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Remote Gambling Technical Standards

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

UK

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Office of Science and Innovation

3. Originating Department

The Gambling Commission

4. Notification Number

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5. Title



Remote Gambling Technical Standards

6. Products Concerned

Remote Gambling Systems i.e. gambling services in which the customer participates via remote communication systems e.g. information society services (see section 4 of the Gambling Act 2005 for the definition of “remote communication”)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

From 1 September 2007, the Gambling Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”) will introduce a system of licensing for providers of remote gambling services in Great Britain. The 2005 Act regulates remote gambling providers who locate specified equipment within Great Britain. Under section 89 of the 2005 Act the Gambling Commission can establish technical standards and provide for their enforcement and testing, as part of its licensing system. From 1 September 2007, it will be a condition of all remote gambling licences that the licensee complies with the Remote Gambling Technical Standards. The standards set out in detail the technical requirements relating to remote gambling systems and cover three broad areas:

- ‘Fair and open’ standards intended to ensure that remote gambling is conducted in a fair and open way;
- ‘Responsible gambling’ standards supporting the licensing objective of protecting vulnerable groups from being harmed or exploited; and
- ‘Security’ standards that support the fair and open objective and the objective of preventing gambling being a source of crime or disorder.

The standards contain elements of information provision and provide further guidance for some specific types of remote gambling. The information provision requirements that are not technical in nature will be set out in an Annex to the final technical standards (the Information Provision Annex).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The standards are needed to ensure that remote gambling systems based in Great Britain operate in accordance with the 2005 Act’s licensing objectives, i.e. to keep gambling crime-free, ensure gambling is fair and open and prevent harm from gambling. The standards ensure that the systems used to offer remote gambling ensure the gambling is conducted fairly in accordance with the rules of the bet or game, and that customers are given full information about the way in which the game is played, or the bet taken. The standards ensure that the customer is given appropriate means to track and limit their spend over time. They are also needed to ensure that customers are not exposed to unnecessary security risks by choosing to participate in remote gambling. The standards draw upon existing international regulatory and industry best practice.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The following documents are attached:

- The draft technical standards
- The licence condition which makes compliance with the standards a legal obligation (N102)

b) The Gambling Act 2005 was sent with notification 2006/0565/UK



11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

Impact Assessment not available

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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