L.N. 96 of 1991

GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES ACT
(CAP. 292)

Government Lotteries (Grand Lottery) Regulations, 1991

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Government Lotteries Act, the Minister of Finance has made the following regulations:—

Citation and Commencement.

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Government Lotteries (Grand Lottery) Regulations, 1991.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st July, 1991.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Board" means the Board appointed under regulation 10 of these regulations;

"Director" means the Director of Public Lotto and to the extent of the authority given, includes any officer of the Department, authorized by the Director in that behalf for any purpose of these regulations;

"draw" means the extraction at random, by physical or mechanical means, of such letter and/or numbers which give the right to the staker of a ticket bearing the corresponding letter and/or number so drawn to the prize due;

"Minister" includes, to the extent of the authority given, any person authorized by the Minister in that behalf for any purpose of these regulations;

"public officer" has the same meaning as is assigned to it by the Constitution.

Grand Lottery.

3. (1) A Lottery draw, known as the Grand Lottery, shall be held, unless otherwise directed by the Minister, on the second Sunday of February, April, June, August, October and December at 12.00 noon, or as soon as possible thereafter, and in such place as the Minister may from time to time direct. The prizes for such a draw shall be those set out in paragraph A of the Schedule to these regulations:

Provided that the Minister may by notice direct that the European Lottery organised by the European Association of State Lotteries and Lottos be combined to any one of the Malta Grand Lotteries and the prizes attached thereto shall be those set out in paragraph B of the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Any one ticket in the Grand Lottery shall be entitled to only one prize. However, tickets also participating in the European

Lottery and winning the highest prizes in the Grand Lottery shall also share between them the European prize if Malta is the winner of that European Lottery prize.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (1) and (2) of these regulations, the Minsiter may, by notice published in the Gazette, increase the number and/or value of the prizes or alter the day, time and place of any particular draw.

Procedure of the draw.

4. The draw of the Grand Lottery shall be conducted by the Board. However, the draw of the Grand Lottery which is combined to the European Lottery shall be conducted by the organisers of the European Lottery.

Participating tickets.

5. (1) All tickets shall be numbered from 00000 to 99999.

(2) For the Grand Lottery there shall be put up for sale two (2) sets of tickets numbered as stated in paragraph (1) hereof.

(3) For the European Lottery combined to the Malta Grand Lottery there shall be put up for sale five (5) sets of tickets numbered as stated in paragraph (1) hereof.

(4) All tickets put up for sale, whether sold or unsold, shall participate in a lottery and any prizes won by unsold tickets shall be forfeitied:

Provided that, if Malta is declared by the organisers of the European Lottery to be the winner of the European Lottery Prize, all this latter European Prize shall be distributed in equal proportions to the holders of the First Prize tickets sold only.

Time Limit for sale of tickets.

6. All sale of tickets shall cease at a time and date prior to the time of the draw to be notified by the Minister in the Gazette.

Price of tickets.

7. (1) Tickets shall be purchased from the Director and shall be paid for on purchase.

(2) The price of a Grand Lottery ticket shall be two Maltese Liri (Lm2). Sellers and agents shall however pay to the Director one Maltese Lira eighty cents (Lm1.80c) for each Grand Lottery ticket. The Director shall issue a refund by means of a credit note for each whole sheet of Grand Lottery tickets returned to him by the seller and/or agent not later than the day and time prior to the draw as fixed by the Director.

(3) The price of a ticket which is sold outside Malta shall be expressed in foreign currency by the Director who shall also take into account in such price an amount to cover mailing expenses, bank charges and other incidental expenses.

Records of tickets sold.

8. The Director shall keep a record of all tickets sold in respect of each lottery.

Bonus to sellers/ agents of Lottery tickets.

9. The Minister may authorise the Director to pay a bonus or bonuses to the sellers and/or agents as and when required.

Constitution of Board.

10. (1) There shall be constituted a Board, composed of the Director or his representative as Chairman, a representative of the Director of Audit, a representative of the Accountant General and such other members as the Minister may from time to time appoint.

(2) The Board shall perform such duties as are specified in these regulations and such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Director in connection with the supervision of the lottery.

(3) Three members of the Board, of whom one must be the Director or his representative, shall form a quorom of the Board.

