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The Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) Regulations 2007

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Office of Science and Innovation

3. Originating Department

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

4. Notification Number

2007/0236/UK – H10



5. Title

The Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) Regulations 2007

6. Products Concerned

Gaming machines

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Gambling Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") will control the use of gaming machines in Great Britain from 1st September 2007. These regulations contain rules about how gaming machines must operate when made available for use from that date. They cover:

- a. information display,
- b. money limits on the amounts which can be paid in respect of the use of a machine or committed on a machine in a single action,
- c. restrictions on when autoplay facilities can be used,
- d. rules about money and non-money prizes and how they are delivered,
- e. restrictions on the use of credit and debit cards to pay for gambling on a machine,
- f. restrictions on the circumstances in which residues are permitted on machines, and
- g. requirements to set charges for use in amounts of whole pence.

The rules vary depending on the category of machine (see notification 2006/0565/UK), and the manner in which the machine operates. Existing machines offered under Part III of the Gaming Act 1968 will be able to comply with these requirements with minimal adaptation. It will be an offence for anyone to make available a gaming machine after 1 September that does not comply with these rules.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The 2005 Act aims to keep gambling crime-free, ensure gambling is fair and open and prevent harm from gambling. These regulations are necessary to deliver the second and third of these principles. The rules ensure that consumers are given fair information and appropriate warnings about the nature of the gambling available on a gaming machine. The regulations contain measures which require regular decisions by players designed to deter excessive and harmful play, particularly where machines can be used by children (category D). The regulations also ensure that prizes are appropriate and genuinely available. Methods of payment are regulated to deter players from gambling beyond their means, or being encouraged to gamble inappropriately. In particular, the regulations replicate the provision included in Section 245 of the Act prohibiting the use of credit cards in gaming machines (Section 245 will be repealed). The rules draw upon existing law and industry best practice, and give manufacturers, suppliers and operators new flexibilities to develop new products which meet these minimum requirements.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- 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 is attached.

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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