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**Government Decree  
on Lotteries  
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**Chapter 1  
Gaming activities**

**Section 1  
*Application for a gaming licence***

An application for a gaming licence shall state:

- 1) the licence applicant;
- 2) the gaming activities referred to in section 11(2) of the Lotteries Act (1047/2001) to which the licence application applies;
- 3) the time period to which the licence application applies; and
- 4) the reasons for the application.

A gaming licence application for money lotteries, pools and betting shall also include proposals for:

- 1) how large a proportion of the accumulated participation charges shall be paid out to players as winnings;
- 2) how the winnings shall be rounded; and
- 3) how unclaimed winnings shall be distributed.

A gaming licence for keeping slot machines available for use, running casino games and operating casino activities shall also state:

- 1) the maximum number of slot machines and casino games;
- 2) the number of casinos;
- 3) the location of casinos;
- 4) the hours of business of casinos;
- 5) the type of casino games in a casino; and
- 6) the maximum number of slot machines and casino games in a casino.

A gaming licence application for totalisator betting shall also include:

- 1) the proposals mentioned in subsection 2(1)-(3) above concerning the totalisator betting; and
- 2) a proposal for the distribution between the State and the licence-holding gaming operator of the total amount of stakes accumulated in totalisator betting.

## Section 2

### *Gaming licence*

A gaming licence shall state:

- 1) the licence holder;
- 2) the validity period of the licence;
- 3) the gaming activities referred to in section 11(2) of the Lotteries Act to which the licence applies; and
- 4) the conditions and provisions laid down in section 13 of the Lotteries Act.

## Section 3

### *Information to be shown on tickets for a money lottery*

The following shall be marked on the tickets for a money lottery or on the notice given at no charge in connection with the sale of tickets:

- 1) the organizer of the money lottery;
- 2) the period during which the tickets are sold;
- 3) the price of each ticket;
- 4) the number of tickets;
- 5) the number and value of the prizes;
- 6) a serial number or other identifier; and
- 7) where and when the prizes may be claimed.

If the draw is made before the start of ticket sales, the prize shall be marked on the tickets.

#### Section 4

##### *Making a draw and mixing the tickets for a money lottery*

The draw in a money lottery shall be made in a reliable manner. If the draw is made before the start of ticket sales, the tickets shall be mixed before the start of sale. The tickets shall be mixed in such a way that the winning tickets are distributed evenly among the other tickets.

A record of the mixing of tickets shall be drafted (*money lottery ticket mixing record*) and it shall be signed by an official supervisor or a notary public referred to in section 43(2) of the Lotteries Act.

#### Section 5

##### *Draw record for a money lottery*

A record of the money lottery draw and the confirmation of the draw result shall be drafted (*money lottery draw record*) and it shall be signed by an official supervisor or

a notary public referred to in section 43(2) of the Lotteries Act. The draw record shall state:

- 1) the maker of the draw;
- 2) the time, place and method of the draw;
- 3) the number of prizes and the value of each prize; and
- 4) other necessary information.

If the draw is made after the close of the ticket sale period, the draw record shall also give the details of the winning tickets.

#### Section 6

##### *Confirmation record of the results of pools, betting and totalisator betting*

A record of the confirmation of the results of pools, betting and totalisator betting shall be drafted (*confirmation record*) and it shall be signed by an official supervisor.

The confirmation record shall state:

- 1) the betting round or trotting race to which the confirmation applies;
- 2) the numbers or symbols drawn in the betting round and the results of the competitions on which the pools, betting and totalisator betting are based;
- 3) the number of prizes in each prize category; and
- 4) the number prizes or their amount in euros.

#### Section 7

##### *Application for a recommended decision*

A recommended decision referred to in section 48 of the Lotteries Act shall be applied for in writing from the Ministry of the Interior within 21 days of the confirmation of the results of the pools, betting and totalisator betting or the end of the sales period

marked on money lottery tickets. Calculation of the deadline shall not include the day of confirmation.

The application shall state:

- 1) the name and address of the applicant;
- 2) the money lottery, pools, betting or totalisator betting about which there is a dispute over the payment of winnings;
- 3) the confirmed result of the betting round or totalisator betting about which there is a dispute; and
- 4) the reasons for the application.

