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Specifications applicable to online games operators, as approved by an Inter-ministerial Order dated 17 May 2010

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Message

Message 002

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No abre el plazo - Ne zahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία 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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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

The submitted draft specifications amend Article 2.1.2 of the specifications, stating that “operators applying for renewal of their approval shall limit the content of their application file to the elements provided for in Article 12 of these specifications” and add the twelfth Article in question.

The twelfth Article of the draft specifications thus sets out the content and the submission format for the approval renewal file, the required documents (economic, financial and accounting information, and information relating to the architecture of the information system) as well as the documents required in the event of any changes concerning the applicant that have not been brought to the attention of ARJEL since the approval was issued, since the previous certification, or since the last time information was submitted to ARJEL.

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7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

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9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Law No 2010-476 of 12 May 2010 on the deregulation and control of the online gambling sector introduced an advance approval system in the online gambling sector. Approvals for online games or betting operators shall be issued by the college of ARJEL (the French online gambling regulator) for a period of five years (renewable).

Article 21 of the Law of 12 May 2010 and Decree No 2010-482 of 12 May 2010 establish the conditions for issuance of approvals for online games operators and define the system whereby approvals are issued.

Article 2.1.2 of the specifications applicable to online games operators, as approved by an inter-ministerial Order dated 17 May 2010, provides that “renewal of the approval is subject to the same conditions and procedures as the initial application for approval”.



For approval renewal applications due to be submitted in 2015, the French authorities would like to take into account the situation of operators already holding an approval. Effectively, for elements of the specifications that have remained unchanged since the approval was issued and which have been evaluated annually within the context of certification, the approval process need not be identical to the initial approval application.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: - Law No 2010-476 of 12 May 2010 on the deregulation and control of the online gambling sector.

- Decree No 2010-482 of 12 May 2010 establishing the conditions for the issuance of approvals for online games operators

- Order of 17 May 2010 approving the specifications applicable to online games operators

The reference texts were forwarded with an earlier notification: 2010/024/F 2010/025/F

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 not a technical provision or a conformity assessment procedure.

SPS aspect

No - the draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure.

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