

Pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 3.b of the Act on Games of Chance (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia Nos 14/11 – official consolidated text, 108/12, 11/14 – corrigendum and 40/14) the Minister of Finance hereby issues the following:

R U L E S
amending the Rules on institutions for issuing gaming device test reports

Article 1

In the Rules on institutions for issuing gaming device test reports (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia Nos 9/07, 109/12 and 21/21), Article 2 shall be amended to read as follows:

‘Article 2

(1) An institution is a legal entity that, according to the prescribed procedure, determines the compliance of the gaming device and the control information system of gaming devices (hereafter referred to as CIS) with the prescribed technical and other requirements. The result of determining compliance is evident from the gaming device test report or the CIS control report, which are documents on the compliance of an individual gaming device or the CIS compliance with the requirements defined in the regulations on games of chance, which defines its key features and provides the basis for issuing licenses for the use of a gaming device or CIS.

(2) The institution referred to in the preceding paragraph shall also carry out checks on compliance with the technical requirements of gaming devices and CIS in use.’.

Article 2

In Article 4, the first indent shall be amended to read as follows:

‘— the competence of the institution to verify the fulfilment of the technical requirements to which the gaming device or CIS must comply and to issue gaming device test reports and control of the CIS reports,’.

Article 3

In Article 5, the words ‘and CIS’ shall be added to the first paragraph after the words ‘gaming devices’.

Article 4

In Article 6, in the first paragraph, a comma and the word ‘CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘type of gaming device’ and after the words ‘individual gaming device’.

In the third paragraph, the words ‘and CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘gaming devices’.

In the fifth paragraph, the words ‘gaming devices and CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘type conformity’, the words ‘and CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘gaming devices’, and the words ‘gaming devices’ shall be added after the words ‘to include’.

In the sixth paragraph, the words ‘and CIS control reports’ shall be added after the words ‘gaming devices’ and the words ‘and CIS control’ shall be added after the words ‘gaming devices’.

Article 5

In Article 8, in the first paragraph in the sixth indent, the words ‘control information system’ shall be replaced by the word ‘CIS’, and a new seventh indent shall be added after it, which reads: ‘— all required functionalities for the CIS,’.

The current seventh indent shall become the eighth indent.

In the current eighth indent, which shall become the ninth indent, the words ‘and CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘gaming devices’.

The current ninth and tenth indents shall become the tenth and eleventh indents.

Article 6

In Article 9, the words ‘lottery devices and gaming tables’ shall be replaced by the words ‘lottery devices, gaming tables and CIS’.

Article 7

In Article 10, the words ‘or CIS’ shall be added to the third paragraph after the words ‘gaming devices’.

Article 8

In Article 11, the words ‘or CIS’ shall be added to the first paragraph after the words ‘gaming devices’ and the words ‘gaming devices or CIS control reports’ shall be added after the words ‘test of’.

In the second paragraph, the words ‘or CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘maintainer of gaming devices’ and the words ‘or CIS’ shall be added after the words ‘maintenance of gaming devices’.

Article 9

In Article 12, the period at the end of the sentence shall be replaced by the words ‘or CIS control reports.’.

Article 10

In Article 13, the period after the words 'gaming devices' shall be replaced by the words 'and CIS.'.

Article 11

In the first paragraph of Article 14, the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming device' and the period after the words 'gaming devices' shall be replaced by the words 'or CIS control reports.'.

Article 12

In the first paragraph of Article 15:

- in the fifth indent, a comma and the word 'CIS' shall be added after the words 'lottery devices' and the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices';
- in the sixth indent, the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices';
- in the seventh indent, the words 'or CIS control' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices', and a comma and the word 'CIS' shall be added after the words 'lottery devices';
- in the eighth indent, the semicolon after the words 'gaming devices' shall be replaced by the words 'or CIS control reports;';
- in the ninth indent, the words 'or CIS control reports' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices', and the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices';
- in the tenth indent, the semicolon after the words 'gaming devices' shall be replaced by the words 'or CIS;';
- in the thirteenth indent, the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices'.

Article 13

In Article 18, in the first paragraph, the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices', the words 'or CIS control report' shall be added after the words ' gaming device test report', the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'determination of the compliance of a gaming device' and the words 'or implementing the CIS control' shall be added after the words 'implementing the control of the gaming device'.

In the second paragraph, the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices', after the words 'control of gaming devices' and after the words 'production process of gaming devices'.

Article 14

In Article 19, in the first paragraph, the typo in the word 'devices' shall be corrected and the words 'or CIS control reports' shall be added after this word.

In the second paragraph, the words 'or CIS control reports' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices', the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming device' and the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'on this device'.

In the third and fourth paragraphs, the words 'or CIS' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices', after the words 'control of gaming devices' and after the words 'production process of gaming devices'.

Article 15

In Article 20, the words 'or CIS' shall be added to the second paragraph after the words 'gaming devices'.

Article 16

In Article 21, in the first paragraph, the words 'or CIS control report, in electronic form with associated data in the prescribed (e.g. Excel) structure' shall be added after the words 'gaming devices'.

Article 17

In Article 22, the words 'or CIS' shall be added to the first and second paragraphs after the words 'gaming devices'.

TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISION

Article 18

The institution appointed by the decision of the minister responsible for finance in accordance with the Rules on institutions for issuing gaming device test reports (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia Nos 9/07, 109/12 and 21/21) shall comply with the requirements of these Rules within 12 months of the entry into force of these Rules.

Article 19

These Rules shall enter into force on the first day following their publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Explanation

Pursuant to Article 80.a of the Act on Games of Chance (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia Nos 14/11 – official consolidated text, 108/12, 11/14 – corrigendum and 40/14 – ZIN-B), the control information system (CIS) must reliably monitor, record and store data on gaming and events on individual gaming devices, include cashier operations related to the organization of games of chance on individual gaming devices, and monitor and record events. The Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia (supervisory authority) is responsible for verifying the inclusion of CIS in the control information system of the supervisory authority. The aforementioned represents an administrative obstacle for the concessionaires and it unreasonably prolongs the procedures for obtaining licences for the supervisory authority, on the basis of which the concessionaires organize games of chance.

The main principle in the preparation of amendments and additions to the Rules on institutions for issuing gaming device test reports (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia Nos 9/07, 109/12 and 21/21; hereinafter referred to as Rules) refers to the elimination of administrative obstacles in the part that regulates the area of issuing a license for connecting the concessionaire's CIS to the supervisory authority's information system. The concessionaire may only use the type and version of the CIS for which the supervisory authority grants him a permit, whereby the supervisory authority must check a lot of data and documentation as part of its procedures. Since this is a very time-consuming check for the supervisory authority, the proposed amendments to the Rules would transfer the implementation of this activity to the institutions for issuing gaming device test reports, which would mean a form of deregulation and the elimination of administrative obstacles and a reduction in the labour costs of the supervisory authority. The institutions already carry out both, the type checks (they perform the tasks of the testing laboratory and the certification body) as well as control at the operator.

The main solutions of the proposal of the Rules are related to the simplification of the issuance of the permit. The proposal expands the work area of the institutions, thereby relieving the work of the supervisory authority.