

## **Licensing Act 2003: Revised provisional timetable for implementation and transition.**

The target date for completion of the Licensing Bill was exceeded because of the prolonged period that was necessary for the House of Lords and House of Commons to reach agreement about a number of amendments. This note sets out a draft of a consequential and provisional revision of the proposed timetable for implementation and transition. It does not include the timetable for development of the national database or for a communication strategy, which will be integrated into the timetable shortly.

### **Timetable**

#### **By end July 2003**

Signing of Commencement Order #1 - bringing into force of repeals of sections 66 and 67 of and Schedule 8 to the Licensing Act 1964 - thereby abolishing the Welsh Sunday Opening Polls (scheduled to take place November 2003).

Further draft of Guidance to be circulated to all members of Advisory Group, Performers Group, and Children's Group.

Comments to be required by end of August.

#### **By mid- August 2003**

Draft schedule of all fees and charges to be circulated

Comments to be required by the end of first week September.

#### **Throughout and by end of August 2003**

Circulation of draft S.I.s and related regulations to all members of Advisory Group for comment.

#### **8 September 2003**

Parliamentary Session begins.

#### **By end September 2003**

Signing of Commencement Order #2 - bringing into force

relevant sections and Schedules of Licensing Act 2003 and some consequential amendments of other legislation.

S.I.s relating to Guidance, regulations governing transition, processes, fees, hearings, qualifications etc to be made.

Guidance to be sent to all local authorities, police forces and made publicly available.

Signing of Commencement Order #3 - naming first appointed day (This may be subsumed into Commencement Order #2).

**Late September/October/November 2003**

Licensing authorities preparing licensing policy statements with regard to Secretary of State's Guidance.

**December 2003/ January 2004**

Licensing authorities consulting on statements of licensing policy in accordance with section 5(3) of the Licensing Act 2003.

**February/March 2004**

Licensing authorities analysing results of consultation and publishing statements of licensing policy.

**By end of March 2004**

First appointed day.

Applications for conversions to personal licences, premises licences, club premises certificates, simultaneous variations, and new licences/certificates being made thereafter.

**March - December 2004**

Licensing authorities processing applications.

**December 2004**

Commencement Order #4 - bringing into force remaining provisions of the Licensing Act 2003, establishing 2<sup>nd</sup> Appointed Day and making final repeals of and amendments to other legislation.

**January 2005**

2<sup>nd</sup> Appointed Day.

End of old licensing regimes.

New licences and certificates given effect.

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