(4) Each member of the Board shall have one vote but in the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall also have a casting vote.

Meeting of the Board.

11. The Board shall meet during the draw and on such other dates and time as the Director shall determine. During the European Lottery combined to the Malta Grand Lottery draw the presence of the Board shall not be required.

Delivery of counterfoils.

12. Before every draw the Director shall deliver to the Board, for examination:—

(a) all counterfoils of sold tickets:

(b) all unsold tickets and their counterfoils.

Counterfoils received by Secretary Gozo Affairs.

13. (1) The Secretary for Gozo Affairs shall represent and act for the Director in Gozo in any matter connected with the lottery.

(2) The Secretary for Gozo Affairs shall transmit to the Director within such time and in such manner as the latter may require, all counterfoils of tickets sold in Gozo and all unsold tickets with their counterfoils.

(3) The Secretary for Gozo Affairs shall keep tickets and counterfoils in a strong room under his custody.

Board to remain responsible for counterfoils.

14. The Board shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all counterfoils delivered to it by the Director under regulation 12 of these regulations until one week after the expiry of the validity period of the tickets of each lottery draw.

Draw to be held in public.

15. The draw of the Grand Lottery shall be held publicly at the office of the Director, or at such other place as may from time to time be appointed for the purpose by the Minister in the presence of the Board and of any member of the public present at the time. However, as specified in regulation 4, the draw of the Grand Lottery combined to the Europen Lottery shall be held on such date, time and at such place appointed by the Body organising the European Lottery, in which case the presence of the Board is not required.

Validity period of ticket.

16. (1) The right of claiming prizes lapses after fifty (50) working days from the day of draw provided that the Minister may at his absolute discretion authorise the payment of a prize or part thereof if the winning ticket is presented after the lapse of the claim period.

(2) If a winner is unable to present the ticket within the period stipulated of 50 working days, the relevant prize may be paid to the person whose name appears on the respective stub detached from the ticket and deposited at the department prior to the draw.

Winning tickets and relative vouchers to be kept by the Director of Audit.

17. (1) The winning tickets and the relative payment vouchers shall be kept under the responsibility of the Director of Audit.

(2) Where, however, a ticket is exhibited in a Court of Law, the Registrar of that Court shall be responsible for its custody.

Revokes L.N. 66 of 1981.

18. The Government Lotteries Regulations, 1981, are hereby revoked.

Transitory.

19. Every winning made under the Government Lotteries Regulations, 1981, prior to the date of commencement of these regulations shall still be regulated by the aforesaid Government Lotteries Regulations, 1981.

SCHEDULE OF PRIZES

(Regulation 3)

A. Grand Lottery

FIRST PRIZE: Lm60,000 shall be allotted to each of the two (2) possible winning tickets having all five (5) digits corresponding to, and in the same order of, the five (5) digits forming the winning number.

SECOND PRIZE: Lm2,000 shall be allotted to each of the eighteen (18) possible winning tickets having the second, third, fourth and fifth digits corresponding to, and in the same order of, the second, third, fourth and fifth digits of the winning number.

THIRD PRIZE: Lm 100 shall be allotted to each of the one hundred and eighty (180) possible winning tickets having the third, fourth and fifth digits corresponding to, and in the same order of, the third, fourth and fifth digits of the winning number.

B. European Lottery combined to Malta Grand Lottery.

FIRST PRIZE: Lm60,000 shall be allotted to each of the five (5) possible winning tickets having all five (5) digits corresponding to, and in the same order of, the five (5) digits forming the winning number.

In addition, if Malta is declared by the organisers of the European Lottery to be the winner of the European Prize, all such prize shall be distributed in equal proportions to the holders of the First Prize tickets sold.

SECOND PRIZE: Lm3,000 shall be allotted to each of the forty-five (45) possible winning tickets having the second, third, fourth and fifth digits corresponding to, and in the same order of, the second, third, fourth and fifth digits of the winning number.

THIRD PRIZE: Lm100 shall be allotted to each of the four hundred and fifty (450) possible winning tickets having the third, fourth and fifth digits corresponding to, and in the same order of, the third, fourth and fifth digits of the winning number.

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