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4. Notification Number
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5. Title
Digital Republic Bill: Article 41a

6. Products Concerned
Online gambling services

7. Notification Under Another Act
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8. Main Content
The measure aims to permit the French regulatory authority for online gambling (ARJEL) to authorise operators holding approvals for online non-banking games to offer players holding a validated account –who are registered on the approved website – the possibility to participate in non-banking games with players registered on the website of an operator established in a European Union Member State or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.
The authorisation request submitted by the operator holding the approval provided for in Article 21 is thus conditional upon the conclusion of an agreement between ARJEL and the regulatory authority in the country in which the European operator is established.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds
The aim of the measure is to offer the clients of online poker operators approved in France the possibility of playing against players registered with operators operating legally in another Member State of the European Union or party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

This measure will make it possible to increase the amount of funds accessible on French online poker tables, without hindering the objective of consumer protection. In practice, a great deal of the attractiveness of poker is in the amount of funds players bring to the tables offered by the operators. Restricting access to poker tables exclusively to players registered with approved operators means that it is not possible to raise a sufficiently attractive amount of funds for these players and leads some of them to turn to illegal alternatives.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts
Reference(s) to basic text(s): - Law No 2010-476 of 12 May 2010 on the opening-up to competition and regulation of the online gambling sector

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

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - the draft is neither a technical provision nor a conformity assessment procedure.

SPS aspect

No - the draft is neither a sanitary nor phytosanitary measure.

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