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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1986 No. 11**

**BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES**

**The Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4)  
(Amendment) Order 1986**

*Laid before Parliament in draft*

*Made* - - - 10th January 1986

*Coming into Operation* 10th March 1986

In pursuance of section 10(1A) of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963(a), I hereby make the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 1986.

(2) This Order shall come into operation two months after the day on which it is made.

2. Paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 (rules for licensed betting offices)(b) to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 is hereby repealed.

3. After paragraph 6 of Schedule 4 to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 there shall be added the following paragraphs:—

“ 7.—(1) Except as permitted by sub-paragraph (2) or (3) below, no apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of sounds or visual images or both shall be used on the licensed premises.

(2) Subject to paragraph 8 below, such apparatus may be used on the licensed premises provided that the matter seen or heard comprises only information about, and the coverage of, a sporting event including —

(a) information relating to any betting on such an event; and

(b) any other matter, including an advertisement, which is incidental to such an event or such coverage.

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(a) 1963 c.2; subsections (1A) to (1C) of section 10 were inserted by section 1(1) of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries (Amendment) Act 1984 (c.25).

(b) Paragraph 5 was amended by paragraph 10 of Schedule 5 to the Cable and Broadcasting Act 1984 (c.46).

(3) Subject to paragraph 8 below, such apparatus may be used on the licensed premises provided that the matter seen or heard comprises only —

- (a) information relating to betting on any event in connection with which betting transactions may be or have been effected on those premises; and
- (b) the result of such an event.

**8.—(1)** No apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of visual images shall be used on the licensed premises unless those images appear on a screen; and any screen so used shall not —

- (a) exceed 30 inches wide; or
- (b) be so positioned that those images can be seen from outside the licensed premises, whether through a window or otherwise.

(2) No apparatus for showing visual images of a sporting event shall be used on the licensed premises if —

- (a) the service by means of which such images appear is not intended to be received by the general public or other licensees generally; or
- (b) in the case of images that appear by means of the use of video recordings, identical recordings of the same event are not available to other licensees generally.

In this sub-paragraph “video recording” has the same meaning as in section 1(3) of the Video Recordings Act 1984(a).

**9.** No music, dancing or other entertainment shall be provided or allowed on the licensed premises, except any entertainment which complies with the provisions of paragraph 7 above.

**10.—(1)** Except as permitted by this paragraph, no refreshments shall be provided on the licensed premises.

(2) Subject to section 10(1B) of this Act, any drink may be sold, by any means whatever, on the licensed premises except —

- (a) where those premises are in England and Wales, intoxicating liquor within the meaning of section 201(1) of the Licensing Act 1964(b);  
or
- (b) where those premises are in Scotland, alcoholic liquor within the meaning of section 139(1) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 1976(c).

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(a) 1984 c.39.

(b) 1964 c.26; the definition of intoxicating liquor was substituted by paragraph 22 of Schedule 7 to the Finance Act 1967 (c.54).

(c) 1976 c.66.

(3) There may be sold, by any means whatever, on the licensed premises the following refreshments:

- (a) biscuits (not including cakes);
- (b) chocolates, sweets and similar confectionery;
- (c) potato crisps, potato sticks, potato puffs and similar products made from the potato, or from potato flour, or from potato starch; and
- (d) salted or roasted peanuts.

11. Paragraphs 1 and 4 above shall be construed, subject to the restrictions in paragraphs 7 to 10 above, as not prohibiting the provision of the facilities permitted by paragraphs 7, 9 and 10(2) and (3) above.”

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

Home Office.  
10th January 1986.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Order.)*

This Order amends Schedule 4 to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (rules for licensed betting offices). Article 3 of the Order adds paragraphs to that Schedule which replace the restrictions in paragraph 5 of that Schedule (which, amongst other restrictions, had prohibited the use of facilities for seeing television programmes in betting offices and the serving of refreshments). That paragraph is repealed by Article 2 of the Order.

Paragraph 7 (as added) concerns the use in betting offices of apparatus for making information or other material available in the form of sounds or visual images or both. There is a blanket prohibition on the use of such apparatus unless its use is permitted under paragraph 7(2) or (3) (paragraph 7(1)). The widely-drafted restriction covers not only the use of wireless and television sets for sound and television broadcasting, but also the use of television sets for the showing of video recordings or the reception of a cable programme service or programmes shown by the use of satellites; it also covers the use of visual display units.

Paragraph 7(2) permits such use in connection with information about, and the coverage of, sporting events. Paragraph 7(3) permits such use in connection with other events but only to the extent of communicating the betting on, and the result of, events on which betting may take place in the betting office.

Paragraph 8(1) imposes restrictions on the screens which may be used for the display of visual images. Paragraph 8(2) prohibits the use of apparatus for showing visual images of a sporting event unless the service by means of which such

images are shown is either generally available or generally available to other licensees of betting offices.

Paragraph 9 repeats the prohibition, currently set out in paragraph 5, on music, dancing or other entertainment in betting offices subject to a new exception in respect of entertainment permitted by paragraph 7 (the coverage of sporting events).

Paragraph 10 permits the sale of any drink (other than an alcoholic drink) in betting offices and the sale of the refreshments set out in paragraph 10(3).

Paragraph 11 limits the restrictions in paragraph 1 (prohibition on the use of betting offices for any purpose other than the effecting of betting transactions) and paragraph 4 (prohibition on encouragements to bet) of Schedule 4 to the 1963 Act so that those restrictions do not prohibit the facilities permitted by the provisions added to that Schedule by this Order.

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