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Approval of Gaming Equipment & Games

The Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission (“the Commission”) requires that all licensed casino operators and applicants for a casino licence under the jurisdiction of the Commission submit each type of gaming equipment and each game for approval. Licensed casino operators and applicants for a casino licence shall not purchase, rent, lease, acquire or install gaming equipment or games in Bermuda unless the equipment and/or game has been approved by the Commission.

The following requirements provide guidance for the requests of approval of gaming equipment and games. The Commission reserves the right to modify these requirements at any time. Items not covered in these requirements are subject to the Commission’s review. Further information may be requested to evaluate the continued integrity of the gaming equipment or game approved for Bermuda.

Definitions

As used in this procedure, the following definitions apply:

“*Game*” is defined in the Casino Gaming Act 2014 (“the Act”) as “a game of chance or game that is partly a game of chance and partly a game requiring skill”.

“*Gaming equipment*” is defined in the Casino Gaming Act 2014 (“the Act”) as “...an electronic, electrical, or mechanical contrivance or machine or any device or thing (including chips) used, or capable of being used, for or in connection with gaming and betting and includes any of the following—

- a) a gaming machine;
- b) linked jackpot equipment or system;
- c) cashless wagering system;
- d) an electronic monitoring system; and
- e) a part of, or a replacement part for, any such machine, equipment or system;



- f) devices used in connection with the operation of table games, including but not limited to playing cards, chips and dice;
- g) a computerized betting system;

“*Gaming machine*” is defined as “...any device, whether wholly or partly mechanically or electronically operated, that is so designed that—

- a) it may be used for the purpose of playing a game of chance or a game of mixed chance and skill; and
- b) as a result of making a wager on the device, winnings may become payable;”

“*Software*” means operating media, game media, configuration media, and any other type of media that aids and is critical to the operation of an electronic gaming device and is required to be approved for use in Bermuda.

Approval procedure

- I. Licensed casino operators or applicants for a casino licence will submit to the Commission a formal electronic request with the following information in order to obtain an approval of their gaming equipment or games for Bermuda.
- II. The request must include:
 - a. The date of the application.
 - b. The name(s) and address of the approved gaming vendor.
 - c. Contact person name, telephone number and email.
 - d. A breakdown of the submission to include the following information depending on the device type:

Gaming machines:

- i. Model Number and cabinet type of the game(s)
- ii. Platform(s)
- iii. Version(s)
- iv. Game (as defined herein)
 - a. For a game that is not a variation of an existing listed game –
 - i. The name of the game, and any other names by which it is commonly known;
 - ii. A description of the game, including the mode of play and rules;



- iii. The proposed payoff schedule;
 - iv. Statistical evaluations of the theoretical hold percentage for the game;
 - v. A description of any gaming equipment used in the game;
 - vi. For a game played on a gaming machine, the model or other identifier of the gaming machine;
 - vii. Details of any other jurisdiction in which the game has been approved; and
 - viii. Any other information required by the Commission; and
- b. For a variation of an existing listed game –
- i. The name of the existing listed game; and
 - ii. Any variations in the details mentioned in subparagraph (a).
- v. GLI Certification Letter(s)
 - vi. Any associated manuals
 - vii. Release Notes
 - viii. Progressive/WAP/Seed amount(s)/Contribution rate(s) (if applicable)
 - ix. Documentation (including but not limited to diagrams, photographs or videos) demonstrating the general overview of the gaming machine and describing how the hardware and the software are integrated.

Table Games:

- i. Game (as defined herein)
 - a. For a game that is not a variation of an existing listed game –
 - i. The name of the game, and any other names by which it is commonly known;
 - ii. A description of the game, including the mode of play and rules;
 - iii. The proposed payoff schedule;
 - iv. Statistical evaluations of the theoretical hold percentage for the game;
 - v. A description of any gaming equipment used in the game;



- vi. For a game played on a gaming machine, the model or other identifier of the gaming machine;
 - vii. Details of any other jurisdiction in which the game has been approved; and
 - viii. Any other information required by the Commission; and
- b. For a variation of an existing listed game –
- i. The name of the existing listed game; and
 - ii. Any variations in the details mentioned in subparagraph
- ii. GLI Certification Letter(s) of Math
 - iii. Any associated manuals
 - iv. Progressive/Contribution rate(s) if applicable
 - v. Associated software version(s) and GLI Certification Letter if applicable

Gaming Systems, Sport Betting Software & added gaming software:

- i. Name
- ii. Description of the system and in case of being a modular system, each of the modules that comprise it.
- iii. Components and subcomponents
- iv. Version of the system and each component
- v. Outline of the hardware
- vi. Details of the critical software with indication of function, route of installation
- vii. GLI Certification Letter(s)
- viii. Any associated manual(s)
- ix. Release Notes

Kiosks:

- i. Model Number and cabinet type
- ii. Versions
- iii. GLI Certification Letter
- iv. Any associated manuals
- v. Release Notes



- III. In considering whether a new gaming equipment or game will be given final approval, the Commission shall consider whether:
 - a. Approval of the new gaming equipment or game is consistent with the existing public policy.
 - b. Comply with the provisions of the Bermuda Casino Gaming Act 2014, Regulations and Technical Standards and other Commission issued Directives.
- IV. The Commission will issue their decision and will notify the applicant in writing.
- V. Approvals should be valid from the issuance date until it expires, the device is modified or the approval has been revoked. All modification to approved gaming equipment or games will require a new submission for approval.
- VI. The approval of each game is subject to a \$50.00 fee payable by wire transfer to the Bermuda Casino Gaming Commission

Rules of Interpretation

- I. The provisions of this procedure shall be liberally interpreted to allow the Commission to carry out their legal functions and duties, and to ensure that all the objectives of the Bermuda Casino Gaming Act 2014 and Regulations are achieved.
- II. In special circumstances and only for just cause, the Commission may allow deviations from the provisions of this procedure when strict and literal compliance of the provisions results in defeating the purposes of the procedure.

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