The money lottery ticket about which there is a dispute or the game coupon for the game, or a copy, shall be attached to the application.

## Section 8

### *Recommended decision*

A recommended decision shall state:

- 1) the information referred to in section 7(2)(1)-(3); and
- 2) the recommended decision and reasons for it.

A recommended decision shall also state that no appeal may be made against the decision and that the issuing of a recommended decision does not prevent the matter from being submitted to a court for decision.

## Chapter 2

### **Non-money lotteries**

## Section 9

### *Application for a non-money lottery licence*

An application for a non-money lottery licence shall state:

- 1) the licence applicant;
- 2) the purpose of use of the funds accruing;
- 3) the ticket sales period and sales area;
- 4) the method by which the non-money lottery is to be run;
- 5) the price of each ticket;
- 6) the number of tickets;
- 7) the combined sales price of the tickets;
- 8) the method of making the draw and information about whether the draw is to be made before the start of ticket sales;
- 9) whether the draw is to be made from among the tickets sold or from among all the tickets that were on sale;
- 10) the number, value and type of prizes;
- 11) where and when the prizes may be claimed;
- 12) how and where the draw result will be announced, if the draw is made after the end of the ticket sale period; and
- 13) the name and personal identity code of the natural person, or the details of the organization or foundation in the case of a legal person, presenting as the practical operator.

The following shall be attached to the licence application:

- 1) a report on operations or other documentation showing that the organization or foundation is functioning in a manner which accords with its purpose;

- 2) an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the organization or foundation concerning the running of the non-money lottery;
- 3) a copy of the latest approved financial statements of the organization or foundation;
- 4) a copy of the rules of the organization or foundation;
- 5) an extract from the register of associations, the foundations register or the trade register or the register kept by a public-law association;
- 6) an extract from the register of associations, the foundations register or the trade register concerning the legal person presenting as the practical operator; and
- 7) documentation referred to in section 28(2) of the Lotteries Act concerning the natural person presenting as the practical operator.

The licensing authority may, if special cause exists, grant an exception from what is laid down in subsection 2(1) and 2(3)-(6).

#### Section 10

##### *Non-money lottery licence*

A non-money lottery licence shall state:

- 1) the licence applicant;
- 2) the period of validity of the licence;
- 3) the party responsible for practical operation of the non-money lottery, where such is appointed;
- 4) the information referred to in section 9(1)(2)-(12); and
- 5) other necessary licence conditions for running the non-money lottery.

#### Section 11

##### *Information to be shown on tickets for a non-money lottery*

The following shall be marked on the tickets for a non-money lottery or on the notice given at no charge in connection with the sale of tickets:

- 1) the licence holder;
- 2) the validity period of the licence;
- 3) the party responsible for practical operation of a non-money lottery, where such is appointed; and
- 4) the information referred to in section 9(1)(2),(3),(5),(6),(8),(10)-(12) and in section 9(1)(9) unless the draw is made before the start of ticket sales.

Each ticket shall have a serial number or other identifier. If the draw is made before the start of ticket sales, the prize shall be marked on the tickets.

## Section 12

### *Non-money lottery draw*

The draw in a non-money lotteries shall be made in a reliable manner. Unless the draw has been made before the start of ticket sales, it shall be made within two weeks of the end of the validity period of the non-money lottery licence.

## Section 13

### *Draw record, prize list and ticket mixing for a non-money lottery*

A record of the non-money lottery draw shall be drafted (*non-money lottery draw record*) and it shall be signed by a supervisor referred to in section 29(1) of the Lotteries Act. The non-money lottery draw record shall state:

- 1) the time, place and method of the draw;
- 2) the maker of the draw;
- 3) whether the draw was made from among the tickets sold or from among all the tickets that were on sale;
- 4) how and where the draw result will be announced; and

5) other necessary information on the draw.

A list of the winning tickets and prizes shall be drafted (*prize list*) and it shall be signed by the draw supervisor. The prize list shall be attached to the non-money lottery draw record.

If the draw is made before the start of ticket sales, the tickets shall be mixed in the presence of a supervisor referred to in section 29(1) of the Lotteries Act before the start of ticket sales. The mixing of the tickets shall be done in such a way that the winning tickets are distributed evenly among the other tickets. The method of mixing the tickets shall be noted in the non-money lottery draw record.

