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The Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2006

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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

2006/0565/UK – H10

5. Title

The Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations 2006



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 regulate the use of gaming machines in Great Britain from 1st September 2007. The Categories of Gaming Machine Regulations define four classes of gaming machine, to be known as Categories A, B, C and D. Category B class is divided into four further sub-categories to be known as B1, B2, B3, B4. The definitions are based upon the maximum amounts that can be paid in respect of the use of the machine (commonly known as "stakes"), and the maximum value and the nature of prizes available from use of the machine. There is a hierarchy of maximum stake and prize levels, which increase from Category D to Category A machines. Category A machines allow the highest maximum stakes and prizes, and Category D machines the lowest. The Category D definition distinguishes between whether the maximum prize delivered is a money or non-money prize, with higher maximum stake and prize limits in the case of the latter.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The regulations are needed because: the 2005 Act sets out rules for the category of gaming machine that can be used on different premises (see sections 172, 247, 271, 273, 282, 283, & 287) e.g. certain types of licensed casino may use up to Category A machines, and these rules require the categories to be defined; the definitions will ensure appropriate consumer protection for users of gaming machines, by establishing a hierarchy of maximum stakes and prizes, appropriate to the premises upon which the machines may be situated, and appropriate to the potential user e.g. Category D machines, with lower stake and prize levels, are the only machines that can be used by children.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Following documents are attached:

- Draft consultation document which contains the RIA
- The Gambling Act 2005 with Explanatory Note

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 contained in the consultation document.

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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