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GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2014

An Ordinance to amend the Gambling Ordinance 2013 and for related purposes

R. J. CRIPWELL
ADMINISTRATOR

24th February 2014.

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

1. **Short title**
   This Ordinance may be cited as the Gambling (Amendment) Ordinance 2014.

2. **Commencement**
   This Ordinance comes into force on the day after it is published in the Gazette.

3. **Gambling Ordinance 2013 amended**
   The Gambling Ordinance 2013(a) is amended in accordance with section 4.

4. **Section 15 repealed and substituted**
   Section 15 is repealed and the following section substituted—

   “15. Fiscal Officer may permit use of gaming machines in certain premises

   (1) The Fiscal Officer may issue a permit for the use of a gaming machine in premises owned or occupied by the Crown in right of the United Kingdom or occupied wholly or mainly by, or for the purposes of, the armed forces of the United Kingdom.

   (2) A permit under subsection (1)—
   (a) must be in writing;
   (b) may be issued subject to 1 or more conditions, which must be stated on the permit;
(c) expires on 31 December of the year in which it is issued or, if the application is made on or after 1 December, on 31 December of the following year;

(d) may be revoked by the Fiscal Officer in writing at any time.

(3) An applicant for a permit under subsection (1) must pay a fee of €34 in respect of each gaming machine (or such other fee as the Fiscal Officer may fix by order made as a public instrument).

(4) No offence is committed under section 10 (gaming machines), 11 (providing facilities for remote betting or gaming) or 12 (remote gaming) in relation to a gaming machine if—

(a) a permit under subsection (1) is issued in respect of the machine; and

(b) every condition subject to which the permit is issued is complied with.”

5. **Fee for permit issued under section 15 of the Gambling Ordinance 2013, etc**

Any fee charged before this Ordinance comes into force for a permit issued under section 15 of the Gambling Ordinance 2013 or under section 8 of the Betting Houses, Gaming Houses and Gambling Prevention (Consolidation) Ordinance 1985(b) is deemed to have been authorised.

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**Notes**

(a) Ordinance 5/13.
(b) Ordinance 10/85. Section 8 was repealed by the Gambling Ordinance 2013.
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the Ordinance)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Gambling (Amendment) Ordinance 2014 (the “Ordinance”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney-General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Ordinance and should be read in conjunction with it.

2. The Ordinance amends the Gambling Ordinance 2013 (the “principal Ordinance”). The principal Ordinance enables permits to be issued for the use in certain premises of gaming machines. Gaming machines are otherwise prohibited.

3. New section 15 of the principal Ordinance makes the following changes:
   • the Fiscal Officer, rather than the Chief Officer, has the power to issue permits;
   • applicants must pay a fee of €34;
   • the Fiscal Officer may vary the fee by order;
   • permits expire on 31 December of the year of issue or, if an application is made on or after 1 December, on 31 December of the following year.

4. Section 5 of the Ordinance authorises, with retrospective effect, fees charged for permits issued under section 15 of the principal Ordinance and previous legislation.

(SBA/AG/2/CE/96)