

BRITISH GUIANA

REGULATIONS

MADE UNDER

THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ORDINANCE, 1963.
(No. 13 of 1963)

UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ORDINANCE, 1963, THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCE HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:--

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Government Lotteries Regulations, 1964. Short Title.

2. A lottery shall be held at such time or times as the Government Lotteries Control Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") may appoint and such lottery shall be drawn within ten days after the closing date of the lottery as stated on the ticket: Lotteries to be held from time to time.

Provided that the Committee may, if they think fit, direct that the lottery be drawn at any time after the aforesaid period.

3. Before any lottery is drawn the Chairman of the Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Chairman") shall cause to be published in the Gazette and in at least one newspaper — Notice of draw.

- (a) the date, the time when and the place where the draw will take place;
- (b) the number and the price of tickets issued by the Committee for sale in respect of the lottery, and any other particulars concerning the tickets which he may consider necessary to publish;
- (c) the number and value of the prizes apportioned to the lottery and the place where and the hours during which payment of prizes may be claimed.

4. There shall be specified on every ticket —

- (a) the date and number or other description of the draw of the lottery for which the ticket is issued; Particulars to be specified on ticket.
- (b) the serial number and price of the ticket;
- (c) the number and value of the prizes apportioned to the lottery for which the ticket is issued;
- (d) any other information or conditions (not inconsistent with the provisions of the Government Lotteries Ordinance, 1963, hereinafter referred to as "the Ordinance",

or of any regulations made thereunder) in connection with the conduct of the lottery that the Committee may think fit.

Procedure
at draw.

5. (1) Whenever any lottery is drawn there shall be present at the draw at least three members of the Committee, and if, at the time appointed for the draw, there shall not be that number of members present, the draw shall not be held, and the Chairman shall forthwith publish in a newspaper circulating in British Guiana another date on which the draw shall be held.

(2) The members of the Committee present at a draw shall, before the commencement of the draw, appoint one of their number to preside at the draw, and the member so appointed shall —

- (a) put, or cause to be put, in motion the machine or other contrivance approved by the committee for drawing the number of the winning tickets;
- (b) declare the numbers of the winning tickets so drawn, and in the event of the same number being drawn more than once at a draw declare the second or subsequent draw null and void;
- (c) in the event of any breakdown or other difficulty occurring in the operation of the machine or contrivance aforesaid, direct that the drawing of the numbers of such tickets as then remain to be drawn shall be postponed until such time as he is satisfied that the draw can be resumed without difficulty.

(3) If, at the time when a draw is postponed under the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (2) of this regulation, one or more, but not all, of the digits necessary to determine the number of a winning ticket shall have been drawn, the number of that ticket shall, when the draw is resumed, be drawn afresh as to all its digits, and the digit or digits drawn before the postponement of the draw shall be disregarded.

(4) For the purpose of witnessing a draw of a lottery the public shall be admitted to the premises upon which the draw is conducted so far as may reasonably be practicable having regard to the accommodation available for such purpose.

(5) Any person who obstructs or impedes the drawing of a lottery or creates any disturbance on or near the premises on which a lottery is being or is about to be drawn, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-four dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month.

Result of
draw to be
published.

6. The Chairman shall cause the numbers of the winning tickets drawn in every lottery to be published in the Gazette and in at least one newspaper circulating in British Guiana as soon as practicable after the lottery has been drawn.

7. Prizes shall be paid by the Committee in respect of winning tickets in a lottery in accordance with the following provisions — Payment of prizes.

- (a) payment shall be claimed by presenting and delivering up the ticket in respect of which the claim is made at the place and during the hours appointed for the purpose in the notice published in pursuance of regulation 3 of these Regulations;
- (b) payment shall be claimed within one year after the day of the draw at which the ticket in respect of which the claim is made was declared a winning ticket, but the Committee may, for good cause, entertain a claim for payment made within two years after the day of the draw aforesaid;
- (c) no payment shall be made before the expiration of seven days after the day on which the ticket was declared a winning ticket;
- (d) payment shall be made to the person who presents the ticket for the payment of the prize won by that ticket and such payment shall absolutely discharge the Committee, the Government of British Guiana, its servants and agents of liability for payment of that prize.

8. If payment of a prize is not claimed in the manner and within the period of two years as prescribed by regulation 7 of these Regulations, such prize shall upon the expiry of the period aforesaid be forfeited and the proceeds thereof be paid into the Development Fund of British Guiana. For future of unclaimed prize.

9. If, when any ticket is presented for payment of a prize, any number, mark, figure or word which is material for identifying the ticket is, in the opinion of the Committee, illegible or not clearly legible or incomplete or has been obliterated, defaced or removed, the Committee shall not make any payment unless the person claiming payment produces evidence, to the satisfaction of the Committee, identifying the ticket as the ticket in respect of which the prize is claimed is payable. Defaced tickets.

10. (1) The appointment of any agent for the sale of tickets shall be for a period not exceeding one year from the date on which the appointment takes effect, but an agent shall be eligible for re-appointment. Agent for sale of tickets.

(2) The Committee may require any agent to give and execute a bond in the form set out in the schedule to these Regulations, with two sureties to be approved by the Committee. Schedule.

11. (1) The Committee shall keep accounts of their transactions to the satisfaction of the Minister responsible for finance (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") and such accounts shall be audited annually by the Director of Audit or any officer of his department (hereinafter in this regulation referred to as "the auditor"). Accounts and audit.

(2) The members, officers and servants of the Committee shall grant to the auditor access to all books, documents, cash and securities, and shall give to him on request all such information as may be within their knowledge in relation to the operation of any lottery.

Report. 12. The Committee shall not later than six months after the end of each calendar year submit to the Minister a report containing —

- (a) an account of their transactions throughout the preceding calendar year in such manner as the Minister may direct; and
- (b) a statement of the accounts of the Committee audited in accordance with the provisions of regulation 11 of these Regulations.

Offences. 13. (1) Any person who buys, sells or offers for sale any Government lottery ticket at a price exceeding the price authorised by the Committee, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-four dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month and if the person convicted is an agent appointed under the provisions of section 3 of the Ordinance the Committee may forthwith revoke the appointment of the agent.

(2) If any agent appointed under the provisions of section 3 of the Ordinance buys, receives, takes or accepts from any person any such ticket as aforesaid, such ticket being a ticket which has been declared to be a winning ticket under these Regulations, otherwise than in consideration of a cash payment equal to the full amount of the prize payable by the Committee in respect of such ticket, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall on summary conviction thereof be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty-four dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month and his appointment as an agent be revoked forthwith.

Exemption. 14. The provisions of the Regulations preventing the sending or delivery by post of postal matters relating to lotteries made by the Postmaster General and approved by the Governor and Court of Policy on the 24th June, 1903, shall not apply to lotteries conducted under the Ordinance.

SCHEDULE

Reg. 10

Form of Bond to be given by agent.

We, the undersigned, of
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, and of
, jointly and severally acknowledge
 ourselves to owe to our Sovereign Lady the Queen the sum of
 to be levied on our several movable and immovable property, if the said
 fails in the condition hereon
 endorsed.

Sealed this Signed
 day of

Now the abovescribed obligation is conditioned to be void in case the said shall pay to the Committee not later than two days after the closing of the sale of tickets for every lottery held within the period of one year from the date hereunder all such sums as he is required to pay in respect of all Government Lottery tickets issued or allotted to him, but otherwise shall remain in full force for the aforesaid period of one year.

Signed sealed and delivered

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 day of

Made this 8th day of October, 1964

CHARLES JACOB JR.
 Minister of Finance.

(M.P. G 183/53 II).