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The Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) Regulations 2007.

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No abre el plazo - Nezahtuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμία 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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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

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5. Title

The Gambling Act 2005 (Operating Licence Conditions) Regulations 2007.

6. Products Concerned

Wholly automated gaming tables.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act") provides for three types of licence conditions that may be attached to operating licences: general conditions and individual conditions, both of which are attached by the Gambling Commission; and conditions imposed by the Secretary of State. The draft regulations attach a Secretary of State condition on non-remote casino operating licences in relation to equipment used for playing wholly automated real games of chance. Such equipment is designed in a way that enables the game to be played without being controlled or operated by human intervention. This equipment is defined in the regulations as a wholly automated gaming table. The condition requires that any game played on a wholly automated gaming table must be capable of being played by four persons at the same time using four separate player positions.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The regulations are needed to reinforce the distinction between wholly automated gaming tables and gaming machines. Equipment used for playing wholly automated real games of chance will fall outside the definition of a gaming machine by virtue of section 235(2)(i) of the Act and therefore will not be regulated under the gaming machine provisions. The condition will require wholly automated gaming tables to be designed in such a way that will ensure a minimum of four persons will be able to play at the table at any one time.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The consultation document for the Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) Regulations 2007. The Department initially consulted on the basis that the proposed measure would be attached as a premises licence condition under the Gambling Act 2005 (Mandatory and Default Conditions) Regulations 2007. However, the Department has decided to attach the measure as an operating licence condition in accordance with the powers under section 78 of the Act. The consultation proposals on wholly automated gaming machines can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the consultation document.

b) Gambling Act 2005 - Notification 2006/0565/UK

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 attached.

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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