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### Consultation on Proposed Amendments to Minimum Equipment Standards

Please find enclosed for consultation copies of Revision 10 of the Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard (NS10) and the New Zealand Appendices to NS10 for casino and class 4 gaming machines. Also enclosed is a document specifying the minimum technical requirements for the Electronic Monitoring System utilising QCOM version 1.6.3.

The Secretary for Internal Affairs (the Secretary) is proposing that these documents become part of the Gambling Act (Casino Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard and the Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard. These are prescribed by the Secretary under section 327 of the Gambling Act 2003 (the Act).

The revision history of the New Zealand Appendices to the National Standard can be found on the last page of both documents. However, a brief summary of all the amendments is attached to this letter.

The Act requires the Secretary to consult with the persons or organisations that appear to be representative of the interests of persons likely to be substantially affected by the proposal. You have been sent these because you are seen by the Secretary to be representative of those likely to be affected by the proposal.

The Secretary would appreciate any comments you may have on the proposed amendments. Please send your submissions, in writing, either by email ([bruce.manuge@dia.govt.nz](mailto:bruce.manuge@dia.govt.nz)) or by post to:

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The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 11 September 2009**. If you would like to discuss the proposed amendments prior to making written submissions, please feel free to contact Bruce Manuge on (04) 495 9343

Yours sincerely



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## **Proposed amendments to the Gambling Act (Casino Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard and the Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard**

*Revision 10 of the Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard (NS10)*

NS10 includes largely technical amendments to the previous standard.

*NZ Class 4 Gaming Machine Appendix to NS10*

The following amendments to the Appendix have been proposed:

- The Appendix has been updated to reflect NS10 (renumbered).
- Incorporating the previously separate Harm Prevention and Minimisation – Class 4 Gambling Equipment standards into the Appendix (see DIA9).
- Referencing the date (1 March 2010) of QCOM 1.6.3 introduction (see DIA3.1).
- Rationalising the requirements for game/feature exit (see DIA 3.6, previous reference DIA4.1 and also part of DIA3.4).
- Display of Date and Time has been rationalised to reflect NS10 3.3.25 (see DIA3.3, previous reference DIA 9.5 in Harm Prevention and Minimisation standards). The optional on/off time display has been removed.
- Version re-numbered to be consistent with Casino Appendix.

*NZ Casino Gaming Machine Appendix to NS10*

The following amendments to the Appendix have been proposed:

- The Appendix has been updated to reflect NS10 (renumbered).
- Linked Jackpot (supplementary Section) added (see DIA6)
- Incorporating the previously separate Harm Prevention and Minimisation – Casino Gambling Equipment standards into the Appendix (see DIA9)
- Previous DIA3.1 Residual Credit Removal Meters removed as it is identical to the requirement in NS10 3.3.22.
- Display of Date and Time has been rationalised to reflect NS10 3.3.25 (see DIA3.3, previous reference DIA 9.5 in Harm Prevention and Minimisation standards). The optional on/off time display has been removed.

*Minimum technical requirements for QCOM 1.6*

The document specifies the requirements for the Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) using QCOM version 1.6.3. The Department is upgrading to QCOM v1.6.3 and from a date to be advised, but no earlier than 1 March 2010, will require all new gaming machines to be compliant. The document includes the exclusions, amendments and addition to QCOM 1.6.3 for application in New Zealand.

QCOM v1.6 is designed to be backward compatible with existing gaming machines. This means that no changes or upgrades to existing gaming machines will be required. The only changes required are to EMS venue site controllers and the EMS host. All venue site controllers will be upgraded to QCOM v1.6 and will then be able to monitor and configure both QCOM v1.5 and QCOM v1.6 gaming machines. Note the EMA version will change to incorporate new meters and the old version will no longer work.