#### Section 14

##### *Notification of the draw result*

If the draw has been made after the end of the ticket sale period, notification of the draw result shall be given in the widest circulation newspaper of the ticket sales area no later than one week after the draw is made. The notification shall include the prize list or notification of where members of the public may view the full prize list.

The notification shall also state:

- 1) the non-money lottery organizer;
- 2) the licensing authority and the licence number;
- 3) the time and place of the draw;
- 4) the maker of the draw;
- 5) the draw supervisor; and
- 6) where and when the prizes may be claimed.

The licensing authority may grant an exception to the notification duty laid down in subsection 1 if it is appropriate in view of the number of people participating in the non-money lottery, the combined sales price of the tickets and other related aspects. If

an exception is granted, the decision on the matter shall state how the notification duty is to be met.

## Section 15

### *Rendering accounts for non-money lottery*

The accounts for a non-money lottery shall state:

- 1) the licence number and validity period;
- 2) the combined sales price of the tickets;
- 3) the number of tickets sold;
- 4) the total revenue accruing from the tickets sold;
- 5) the itemized costs of running the non-money lottery;
- 6) the fee of the party responsible for practical operation of a non-money lottery;
- 7) the amount of lottery tax;
- 8) the proceeds from the non-money lottery; and
- 9) to whom and when the lottery proceeds were handed over.

The following shall be attached to the accounts:

- 1) documentation showing how the proceeds will be used for the purpose laid down in the non-money lottery licence;
- 2) the non-money lottery draw record with its attachments;
- 3) documentation on the tickets sold and the winning tickets among them if the draw was made before the start of ticket sales;
- 4) documentation showing unsold tickets and the winning tickets among them;

5) documentation showing unclaimed prizes; and

6) a receipt for the lottery tax paid.

The licensing authority shall retain the accounts with their attachments for public viewing for 30 days after inspection. The licence holder shall store the accounts with their attachments in the manner laid down in Chapter 2, section 10(2) of the Accounting Act (1336/1997).

#### Section 16

##### *Information to be shown on tickets for a small lottery*

The following shall be marked on the tickets for a small lottery referred to in section 27(1) of the Lotteries Act or on the notice given at no charge in connection with the sale of the tickets:

1) the lottery organizer;

2) the price of each ticket;

3) the number of tickets;

4) the purpose of use of the funds accruing;

5) the method of making the draw;

6) whether the draw is made from among the tickets sold or from among all the tickets that were on sale;

7) the number, value and type of prizes; and

8) where and when the accounts are available for viewing.

Each ticket shall include a marking which clearly shows whether or not a prize has been won with that ticket.

#### Section 17

##### *Draw and draw record for a small lottery*

The draw in a small lottery shall be made in a reliable manner. A record shall be drafted of the draw (*small lottery draw record*) and it shall be signed by the person who made the draw or, in lotteries referred to in section 27(2) of the Lotteries Act, by a person of full legal age responsible for tasks related to running the lottery.

A small lottery draw record shall state:

- 1) the time, place and method of the lottery;
- 2) the number of tickets;
- 3) the method of making the draw;
- 4) the maker of the draw; and
- 5) other necessary information.

A list of the winning tickets and prizes shall be drafted and shall be signed by the maker of the draw. The prize list shall be attached to the draw record.

#### Section 18

##### *Rendering accounts for a small lottery*

The accounts for a small lottery shall state:

- 1) the time and place of the lottery;
- 2) the combined sales price of the tickets;
- 3) the total revenue accrued from the tickets sold;
- 4) the itemized costs of running the lottery;
- 5) the proceeds from the lottery;
- 6) to whom and when the lottery proceeds were handed over; and

7) the purpose for which the lottery proceeds are to be used.

The small lottery draw record with its attachments shall be attached to the accounts. The lottery organizer or the person responsible for running the small lottery under section 27(2) of the Lotteries Act shall retain the accounts for viewing for two weeks after the completion of the accounts.

The small lottery organizer shall store the accounts in the manner laid down in Chapter 2, section 10(2) of the Accounting Act. A person responsible for running a small lottery under section 27(2) of the Lotteries Act shall store the accounts for one year after the lottery has been run.

