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Technical Requirements File

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1. Structured Information Line

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Technical Requirements File

6. Products Concerned

This concerns online gaming and gambling, specifically online services for horse racing betting, sports betting and poker

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Technical Requirements File shall apply to online gaming and betting operators. It sets down the technical rules that online gaming operators approved by the Online Gaming Regulatory Authority (l'Autorité de régulation des jeux en ligne – ARJEL) must observe. In particular, it focuses on:

- A. the front end technical characteristics (technical system installed in mainland France that enables all of the game data to be captured and stored in a secure manner);
- B. the security audit characteristics requested;
- C. the gaming software type-approval procedure;
- D. the general requirements for operator information systems security (information systems security maturity aspect).

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

A first version of the Technical Requirements File was notified in 2010 before the opening up of the French online gaming market. A year and a half later, the Online Gaming Regulatory Authority decided to conduct an assessment on the effectiveness of the different procedures put in place. This assessment led to the Online Gaming Regulatory Authority deciding to change certain procedures in order to enhance their effectiveness while simplifying them.

This new version of the Technical Requirements File therefore, mainly aims to implement a new gaming software type-approval procedure (section 5.2 of the Technical Requirements File).

The new procedure does not amend the scope of the initial type-approvals but defines a new monitoring approach over the duration of the gaming software security level. At the moment, each online gaming operator must apply for type-approval from ARJEL prior to the implementation and use of a new version of the software. The new procedure enables the online gaming operator to engage its certifying body to conduct the audit of all software developments carried out during the previous year, within the framework of the annual certification procedure.

At the same time, each operator must declare to ARJEL on a monthly basis the modifications made to its different gaming software. If ARJEL considers that certain modifications may harm the security of the gaming software concerned, it may request the operator to proceed with a new type-approval for the gaming software involved.



10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

References to reference texts: a) Law no. 2010-476 of 12 May 2010 on the deregulation and control of the online gaming and gambling sector (notification 2010/167/F)

Decree no. 2010-509 of 18 May 2010 on the obligations imposed by the Online Gaming Regulatory Authority on approved online gaming and gambling operators with regard to the control of game data (notification 2010/0057/F)

c) Technical Requirements File (notification 2010/0025/F)

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

None

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

None

14. Fiscal measures

None

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

Aspect OTC

No – The draft is neither a technical regulation nor an assessment of conformity

Aspect SPS

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

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