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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

Gambling Commission

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

Category C gaming machines as set out in the Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2158)

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

This document is a supplement to the category C and category D (complex) gaming machine standards previously notified (2007/0285/UK) which are currently in force. It makes changes to two sections of the standards effecting category C gaming machines (category D machines are not affected).

The category C speed of play requirements are now:

"Where the stake is 60p or less, each game cycle must take no less than 1.5 seconds to complete and the average duration of a game taken over one hour should not be less than 2.5 seconds.

Where the stake is greater than 60p, each game cycle must either:

- Take no less than 1.5 seconds to complete and the average duration of a game taken over one hour should not be less than 3 seconds; or
- Take no less than 2.5 seconds to complete"

The game links requirements are now:

Maximum prize in any single game of a linked series and corresponding maximum number of successful consecutive links permissible:

£10 or less Unrestricted number of links

£15 or less, greater than £10 6 links

£20 or less, greater than £15 5 links

£25 or less, greater than £20 4 links

£50 or less, greater than £25 3 links

£70 or less, greater than £50 2 links

£100 or less, greater than £70 1 link

In excess of £100 0 links

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport are simultaneously notifying changes to the stakes and prizes relating to category C gaming machines. These changes to the associated technical standards are necessary to ensure that the distinction between category C and category B gaming machines with higher stakes and prizes does not become blurred. The Gambling Commission has taken a precautionary approach, in line with our published statement of the principles we will adopt, in proposing amendments to this element of the standards.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

sent to:

c) 2007/0285/UK (Machine Standards Category C and Complex Category D). 2006/0565/UK (Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007: S.I. 2007/2158; plus The Gambling Act 2005, which sets the framework for these documents plus the attached Machine Standards Category C & Complex Category D: game links and speed of play - Draft responses to the Gambling Commission's proposed amendments. The categories of machines were also contained in notification 2006/0565/UK). 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure No 12. Grounds for the Emergency 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 does not have a significant effect on international trade. Catherine Day **General Secretary European Commission** Contact point Directive 98/34 Fax: (32-2) 296 76 60 email: dir83-189-central@ec.europa.eu



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