
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Gambling Act 2005 (Premises Licences and Provisional Statements) Regulations 2007 (“the Principal Regulations”) in so far as those Regulations apply to applications under Part 8 of the Gambling Act 2005 (“the 2005 Act”) made to licensing authorities in England and Wales, and to premises licences issued by such authorities.

The Regulations amend regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations which specifies the matters to be included in plans accompanying applications for premises licences under section 159 of the 2005 Act. In particular, regulation 4 is amended to change the requirements which apply to the plan accompanying an application for a converted casino premises licence. The Regulations remove the requirement for the plan to identify table gaming areas in the casino separately from other parts used to provide facilities for gambling. The Regulations also remove the requirement for the plan to show non-gambling areas where the combined floor area of those parts of the casino used for providing facilities for gambling is less than 200 square metres. The changes made to regulation 4 are also relevant to the matters to be included in the plans accompanying applications to vary premises licences under section 187 of the 2005 Act. Regulation 7(3) of the Principal Regulations, which makes provision about the matters to be shown in a plan accompanying an application to vary a premises licence, does so by reference to regulation 4. The amendments made to regulation 4 are subject to the transitional provision that they do not affect the validity of anything done under the Principal Regulations before these Regulations come into force.

The Regulations also correct a mistaken cross-reference in regulation 13(6) of the Principal Regulations.