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Draft decree adopting the recreational and gaming machine regulations for the Autonomous Region of the Canary Islands

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Draft decree adopting the recreational and gaming machine regulations for the Autonomous Region of the Canary Islands

6. Products Concerned

Operation of recreational and gaming machines

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

This draft concerns the regulatory development and application of Law 8/2010 of 15 July on gambling and betting, in application of the provisions of the First Final Provision of the aforementioned Law 8/2010, and concerning implementation of the aspects thereof relating to recreational and gaming machines, including new legal provisions and adaptation of the different procedures requiring regulation. Accordingly, the procedures to obtain authorisation to operate recreational machines has been significantly simplified and the related formalities and documents reduced. Consequently, the Machine Logbook shall no longer be issued, but instead provided by means of the operating permit, which is issued electronically by validation, and the Installation Form, which generated significant administrative work for interested parties, is entirely eliminated.

Heading I of the Regulation, which sets out the "General provisions", defines the purpose of the regulations and related exclusions, i.e. machines not covered by the Regulation, and restrictions.

Heading II is split into five chapters, the first chapter defining recreational and gaming machines and categorising them into four types. Consequently, each of the following chapters defines the characteristics and technical requirements of each machine type, as well as the conditions for their administrative approval.

Heading III contains the register of models and identification of recreational machines, and covers the individual legality of the machine in consideration of its correspondence with the model registered and its ownership within the autonomous region.

The first chapter of Heading IV contains the regulation of the Gaming Register in which companies that manufacture, import, export, market, repair or operate the machines or the gaming establishments must be entered, and the deposits to be set up by them.

The second chapter relates to the system applicable to machine manufacture and marketing.

The third and final chapter of Heading IV concerns the operating system for operating companies, highlighting

the simplification and streamlining of the process to obtain an operating permit and to transfer and move machines between operating companies.

Heading V, which relates to installation, maintains the related requirement for administrative authorisation. except for type A machines for which, in accordance with the provisions of the prevailing Gaming Law, only require a statement of compliance, and it establishes the conditions to be met by establishments in which each type of machine is installed for the operation thereof, for which the corresponding applications must be made under the terms given in chapters 2 and 3 for each one, chapter 3 relating to amusement arcades.

Heading VI covers the documentation attached to recreational or gaming machines, the documentation to be kept in the establishment, the gaming inspection book and the gaming complaints book.

Heading VII on additional operating rules contains only two precepts: the first concerning the operating conditions of the machines and the second concerning restrictions applicable to the owners of the operators. the technical service companies, amusement arcades and other establishments in which the machines are installed.

Heading VIII on sanctions, which naturally refers to the Law on infringements, defines the sanctions and charging rules, as well as the rights of the authorities and the ordinary and simplified procedural rules.

Heading IX on planning sets out the maximum number of recreational machine permits for different types, the maximum number of arcades on each island and the delimitation of the area of influence. With regard to this last point, this regulation modifies the radius used to delimit the aforementioned area of influence from 100 m between amusement arcades to 200 m. This measurement, like the maximum number of permits, responds to the need to prevent the current saturation of the sector in terms of the establishments affected by said measurement.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

This draft concerns the regulatory development and application of Law 8/2010 of 15 July on gambling and betting, in application of the provisions of the First Final Provision of the aforementioned Law 8/2010, and concerning implementation of the aspects thereof relating to recreational and gaming machines.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to basic texts: Law 8/2010 of 15 July on gaming and betting (BOC 146 of 27 July 2010)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

12. Grounds for the Emergency

13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT relevance

No - The draft is neither a technical regulation nor a conformity evaluation procedure.

SPS relevance

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

No - The draft will have no noticeable effect on international trade.

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