## Section 19

### *Notification of a guessing game*

Notification of a guessing game referred to section 31(1) of the Lotteries Act shall state:

- 1) the guessing game organizer;
- 2) the purpose of use of the funds accruing;
- 3) the subject of the guessing game;
- 4) the ticket sales period and sales area;
- 5) the price of each ticket;
- 6) the number of tickets;
- 7) the combined sales price of the tickets;
- 8) how the guessing shall be done;
- 9) when and how the winners will be determined;
- 10) the number, value and type of prizes;

11) where and when the prizes may be claimed; and

12) how and where the winners will be announced.

The documentation referred to in section 9(2)(2),(4) and (5) shall be attached to the notification.

#### Section 20

##### *Information to be shown on tickets for a guessing game*

The information referred to in section 19(1) shall be shown on the guessing game tickets or on the corresponding notification. Each ticket shall also have a serial number or other identifier.

#### Section 21

##### *Determining the guessing game winners and the determination record*

The winners of a guessing game shall be determined in a reliable manner. A record of the determination of the guessing game winners shall be drafted (*determination record*) and it shall be signed by a supervisor referred to in section 29(1) of the Lotteries Act and, in a guessing game run as a small lottery, by the person referred to in section 17(1) above.

The determination record shall state:

- 1) the time, place and method of determining the winners;
- 2) the party performing the task;
- 3) how and where the guessing game winners will be announced; and
- 4) other necessary information related to the guessing game.

A list of the winning tickets and prizes shall be drafted and it shall be signed by the person supervising the determination of the winners. The list shall be attached to the determination record.

#### Section 22

### *Notification of guessing game winners*

The guessing game organizer shall give notification of the winners in the widest circulation newspaper of the ticket sales area no later than one week after the winners have been determined. A prize list shall be published with the notification or the notification shall state where the full prize list is available for public viewing.

The notification shall also state:

- 1) the guessing game organizer;
- 2) the authority to which the guessing game notification was made;
- 3) how, where and when the winners were determined;
- 4) the party that determined the winners;
- 5) the guessing game supervisor; and
- 6) where and when the prizes may be claimed.

The authority to which the notification of the guessing game was submitted may grant an exception to the notification duty laid down in subsection 1 if it is appropriate in view of the number of people participating in the guessing game, the combined sales price of the tickets and other related aspects. If an exception is granted, the decision concerning the exception shall state how the notification duty is to be met.

### Section 23

#### *Rendering accounts for a guessing game*

The accounts for a guessing game shall state:

- 1) the guessing game organizer;
- 2) the combined sales price of the tickets;
- 3) the total revenue accrued from the tickets sold;

- 4) the itemized costs of running the guessing game;
- 5) the amount of lottery tax;
- 6) the proceeds of the guessing game; and
- 7) to whom and when the guessing game proceeds were handed over.

The following shall be attached to the accounts:

- 1) documentation showing how the proceeds are used for the purpose mentioned in section 19(1)(2);
- 2) determination record with its attachments;
- 3) documentation on the tickets sold and the winning tickets among them;
- 4) documentation on the unclaimed prizes; and
- 5) receipt for the lottery tax paid.

The authority to which the guessing game notification was made shall retain the accounts available for public viewing for 30 days after the inspection of the accounts. The guessing game organizer shall store the accounts with their attachments in the manner laid down in Chapter 2, section 10(2) of the Accounting Act.

### Chapter 3

#### **Bingo**

#### Section 24

##### *Application for a bingo licence*

An application for a bingo licence shall state:

- 1) the licence applicant;
- 2) the purpose of use of the funds accruing;

- 3) the time and place of the bingo;
- 4) the participation charge; and
- 5) the value of the most expensive prize.

The following shall be attached to the licence application:

- 1) a report on operations or other documentation showing that the organization or foundation is functioning in a manner which accords with its purpose;
- 2) an extract from the minutes of a meeting concerning the operation of the bingo;
- 3) a copy of the latest approved financial statements of the organization or foundation;
- 4) a copy of the rules of the organization or foundation;
- 5) an extract from the register of associations, the foundations register or the trade register or the register kept by a public-law association; and
- 6) the rules of play.

When applying for a new licence, the bingo operator shall attach to the application those documents referred to in subsection 2 that the licensing authority considers to be necessary.

