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Consultation - Gambling Act Proposed Minimum Standards for Gambling Equipment

On 22 March 2004 we sought submissions on proposed minimum standards for gambling equipment. Few submissions were received commenting on the proposed minimum standards.

There was general agreement with the proposed minimum standards. Submitters requested that the Department give consideration to the following points:

1. The amended Appendix to the Casino Gaming Machine Australia/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard did not reflect some detail with respect to the facility to grant dispensations that had been removed from the corresponding CCA appendix to NS v 6.0.
2. Mention was made of proposed ticket in/ticket out technology and that the Secretary should reflect changes in any appendix to the Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard Revision 7.0 dated 30 December 2003 (NS v 7.0) as may be made by the Casino Control Authority prior to 1 July.

These are both casino points, no points were raised regarding adoption of the minimum standard proposed for class 4 gambling.

1. Class 4 Gambling Equipment Minimum Standards

As proposed in the consultation document the Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard Revision 6.01 and associated appendix has been adopted as a minimum standard. The Secretary has placed a notice to this effect in the Gazette

The gazette notice makes reference to Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard 2004. This document lists the minimum standard applicable for class 4 gambling equipment and is available on the DIA website.

2. Casino Gambling Equipment Minimum Standard

It was proposed to change to the Australia/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard Revision 6.0, the version currently in force for casino gaming machines, to the updated Revision 6.01. This had the advantage of being consistent to the version to be applied to class 4 gaming machine equipment. However, it was requested that the Secretary include and gazette the proposed Revision 7.0 and associated appendix for Casino gaming machines in place of 6.01. The consultation document was amended to withdraw NS v 6.01 and include NS v 6.0 and NS v 7.0.



The Casino Control Authority had advised the Department of its intention to gazette NS Revision 7.0 during or soon after the consultation process, and provided the department with a draft appendix it intended to gazette. Due to the approval of ticket in/ticket out technology the appendix is now to be further amended. The Department has not been able to examine in detail and consult on proposed changes to accommodate ticket out/ticket in technology.

Casino gambling equipment, that is casino gambling equipment not covered by the minimum standards proposed for gaming machine will be covered under those requirements of the Game Rules that apply.

As proposed in the consultation document the Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard Revision 6.0 and Revision 7.0 and associated appendices have been adopted as minimum standards for casino gaming machine equipment.

Other casino gambling equipment will be covered by equipment specification contained in Rules of Games. The Secretary has placed a notice to this effect in the Gazette.

The gazette notice makes reference to Gambling Act (Casino Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard 2004. This document lists the minimum standards for casino gambling equipment and is available on the DIA website. The minimum standards prescribed are:

- The Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard revision 6.0, dated 6 December 2002, including the New Zealand DIA appendix version 1.0; and,
- The Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard revision 7.0, dated 30 December 2003, including the New Zealand DIA appendix version 2.0; and,
- Equipment specifications contained in Rules of Games made and notified by the Casino Control Authority under section 63 of the Casino control Act 1990.

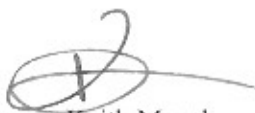
The transitional status provided by GA s329 means that all gambling equipment installed and operating immediately before July 1 is treated as having complied with all relevant minimum standards prescribed under GA s327. After this date casino gambling equipment must conform to the minimum standards as prescribed by the Secretary. Additional equipment or changes to existing equipment that exceed the authorisation granted by the CCA will be subject to the requirement to be approved by the Secretary.

Changes to equipment specifications contained in Rules of Games made after the date of incorporation by the Secretary as part of the minimum standard do not apply until such changes are notified by the Secretary in the Gazette.

If changes are proposed to the Gambling Act (Casino Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standards 2004, they will be subject to further consultation.

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Yours sincerely



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