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To all Gaming Machine Societies and Other Interested Parties

**Gambling Act Consultation: Game Rules Classes 1 to 4, Minimum Standards, and Limits on Venue Expenses**

The submission period in relation to the above rules and standards is over and we are in the process of reviewing and considering submissions received.

We expect to be able to confirm the final content of rules and standards over the next few months. These are to come into force on the following dates:

<b>Game Rules Class 1 to 3</b>	<b>1 July 2004</b>
<b>Minimum Standards</b>	<b>1 July 2004</b>
<b>Class 4 Game Rules</b>	<b>1 September 2004</b>
<b>Limits on Venue Expenses Policy</b>	<b>1 September 2004</b>

The Gambling Act will fully come into effect from 1 July 2004. From this date, all licence applications, renewals, amendments and other changes will be subject to new requirements under the Act. We will put new forms onto our website as they are completed from mid June 2004.

To keep you informed of changes over the coming months, we have planned the following communications:

- A special edition of *Gambits*, the Department of Internal Affairs newsletter on Gaming and Censorship Regulation will be distributed in early-June.

If you do not currently receive *Gambits* and would like to be included on our mailing list, please contact [vincent.chowela@dia.govt.nz](mailto:vincent.chowela@dia.govt.nz) or write to: Vincent Chowela, Communications Advisor, Gaming and Censorship Regulation, Department of Internal Affairs, PO Box 805, Wellington.

- At the end of June we will send you an information package about the new licensing requirements, and other new requirements that come into effect with the commencement of the remaining Gambling Act provisions. Information packages will be sent to schools and other community organisations, gaming machine sites and societies, government agencies, problem gambling organisations and grant recipients.

This will include information on how to access Minimum Standards, Class 1 – 3 Game Rules and Licence Conditions, as well as where to find our new forms and information notes. We will also include an update on Class 4 Game Rules, and progress on the Limits on Site Expenses Policy.

This above information will also be available on our website: [www.dia.govt.nz](http://www.dia.govt.nz).

If you have any queries, please call 0800 257 887 press 1 and ask for Gaming Operational Policy.

Yours sincerely

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