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Government Decree on Payment-monitoring Devices

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Section 1 Scope of application

This Decree applies to payment-monitoring devices used in slot machines referred to in section 3(4), non-money prize machines referred to in section 3(11), and game machines and game equipment referred to in section 56 of the Lotteries Act (1047/2001), and amusement machines referred to in section 1 of the Amusement Machine Act (164/1995).

Section 2 Definitions

For the purposes of this Decree:

- 1) *type inspection* means an inspection by an inspection body to establish whether a payment monitoring-device conforms with the requirements set for it;
- 2) *approval* means a decision issued by an inspection body stating that a payment monitoring-device conforms with the requirements set for it;
- 3) *slot* means the mechanism that allows a machine or game equipment referred to in section 1 to become operable; and
- 4) *certificate corresponding to an approval decision* means a certificate granted by an inspection body for a payment monitoring-device that has been type-inspected and approved earlier.

Section 3

Equipment and information to be supplied to the inspection body

Parties operating gaming activities using the machines and game equipments referred to in section 1 above shall supply an inspection body approved by the Ministry of the Interior with the payment-monitoring devices concerned for type inspection. A written statement of the device's make, model and technical specification shall also be supplied.

The inspection body may require that it also be supplied with other devices and information and explanations if these are essential for performance of the type inspection.

Section 4

Minor differences between payment monitoring-device models

If a payment monitoring-device differs only minimally from a type-inspected model and the difference can be identified with sufficient accuracy from the documents, the inspection body may allow the supply merely of a scale drawing or diagram of the payment monitoring-device, together with the information referred to in section 3(1).

Section 5

Exceptions from the type inspection duty

The type inspection duty does not apply to an already type-inspected payment-monitoring device that can be considered the same model. Payment-monitoring devices of the same construction, operating principle and model labelling can be considered to be the same model.

Similarly, the type inspection duty does not apply to a payment monitoring-device that has been inspected by an approved inspection body in some other state in the European Economic Area if it can be shown that the device meets the essential requirements of the Lotteries Act or Amusement Machine Act.

In the cases referred to in subsections 1 and 2 above, the inspection body issues the party operating gaming activities using the machines and game equipments referred to in section 1 with a certificate corresponding to an approval decision.

Section 6

Requirements set for payment-monitoring devices

A payment monitoring-device shall cumulatively register data on payments collected for use of a machine or game equipment referred to in section 1. The device's operating principle shall not permit any downward adjustment of the registered numerical data. The device's display shall be in at least five digits.

The number of faulty transactions recorded by the device may not exceed one in a thousand. The device shall be durable enough to reliably register at least one hundred thousand transactions.

Section 7 Measures taken in type inspections

Type inspections:

- 1) establish the model, make and technical specification of the device;
- 2) establish the operating principle of the device;
- 3) carry out the necessary inspections to ensure that the device works reliably; and
- 4) issue a decision on approval of the device.

Section 8

Decision to approve a payment monitoring-device

The approval decision states:

- 1) the model and make of the payment monitoring-device;
- 2) the device's operating principle;
- 3) the approved way of connecting the device; and
- 4) any other information needed to ensure the reliable operation of the device.

Section 9

Entry into force

This Decree enters into force on 1January 2002.

This Decree repeals the Amusement Machine Decree (853/1995) of 7 June 1995, as amended.

Measures necessary for the implementation of this Decree may be undertaken before the Decree's entry into force.