and Excise;  
“gaming” <sup>F1</sup> . . . has the same meaning as in section 52 of the <sup>M1</sup>Gaming Act 1968;

“the prescribed sum” in relation to the penalty provided for an offence, means—

- (a) if the offence was committed in England or Wales, the prescribed sum within the meaning of section 32 of the <sup>M2</sup>Magistrates’ Courts Act 1980 (£1,000 or other sum substituted by order under section 143(1) of that Act); and
- (b) if the offence was committed in Scotland, the prescribed sum within the meaning of [<sup>F2</sup>subsection (8) of section 225 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (£5,000 or other sum substituted by order under subsection (4) of that section)]. [<sup>F3</sup>and
- (c) if the offence was committed in Northern Ireland, the prescribed sum within the meaning of Article 4 of the <sup>M3</sup>Fines and Penalties (Northern Ireland) Order 1984.]

(2) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that the imposition by this Act of general betting duty, pool betting duty, bingo duty or the duty on [<sup>F4</sup>amusement machine licences] does not make lawful anything which is unlawful apart from this Act.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Words in s. 33(1) repealed (1.5.1995) by 1995 c. 4, ss. 14, 162, Sch. 3 para. 9(2), Sch. 29 Pt. III.

**F2** Words in s. 33(1) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 40, s. 5, Sch. 4 para. 38.

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**F3** S. 33(1)(c) and the word “and” preceding it inserted by [Finance Act 1985 \(c. 54, SIF 12:2\)](#), s. 8, [Sch. 5 Pt. 1 para. 7](#)

**F4** Words in s. 33(2) substituted (1.5.1995) by [1995 c. 4, s. 14, Sch. 3 para. 9\(1\)](#).

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** [1968 c. 65\(12:1\)](#).

**M2** [1980 c. 43\(82\)](#).

**M3** [S.I. 1984/703 \(N.I. 3\)](#).

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