

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CLASS 4 GAMBLING EQUIPMENT

1. Gambling Act 2003

Gambling Classifications

For a full description of each class of gambling, please refer to the Gambling Act 2003, which is available from Bennett's Bookshops and on the Department's website at <http://www.dia.govt.nz>.

2. Minimum Standards for Gambling Equipment

Under section 326(2)(a) of the Gambling Act 2003 (the Act), it is a condition of every class 4 venue licence and casino operator's licence, that all gambling equipment used for the purposes of the licence must comply with relevant minimum standards. The Act allows for the making of minimum standards under section 327 of the Act.

A minimum standard is defined as follows:

"minimum standards" mean: minimum standards for the design, manufacture, and performance of gambling equipment prescribed by the Secretary under section 327. And under section 327(2),

(2) Minimum Standards may, without limitation, include requirements that gambling equipment-

(a) has features designed to reduce the likelihood of problem gambling or other harm arising from its use:

(b) is capable of being monitored and controlled electronically.

It should be noted that **harm minimisation** initiatives are being separately considered and may result in changes to minimum standards.

3. Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard 2004

3.1 Class 4 gaming machine equipment

Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard revision 6.01, dated 12 May 2003, including the New Zealand Appendix, Version 1.3.

3.2 Class 4 gambling equipment

At this stage there are no minimum standards proposed for *class 4* linked jackpots and cashless gambling equipment. We intend to develop minimum standards for this equipment in conjunction with the current project for the centralised monitoring of class 4 gaming machines.

5. Gazette Notice

New Zealand Gazette, 17/6/2004, No. 73, p. 1757

6. Documents

4.1 Australian/New Zealand National Standard

The Australian/New Zealand National Standard Revision 6.01, and relevant Appendix, copies are available on The **Department of Internal Affairs** website:

www.dia.govt.nz,

7. Transitional Provisions

The Gambling Act requires gambling equipment that was authorised for use and operating immediately before 1 July 2004 to be treated as having complied with all relevant minimum standards prescribed under s 327 until the date prescribed by the Governor-General by Order in Council terminating the transitional status of the equipment, if such a date is to be prescribed. This transitional status can only apply to equipment that was authorised and actually operating by no later than 30 June 2004. Additional equipment or changes to existing equipment will be subject to the requirement to be approved by the Secretary.

Under s 327(4) of the Gambling Act, if any document that is incorporated by reference into a minimum standard is amended, ie from the date of notice in the *Gazete* , the amendment does not become part of the minimum standard until it is notified, by the Secretary, in the Gazette.