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BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES

The Gambling Act 2005 (Exempt Gaming in Alcohol-Licensed Premises) Regulations 2007

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The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 279(2), 280 and 355(1) of the Gambling Act 2005(a):

Citation, commencement and interpretation

- 1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Gambling Act 2005 (Exempt Gaming in Alcohol-Licensed Premises) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 1st September 2007.
- (2) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Gambling Act 2005.
- (3) For the purposes of these Regulations, a reference to a day is a reference to a period of 24 hours beginning at midday.

Requirements in relation to stakes

- 2.—(1) This regulation applies to the provision of facilities for equal chance gaming in accordance with section 279 of the Act, and prescribes requirements in relation to limiting amounts that may be staked.
- (2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the maximum amount that may be staked by a person in any game of chance(b) must not exceed £5.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4) the aggregate of amounts that may be staked on games of poker in any one day must not exceed £100.
- (4) The aggregate of amounts that may be staked on games of poker in any period of seven days must not exceed £500.

Requirements in relation to poker prize

- 3.—(1) For the purposes of section 279(2)(b) of the Act, the maximum amount or value of a prize that may be won in any game of poker is £100.

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(a) 2005 c.19; for the meaning of “prescribed” see section 276 of the Act.
(b) For the meaning of “game of chance” see section 6 of the Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the maximum amounts that may be staked and won in equal chance games provided in accordance with section 279 of the Gambling Act 2005 (“the Act”).

Section 279 of the Act authorises premises in respect of which an on-premises alcohol licence or relevant Scottish license has effect, to provide facilities for equal chance gaming without the need to obtain an express authorisation under the Act (an operating licence, premises licence, or a permit), providing they comply with the conditions in section 279.

One of the conditions under section 269(2) of the Act is that the arrangements for the gaming satisfy prescribed requirements in relation to limiting the amounts that may be staked or the amount or value of a prize. Regulation 2 sets limits on the maximum amount that may be staked by a person in any equal chance game and, in relation to poker, the aggregate amounts that may be staked on poker in any one day, and in any period of seven days.

Regulation 3 limits the maximum amount that may be won by a person in a game of poker.