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The Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003

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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: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003

6. Products Concerned

Products covered: Jackpot gaming machines and high value Amusement with Prizes (AWP) machines (i.e. those that pay out in coin only).



7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

Current law in Great Britain requires that jackpot machines can accept money and pay out in coin only. The same applies to higher value (otherwise known as “all-cash”) AWP machines, but they can also accept tokens.

The Order will allow jackpot machines to accept banknotes and payments by means other than cash, such as smartcards, as well as coins; allow them pay out prizes by means of banknotes or in non-cash form, as well as in coin; dispense with the requirement that they be able to accept payment for a single game; and allow them - at the player's discretion - to store winnings for use in further play without the player having to reinsert money into the machine.

In respect of higher-value AWP machines, the Order would enable them to accept payment, and to pay out winnings, in banknotes as well as coins (but not by any other means). It would also dispense with the requirement that they be able to accept payment for a single game.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Some 49% of faults in gaming machines are coin related. The use of banknotes and smartcards will reduce maintenance costs, reduce down times, reduce customer disputes when the machine fails to pay out, reduce disruption when stakes and prize limits are altered or new coins introduced, enhance income and reduce risks of robbery.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

Reference documents

The Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003

The draft Guidelines agreed between the Regulator (the Gaming Board for Great Britain) and BACTA (the gaming industry trade representatives).

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

The impact assessment is attached



16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect - Yes

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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