

**2007 No. 1940**

**BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES**

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

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th July 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>9th July 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st September 2007</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 279(2), 280(1) 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, and

“poker” includes any version of that game, whatever name it is called.

(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, for the purposes of subsection (2)(a) of that section, requirements in relation to limiting amounts that may be staked.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the amount that may be staked by a person on any game of chance(b), except dominoes and cribbage, must not exceed £5.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4) the aggregate of the amounts that may be staked on games of poker in any one day must not exceed £100.

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(a) 2005 c.19; for the meaning of “prescribed” in section 279(2) of the Act, see section 280(1) of the Act.  
(b) For the meaning of “game of chance” see section 6 of the Act.

### **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.

7th July 2007

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### **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 with an on-premises alcohol licence (a premises licence under Part 3 of the Licensing Act 2003 (c. 17), which authorises the supply of alcohol for consumption on the licensed premises), or a relevant Scottish licence (defined in section 277(c) of the Act), to provide facilities for equal chance gaming without the need to obtain further authorisation under the Act (such as an operating licence, premises licence, or a permit), providing they comply with the conditions in section 279.

One of the conditions under section 279(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(2) limits the maximum amount that may be staked by a person in any equal chance game, except for dominoes and cribbage. Regulation 2(3) relates only to poker, and sets a limit on the aggregate amount that may be staked on poker in any one day.

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

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the costs and benefits of these Regulations is available from the Gaming and Lotteries Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH, telephone 020 7211 6022.

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