EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulation)

These Regulations, which replace the Lotteries (Scotland) Regulations 1977 and the Lotteries Regulations 1977, relate to lotteries promoted on behalf of societies registered under Schedule 1 or 1A to the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976 and lotteries promoted by local authorities under Schedule 2 to that Act. The Regulations apply to England and Wales and Scotland. They contain requirements as to the provisions which must be included in any scheme for the promotion of societies' lotteries and local lotteries. They also make provision in relation to the sale and distribution of tickets or chances in lotteries and the matters to be specified on tickets.

The main changes contained in these Regulations are-

1. provision is made for societies and local authorities to modify lottery schemes without being required to re-register with the Gaming Board;

2. lottery schemes are no longer to be limited to three years' duration but may continue for as long as the society or local authority scheme remains registered;

3. provision is made which has the effect that the sale of tickets or chances in a society's lottery or local lottery in amusement arcades, licensed bingo clubs and casinos is no longer prohibited;

4. the prohibition on the sale of tickets or chances in a lottery by means of a vending machine is extended so that tickets or chances cannot be sold by means of any machine;

5. there are various changes in the matters required to be specified in lottery schemes, tickets, notices and advertisements.