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Bingo and Casino Equipment Technical Requirements

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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

2008/0082/UK – H10

5. Title



Bingo and Casino Equipment Technical Requirements

6. Products Concerned

Gaming Equipment (including computer software) for bingo and casino games

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These requirements are a revision of the bingo and casino equipment technical requirements previously notified (2007/0308/UK) which are currently in force. They have been revised to take into account further discussions with the industry. Certain elements have been withdrawn, others have been clarified and some have been amended to better reflect existing practice. They will not result in any additional burden on the industry.

The Gambling Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") gives the Gambling Commission ("the Commission"), as part of its statutory role, the power to attach conditions to operating licences about equipment used in connection with gambling activities (section 85). In addition, the Commission has the power to set technical standards for remote gambling systems (including software) (section 89). These Technical Requirements will regulate bingo and casino equipment in two different situations: (a) equipment that is used on premises in Great Britain to provide casino games and bingo games to the public and (b) equipment used to provide such games in gambling premises by means of a remote communication system, where the provider is regulated by the Act. These Requirements cover a variety of equipment including a "live" roulette wheel and bingo tickets. They do not cover gaming machines. The Technical Requirements contain detailed, non-discriminatory specifications for:

- Game requirements (including information display);
- Random number generation;
- Electronic device and server based system requirements;
- Specific error conditions and alert requirements; and
- Wireless network systems.

The Requirements vary according to whether they apply to bingo or casino equipment.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The Technical Requirements are needed to ensure that the provision of games of bingo and casino in Great Britain meet the 2005 Act's licensing objectives: to keep gambling crime-free, ensure gambling is fair and open and prevent harm from gambling. The Technical Requirements ensure that:

- equipment used to provide these games 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; and
- the customer has the ability to control their own spending on bingo or casino games.

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

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The following documents are attached:



- The draft Technical Requirements
- The licence conditions which make compliance with the requirements a legal obligation (N103 and N104)

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 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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