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2. Member State

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

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

7. Notification Under Another Act

This draft regulation is not notified under any other Community legislation.

8. Main Content

These Regulations amend the definitions of category C and D gaming machines as set out in the Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2158):

Category C machines

- Increase the stake limit to £1 and the prize limit to £70;

Category D machines

- No change to money prize machines;
- Increase the maximum stake and the maximum prize value for non-money prize machines to £1 and £50 respectively (would apply to 'crane grabs' only);
- Maximum stake of mixed cash prize/non-cash prize machines to remain unchanged, but the prize value for 'penny falls' or 'coin pushers' to increase to £15 (of which a maximum of £8 could be cash).

As part of the regulations, new definitions for category D "crane grab" machines and "coin pusher" or "penny fall" machines will be introduced.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

A case has been made by the UK gaming machine industry that the present economic climate was making trading conditions very difficult, especially for amusement arcades, where closures primarily affect seaside towns. The industry sought increased stake and prize levels for certain categories of gaming machine in order to help alleviate the financial pressures operators are under. These levels are set in secondary legislation and can only be changed by secondary legislation. The UK Government has assessed the industry's case, together with the likely effect of their proposed changes on the promotion of the statutory licensing objectives in the Gambling Act 2005. Following two public consultations in late 2008, the Government concluded that certain increases to stake and prize levels would be justified and appropriate.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

c) 2006/0565/UK.

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

Information on the impact assessment can be found on page 21 of the attached Explanatory Memorandum to the Categories of Gaming Machine (Amendment) Regulations 2009.

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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