

The Swedish Gambling Authority's Code of Statutes

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Regulations amending the Swedish Gambling Authority's Regulations and general advice (LIFS 2018:4) on State lotteries and lotteries for matters of public interest;

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Pursuant to Chapter 16, Sections 3, 9 and 10(7) of the Gambling Ordinance (2018:1475), the Swedish Gambling Authority hereby lays down¹ that Chapter 1, Sections 1-2, Chapter 3, Section 1, Chapter 4, Sections 2-6, Chapter 5, Sections 6 and 9 and Chapter 8, Section 1 of the Gambling Authority's Regulations and general advice (LIFS 2018:4) on State lotteries and lotteries for public benefit purposes shall read as follows.

Chapter 1. Scope and terminology

Section 1 These regulations and general advice apply to those who are licensed to provide state lotteries in accordance with Chapter 5, Section 1 of the Gambling Act (2018:1138) and those who are licensed to provide lotteries in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 3 of the Gambling Act.

The Swedish Gambling Authority may decide on exemptions from the regulations, if this is justified from a safety point of view and otherwise does not pose any risks to the player.

Section 2 Unless otherwise stated, the terminology and names used in the regulations take the same meaning as in the Gambling Act (2018:1138) and the Gambling Ordinance (2018:1475).

In these regulations and general advice, the following definitions are used

1. *post-drawn lottery ticket*: a lottery ticket that is not sealed, where the draw takes place after the purchase;

¹ See Directive (EU) 2015/1535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 September 2015 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical regulations and of rules on Information Society services.

2. *electronic lottery ticket*: a physical lottery ticket bearer that can contain electronic components and may contain one or more tickets;
3. *physical lottery ticket*: a ticket which is not an electronic lottery ticket and is not sold and played online;
4. *distribution draw*: a draw where the ticket is included in a draw that determines the value of the winnings;
5. *pre-drawn lottery ticket*: a sealed lottery ticket, where the buyer can immediately see whether or not they have a winning ticket;
6. *lifting*: removal of layer, such as scratch-off coating, which conceals game information;
7. *minitext*: a text with a maximum height of 0.4 mm and a minimum length of 35 mm which, without any aids, gives the impression of a line and which is clearly legible in magnification;
8. *online validation*: connected control of any winning value of the lottery ticket against the licensee's gaming system;
9. *relief*: letters, figures or symbols that have been thickly coated to give the surface of the paper a raised profile, or letters, figures or symbols that have been punched into the surface of the paper, giving them an indented profile;
10. *reproduction*: imaging by means of technical equipment with subsequent printing or pressing;
11. *game information*: information on the lottery ticket that determines whether or not it represents a win;
12. *security printing pattern*: thin lines of at least two colours and with a maximum line width of 0.10 mm, which intersect at sharp angles. May also be of the line relief type, i.e. where thin solid lines create a design that gives the impression of being in relief (three-dimensional);
13. *UV-dead material*: a material that does not illuminate when exposed to UV light;
14. *UV security feature*: an image or pattern printed with UV fluorescent ink. The image/pattern shall only appear when illuminated with UV light at a wavelength of 365 nm and fluoresce in a colour that differs from the background colour on which it is printed;
15. *overprint*: image or pattern printed on top of a scratch layer or equivalent, which is designed to give a clear indication of whether the scratch layer has been removed.

Payout table

Section 1 Physical or electronic lottery tickets shall be in accordance with the set payout table determined by the licensee.

Licensees may not accept the delivery of lottery tickets if winning tickets are delivered separately from blank lottery tickets.

Chapter 4. Characteristics of physical lottery tickets

Section 2 Physical or electronic lottery tickets shall not have such physical defects or markings that could make it possible to screen out the winning tickets.

It shall not be possible to read the game information on a sealed lottery ticket.

Sealed lottery tickets shall have protection against manipulation and reproduction.

Section 3 If licensees have a certified online validation system, the requirements for lottery tickets set out in Section 4, paragraphs 2-3, in Section 5, paragraphs 1-3, and in Section 6, paragraphs 2-3, of this Chapter shall not apply.

Section 4 For pre-drawn, sealed lottery tickets, where the maximum possible winnings exceed one (1) price base amount, the following shall apply:

1. it shall not be possible to reseal an opened lottery ticket;
2. lottery tickets shall have minitext;
3. lottery tickets shall have a UV security feature;
4. it shall not be possible to read the game information by passing light through it;
5. the game information must not give rise to a relief on the outside of the seal;
6. the game information shall be safeguarded against alteration;
7. the scratch layer shall have an overprint concealing the game information and control field;
8. sealed control fields shall be safeguarded against lifting and reading.

Section 5 For post-drawn lottery tickets, where the maximum possible winnings exceed one (1) price base amount, the following shall apply:

1. lottery tickets shall have minitext;

2. lottery tickets shall have a UV security feature;
3. lottery tickets shall be printed on UV-dead material;
4. lottery tickets shall have a security printing pattern;
5. the game information shall be safeguarded against alteration.

Section 6 For electronic lottery tickets, where the maximum possible winnings exceed 1/6 of the price base amount, the following shall apply:

1. activation and resetting of the tickets shall leave clear traces;
2. lottery tickets shall have minitext;
3. lottery tickets shall have a UV security feature;
4. the tickets shall have a control field with overprint;
5. electronics and display shall be protected from manipulation.

Chapter 5. Handling of lottery tickets

Handling of unsold lottery tickets and redeemed winning tickets

Section 6 There shall be documented procedures in place for the handling of unsold lottery tickets and redeemed winning tickets.

Unsold lottery tickets and redeemed winning tickets shall be destroyed as soon as possible once the lottery is completed.

In the case of online validation, the second paragraph does not apply.

Handling of used data media

Section 9 There shall be documented procedures in place for the handling of spent systems for the generation of physical lottery data and the validation of printed physical lottery tickets which are no longer in use.

Files that contain information on winnings shall be handled in a manner which ensures that no unauthorised persons can copy them or otherwise misuse or damage the information.

Chapter 8. Information for the player

Section 1 In addition to that which is specified in Chapter 14, Section 4 of the Gambling Act (2018:1138), the following information shall be kept readily available to players:

1. the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the licensee;

2. where appropriate, information about the beneficiaries;
3. the sales period and/or licensed period;
4. the risks that may be associated with games for money;
5. contact details for a gambling problem helpline that is independent of the gambling industry and can offer help on the basis of the conditions in Sweden;
6. that the Swedish Gambling Authority is the licensing and supervisory authority;
7. ticket price, wager, or equivalent for the lottery concerned;
8. any other costs incurred in participating in the lottery in question; and
9. where appropriate, the number of lottery tickets or equivalent.

If the winnings are not paid out immediately, the player shall also be informed of the time and means of payment of the winnings and the last date for payment of the winnings.

In the case of post-drawn and ticketless lotteries, information on the time and method for the publication of the draw results and the date of a potential winnings distribution draw shall also be provided.

These regulations shall enter into force on 1 June 2024.

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