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Order regulating the technical conditions for type 'B' and 'C' gaming machines

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4. Notification Number

2005/0547/E - H10

5. Title

Order regulating the technical conditions for type 'B' and 'C' gaming machines

6. Products Concerned

The present order is intended to regulate the technical conditions for the type 'B' and 'C' gaming machines defined in Article 6 and 8 of the Regulation on gaming machines of La Rioja.

7. Notification Under Another Act

8. Main Content

The order approving the technical conditions for type 'B' and 'C' gaming machines is intended to lay down a series of requirements for gaming machines offering cash prizes, aimed at protecting the users of those machines.

The order is intended to guarantee, by means of the characteristics of the devices making up the machines, issues such as the obligatory percentage of prizes compared to the bets placed, the return to players of surplus money where not all of it is intended to be used as bets, or knowledge of the machine's instructions for play.

In addition to the general characteristics, the order also regulates specific characteristics for particular types of machine and optional devices which must be provided at the discretion of manufacturers. Finally, the order regulates the mechanisms indirectly related to the game: those which must be installed in order to enable their control and inspection by the administration, and those which operate as security requirements in order to prevent the manipulation of machines by users or by companies operating them.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

In accordance with the fifth additional provision of Decree 41/2000, of 28 July, approving the regulation on gaming machines of La Rioja, the application of the technical specifications for type 'B' and 'C' gaming machines remained in force. Nevertheless, in view of the recommendations of each of the opinions of the advisory committee of La Rioja that the autonomous community of La Rioja should have its own regulations, as well as the thinking of the constitutional court on the supplementary nature of State law in relation to autonomous law expressed in its judgments 111/1996, of 27 June, and 61/1997, of 20 March, it has been considered necessary to supplement all of those aspects making up the legislation on gaming machines.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) Decree 41/2000, of 28 July, approving the Regulation on Gaming Machines of La Rioja.

Official Bulletin of La Rioja No. 96 DE 01/08/2000 P. 3174

Royal Decree 2110/1998, of 2 October, approving the regulation on gaming machines.

Official State Bulletin No. 185 DE 04/08/1999 P. 28957-28963

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

The urgency procedure is not being invoked.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

A) The information provided pursuant to Article 8 shall not be treated as confidential.

14. Fiscal measures

b) No

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

- a) The draft shall not be notified within the TBT framework (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade); the draft shall not have any significant effect on international trade.
- b) i) The draft is not a technical regulation nor a conformity assessment procedure within the meaning of Annex 1 of the TBT Agreement.
- a) The draft shall not be notified to the SPS Agreement (Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures); the draft is not a measure.
- b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure within the meaning of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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