

BOOKMAKERS ACT 1985

INSTRUMENT NO. 254 OF 1998

Pursuant to Section 39C (1) of the *Bookmakers Act 1985*, I AMEND the rules for sports betting as set out in Determination No. 69 of 1997 notified in Gazette No. S99 of 18 April 1997, by deleting Part D 3. and replacing it with a new Part D 3. as provided in the attached schedule.

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3. The following special conditions apply in respect of bets accepted by the Internet:-
- 3.1 Sports bookmakers shall not commence to accept bets via the Internet without obtaining prior written approval of the Registrar of Bookmakers.
- 3.2 In seeking the approval under 3.1, a sports bookmaker shall provide to the Registrar of Bookmakers:-
- 3.2.1 an independent audit of the Internet betting and control system, which details and confirms the integrity and security of the total betting and control system;
- 3.2.2 evidence that that the systems to be used in accepting bets via the Internet fully comply with the national standards for interactive wagering systems;
- 3.2.3 details in respect of each and every point of presence on the Internet and each and every Internet Service Provider (ISP) utilised by the bookmaker; and
- 3.2.4 details of each and every ISP line utilised by the bookmaker.
- 3.3 Following the receipt of approval under 3.1, a sports bookmaker shall advise the Registrar of Bookmakers, in writing, of any proposal to:-
- 3.3.1 vary an existing Internet point of presence or ISP arrangement
- 3.3.2 vary the nature or number of ISP lines utilised by the bookmaker.
- 3.4 A sports bookmaker shall not have a direct or indirect commercial interest or stakeholding in any organisation or activity, other than under an agreement where the parties are dealing with each other at arms length, that provides the sports bookmaker with its ISP facilities or services or Internet point of presence services or facilities.
- 3.5 A sports bookmaker shall not enter into an agreement, arrangement or understanding with an ISP or any other person or entity to manipulate, vary or encrypt betting transactions provided from a client or betting confirmations provided to a client.

- 3.6 Bookmakers utilising the Internet to transact betting activity shall provide a manual reconciliation detailing all bets accepted, total gross movements in betting account balances of clients and total gross movements in the bank accounts of the bookmaker.
- 3.7 The reconciliation required under 3.6, must be supported by bank statements and be provided to the Registrar of Bookmakers on a weekly basis.
- 3.8 Sports bookmakers shall provide a confirmation in respect of each valid bet transmitted to the bookmaker via the Internet. The confirmation can take the form of either:-
- (i) a system generated confirmation message;
 - (ii) a return message via Electronic mail;
 - (iii) a facsimile message to the punter; or
 - (iv) a telephone confirmation using the approved telephone system.
- 3.9 A bet from a punter received by the Internet is not accepted until a confirmation of the transaction, via any method as identified in 3.8, is provided by the sports bookmaker to the punter.
- 3.10 In respect of each confirmation which relates to a betting transaction requested via the Internet, the following information must be able to be clearly identified by the punter:-
- (i) the identification of the sports bookmaker;
 - (ii) the number of the betting ticket;
 - (iii) the name and/or account number of the punter;
 - (iv) the full details of the bet, including the amount;
 - (v) the amount to be won by the punter (if applicable);
 - (vi) the date the bet was accepted; and
 - (vii) the time the bet was accepted.
- 3.11 Sports bookmakers shall maintain a log, in a form advised in writing by the Registrar of Bookmakers, of all Internet betting transactions.
- 3.12 Sports bookmakers shall provide to the Registrar of Bookmakers, on a weekly basis, the log of Internet betting transactions by Electronic mail or direct file transfer.