## Section 25 *Bingo licence*

A bingo licence shall state:

- 1) the licence holder;
- 2) the licence validity period;
- 3) the information referred to in section 24(1)(2)-(5);
- 4) the accounting period; and

5) other necessary licence conditions related to the operation of the bingo.

## Section 26

### *Rendering accounts for bingo*

The accounts for bingo shall state:

- 1) the licence validity period;
- 2) the total revenue accrued from participation charges;
- 3) the itemized costs of operating the bingo;
- 4) entitlements to new games distributed as prizes during the financial period;
- 5) the amount of lottery tax;
- 6) the proceeds from the bingo; and
- 7) to whom and when the proceeds were handed over.

The following shall be attached to the accounts:

- 1) documentation showing how the proceeds are used for the purpose laid down in the bingo licence;
- 2) the statement referred to in section 37 of the Lotteries Act;
- 3) documentation on the bingo cards sold and the prizes won with them;
- 4) documentation on the unclaimed prizes;
- 5) documentation on the value of the most expensive prize; and
- 6) a receipt for the lottery tax paid.

The licence holder shall store the accounts in the manner laid down in Chapter 2, section 10(2) of the Accounting Act.

#### Chapter 4

### **Non-money prize machines**

#### Section 27

#### *Application for a non-money prize machine licence*

An application for a non-money prize machine licence shall state:

- 1) the licence applicant;
- 2) the purpose of use of the funds accruing;
- 3) the location of the machine;
- 4) individual details of the machine;
- 5) the operating principle of the machine;
- 6) the value of the stake;
- 7) the value of the smallest and largest prize; and
- 8) the number and type of prizes.

The following shall be attached to the licence application:

- 1) a report on operations or other documentation showing that the organization or foundation is functioning in a manner which accords with its purpose;
- 2) an extract from the minutes of a meeting concerning the introduction to use of the non-money prize machine;
- 3) a copy of the latest approved financial statements;
- 4) a copy of the rules of the organization or foundation;

5) an extract from the register of associations, the foundations register or the trade register or the register kept by a public-law association; and

6) a copy of the approval decision for the payment-monitoring device in the non-money prize machine or of a certificate corresponding to the approval decision.

The licensing authority may, if special cause exists, grant an exception from the need to attach the documentation referred to in subsection 2.

A licence application for game machines and game equipment referred to in section 56 of the Lotteries Act shall include the information stated in subsection 1(1) and 1(3)-(5).

#### Section 28

##### *Non-money prize machine licence*

A decision on a non-money prize machine licence shall state:

1) the licence holder;

2) the information referred to in section 27(1)(2)-(8); and

3) other necessary licence conditions related to the operation of a non-money prize machine.

A licence decision on game machines and game equipment referred to in section 56 of the Lotteries Act shall state the information laid down in section 27(4) above.

#### Section 29

##### *Maximum value of a prize obtained from a non-money prize machine*

The value of a prize obtained from a non-money prize machine may not exceed 35 euros.

#### Section 30

##### *Rendering accounts on keeping a non-money prize machine*

The accounts on keeping a non-money prize machine referred to in section 3(11) of the Lotteries Act shall state:

- 1) the licence number and validity period;
- 2) the total revenue accrued from the operation;
- 3) the itemized costs of the operation;
- 4) the amount of lottery tax;
- 5) the proceeds from the operation; and
- 6) to whom and when the proceeds from the operation were handed over.

The following shall be attached to the accounts:

- 1) documentation showing how the proceeds are used for the purpose laid down in the non-money prize machine licence;
- 2) documentation and receipts referred to in section 59 of the Lotteries Act; and
- 3) a receipt for the lottery tax paid.

The licensing authority shall retain the accounts with their attachments available for public viewing for 30 days after inspection. The licence holder shall store the accounts with their attachments in the manner laid down in Chapter 2, section 10(2) of the Accounting Act (1336/1997).

## Chapter 5

### **Miscellaneous provisions and entry into force**

#### Section 31

##### *Duty to supply information*

The State Provincial Offices and District Police shall on request supply necessary information to the Ministry of the Interior for the purposes of lottery statistics and the

Ministry of Social Affairs and Health for the purposes of monitoring and researching the problems caused by participation in lotteries.

Section 32

*Entry into force*

This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2002.

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