



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 [^{F1}person] licensed to run the National Lottery under section 5, or
 - (b) in pursuance of an agreement that has been made between that [^{F2}person] 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.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 1(3)(a) substituted (1.10.2006) by [National Lottery Act 2006 \(c. 23\), ss. 3\(a\), 22\(1\)](#); S.I. 2006/2630, art. 2(a)
- F2** Word in s. 1(3)(b) substituted (1.10.2006) by [National Lottery Act 2006 \(c. 23\), ss. 3\(a\), 22\(1\)](#); S.I. 2006/2630, art. 2(a)

Changes to legislation:

National Lottery etc. Act 1993, Section 1 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 01 July 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1 substituted by [2006 c. 23 Sch. 1 para. 2](#) (Section 6 provides for Schedule 1 to be commenced by an order under that section rather than under the normal commencement provision (section 22). In particular, it requires the order to be subject to negative resolution procedures. Schedule 1 is to be commenced in this different way to reflect the intention that the Secretary of State will not commence Schedule 1 immediately but only if she considers that the current licensing structure has failed in creating an effective competition for the licence under section 5 of the 1993 Act to run the National Lottery and so risks failing to maximise returns to good causes.)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 5-6A substituted for s. 5 6 by [2006 c. 23 Sch. 1 para. 4](#) (Section 6 provides for Schedule 1 to be commenced by an order under that section rather than under the normal commencement provision (section 22). In particular, it requires the order to be subject to negative resolution procedures. Schedule 1 is to be commenced in this different way to reflect the intention that the Secretary of State will not commence Schedule 1 immediately but only if she considers that the current licensing structure has failed in creating an effective competition for the licence under section 5 of the 1993 Act to run the National Lottery and so risks failing to maximise returns to good causes.)
- s. 7(3A) inserted by [2006 c. 23 Sch. 1 para. 5\(5\)](#) (Section 6 provides for Schedule 1 to be commenced by an order under that section rather than under the normal commencement provision (section 22). In particular, it requires the order to be subject to negative resolution procedures. Schedule 1 is to be commenced in this different way to reflect the intention that the Secretary of State will not commence Schedule 1 immediately but only if she considers that the current licensing structure has failed in creating an effective competition for the licence under section 5 of the 1993 Act to run the National Lottery and so risks failing to maximise returns to good causes.)