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## Machine Standards Category B3A

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#### 1. Structured Information Line

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#### 2. Member State

UK

#### 3. Department Responsible

Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

#### 3. Originating Department

The Gambling Commission

#### 4. Notification Number

2008/83/UK – H10

#### 5. Title



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### 6. Products Concerned

Gaming Machines

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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### 8. Main Content

The Gambling Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") gives the Gambling Commission (the Commission), as part of its statutory role, the responsibility to license operators that manufacture, supply, install, adapt, maintain or repair gaming machines. The Commission has the power to set standards for gaming machines and provide for their enforcement by way of licence conditions. The Act enables the Commission to require licensees and applicants for licences to submit to machine testing, including testing by external bodies. These Standards set out in detail the technical requirements relating to category B3A gaming machines (as defined in The Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations), and cover:

- Hardware requirements
- Software requirements
- Critical memory requirements
- Machine credit and payment requirements
- Specific lottery requirements
- Specific error conditions and alert requirements
- Meter requirements
- Artwork and game display requirements

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The B3A category of machine was a late addition to DCMS's other categories of gaming machines and there was insufficient time to publish the B3A standards alongside the other gaming machine technical standards in June 2007. The standards are needed to ensure that the manner in which B3A gaming machines operate meets the 2005 Act's licensing objectives: to keep gambling crime-free, ensure gambling is fair and open and prevent harm from gambling. The standards ensure that:

- the machines deliver outcomes that are determined fairly;
- the customer is given sufficient information to make choices about gambling;
- information can be retrieved from the machine to check compliance or handle customer complaints and disputes
- the customer has the ability to control their own spending.

The standards draw upon existing international regulatory and industry best practice. The standards permit equivalence between different types of technology and do not specify proprietary products or technologies. Testing regimes for these standards will permit equivalent international standards (ISO).

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The following documents are attached:

- The draft Machines Standards Category B3A
- The licence condition which make compliance with the requirements a legal obligation.

b) The Gambling Act 2005 was sent with notification 2006/0565/UK and the categories of machines were also



contained in that notification.

**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

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**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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