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National Lottery etc. Act 1993

1993 CHAPTER 39

PART I

AUTHORISATION AND REGULATION OF THE NATIONAL LOTTERY

Preliminary

1 The National Lottery.

- (1) In this Act “the National Lottery” means all the lotteries that form part of the National Lottery, taken as a whole.
- (2) A lottery forms part of the National Lottery if the following conditions are satisfied.
- (3) The lottery must be promoted or proposed to be promoted—
 - (a) by the body licensed to run the National Lottery under section 5, or
 - (b) in pursuance of an agreement that has been made between that body and the lottery’s promoter or proposed promoter.
- (4) The promotion of the lottery must be authorised by a licence that has been granted to its promoter or proposed promoter under section 6.

2 Legality of lotteries forming part of the National Lottery.

- (1) A lottery that forms part of the National Lottery shall not be unlawful.
- (2) Schedule 1 contains amendments consequential on subsection (1).

3 The Director General of the National Lottery.

- (1) There shall be an office the holder of which shall be appointed by the Secretary of State and known as the Director General of the National Lottery.
- (2) Schedule 2 makes provision in relation to the Director General.

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[^{F1}3A The National Lottery Commission.

- (1) There shall be a body corporate known as the National Lottery Commission.
- (2) Schedule 2A makes provision in relation to the Commission.]

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 3A inserted (1.4.1999) by 1998 c. 22, s. 1(3); S.I. 1999/650, art. 2 .

4 Overriding duties of the Secretary of State and Director General.

- (1) The Secretary of State and (subject to any directions he may be given by the Secretary of State under section 11) the Director General shall each exercise his functions under this Part in the manner he considers the most likely to secure—
 - (a) that the National Lottery is run, and every lottery that forms part of it is promoted, with all due propriety, and
 - (b) that the interests of every participant in a lottery that forms part of the National Lottery are protected.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1), the Secretary of State and the Director General shall each in exercising those functions do his best to secure that the net proceeds of the National Lottery are as great as possible.
- (3) In subsection (2) “the net proceeds of the National Lottery” means the sums that are paid to the Secretary of State by virtue of section 5(6).

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