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The Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

The Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

6. Products Concerned

Circumstances of use for category B2 gaming machines as set out in the Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

These Regulations amend the Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2319) ("the 2007 Regulations") so as to strengthen safeguards with respect to category B2 gaming machines situated in premises other than a casino.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

These Regulations amend the Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. 2007/2319) ("the 2007 Regulations") so as to strengthen safeguards with respect to category B2 gaming machines situated in premises other than a casino.

They do so by requiring an individual who wishes to stake more than £50 on a category B2 gaming machine to interact with staff or use account based play prior to the first occasion on which that individual pays more than £50 for a charge for a use of that machine. An individual who wishes to continue to pay more than £50 for a charge for use who is not using account based play will need to interact with staff at each occasion they wish to insert money into the machine.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Government intervention is necessary to create the appropriate regulatory environment in which category B2 gaming machines are provided.

In April 2014, the Government announced that it would adopt a precautionary approach to these machines. The Government is bringing forward regulations which introduce a new requirement that those accessing higher stakes (over £50) load cash via staff interaction or use account-based play. The intended effect of the policy is that customers will benefit from improved interaction and more conscious decision making. In addition, account based play provides greater opportunities for the provision of information, which is beneficial in helping customers make informed decisions.

Making staff interaction a compulsory component of high staking machine play ensures greater opportunities for intervention where patterns of behaviour indicate that someone may be at risk of harm from their gambling, or for other reasons, such as preventing crime. There is evidence which indicates that regular interaction can give



players a reality check. This approach emphasises consumer control which is particularly important given that some experts believe that a lack of control may be a determinant of problem gambling.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References of the Basic Texts: 1) The Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

2) The Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) Regulations 2007

3) Explanatory Memorandum to the Gaming Machine (Circumstances of Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

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

Yes

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect

No - The draft has no significant impact on international trade

SPS aspect

No - The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure

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