

# GAMING MACHINES (REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT AND USE)

## SCOPE

Gaming machines installed and operated in casinos and gambling halls.

## LATVIAN REGULATIONS

- Cabinet Regulation No. 821, adopted 20 December, 2016 "[Regulation on the Procedure for Implementation and Maintenance of the Unified Gambling Machine Control and Monitoring System, Data to be Included in the System and the Procedure for Data Exchange](#)"
- Cabinet Regulation No. 252, adopted 10 April, 2007 "[Procedure for Registration of the Gaming Machine, Equipment and Gaming Machine Game Program](#)"
- Cabinet Regulation No. 786, adopted 20 November, 2007 "[Information to be Included in the Compliance Certificates of Gaming Machine, Equipment and Game Machine Game Program](#)"

## PRIOR AUTHORISATION

To register a gaming machine or game program, the gambling organizer shall submit an application to the Lotteries and Gambling Supervision Inspection, in which information regarding the gaming machine or game program is indicated.

To install and operate a gaming machine, as well as a game program in the Republic of Latvia, it is necessary to register and certify it in accordance with the requirements specified in the legal acts. The conformity of the gaming machine and the game program is verified, and a certificate of conformity is issued by the certification authority.

Gaming machines may be operated only if they are interconnected in a single network of a gaming machine control and monitoring system, ensuring online data exchange with the Lotteries and Gambling Supervision Inspection.

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## **MAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC OPERATORS**

- The gambling organizer shall submit an application to the Lotteries and Gambling Supervision Inspection indicating the name of the type of gaming machine, the name of the model, the serial number assigned by the manufacturer, the year of manufacture, and the name and address of the manufacturer.
- The gambling organizer shall submit a certificate of conformity of the gaming machine or game program.
- If the installation address of the gaming machine is changed during its operation, the gambling organizer shall notify the new address to the Lotteries and Gambling Supervision Inspection electronically before the installation of the gaming machine.
- Within 30 days from the day of receipt of the application, the Lotteries and Gambling Supervision Inspection shall make a decision regarding the inclusion of the gaming machine or the game program in the Register of Gaming Machines and Equipment or the Register of Gaming Machine Game Programs.
- Only registered and certified gaming machines and game programs may be installed and operated in the Republic of Latvia.
- The name and country of the manufacturer, model number, serial number, and year of manufacture must be indicated on the gaming machine.
- The gaming machine must be provided with separate protection against unauthorized access to the logical equipment area, which contains the microprocessor, the main storage of the game program, and the main storage device and the banknote storage.
- The gaming machine must be protected against unauthorized interference with the operation of the random number generator, and the change of the game result, the change of the pay-out percentage and the loss of game information during the game.
- The game program algorithm must provide a total winning of not less than 80 percent.
- The game program algorithm must be based on the principle of random selection and use the result obtained by a random number generator to determine the outcome of the game.
- To operate gaming machines in a casino or a gaming hall, a gambling operator shall implement a unified system (AKUS), ensuring the connection of gaming machines to a unified network.
- For each gaming machine the unified system (AKUS) includes basic information about the gaming machine, financial data, and historical events, which are recorded after the time of the event (information on time and date). The gambling operator under the regulatory framework shall ensure incorporation and storage of such information in the unified system (AKUS).
- The gambling operator shall ensure that basic information on the gaming machine and historical events, which are recorded after the time of the event, are updated in the unified system (AKUS) between the gaming machine and the central server every 30 minutes while financial data – every 24 hours.
- Basic information about the gaming machine, financial data, and historical events, which are recorded after the time of the event, are stored for 45 days.
- Basic information about the gaming machine and financial data after 45 days are stored in archived form for three years.