

DRAFT DECREE XX/2024 OF [DATE] AMENDING THE CATALOGUE OF GAMES AND BETTING OF THE REGION OF MURCIA AND THE BINGO REGULATIONS OF THE REGION OF MURCIA

By virtue of Organic Law 9/1992 of 23 December 1992 on the assignment of jurisdiction to Autonomous Communities made autonomous by way of Article 143 of the Constitution, the Autonomous Community of Murcia is hereby assigned jurisdiction over casinos, gaming and betting, with the exclusion of pari-mutuel sports betting.

The incorporation of these jurisdictions was carried out by Organic Law 4/1994 of 24 March 1994 on the Reform of the Statute of Autonomy of the Region of Murcia, which provides for the exclusive competence of our Autonomous Community in this matter.

In exercise of the jurisdictions assumed, Law 2/1995 of 15 March 1995 regulating Games and Betting in the Region of Murcia established the legislation applicable in this territorial area to activities related to the different modalities of games and betting; Decree No 194/2010 of 16 July 2010 approved the Regulation on the Game of Bingo of the Region of Murcia; and Decree No 217/2010 of 30 July 2010 approved the Games and Betting Catalogue of the Region of Murcia.

The incorporation of information technologies into the world of gaming is a reality with a significant impact on the performance of its different modalities. The traditional ways of presenting games are progressively giving way to new ones based on technological advances, aiming to respond to the demands of users who participate in the culture of the information society.

In this regard, the bingo sector itself, watchful of how the business is developing, is engaged in a process of adapting the games offered to the requirements arising from the use of new technologies, which necessarily impacts the adaptation of the regulatory framework.

This is the reason why the current regulation of the electronic forms of bingo has become outdated, making it necessary to modernise the regulatory framework of the game of bingo so that the regulation reflects the new reality.

The main purpose of this Decree is, therefore, the amendment of the legislation containing the substantive regulation of the game of bingo in the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia, consisting of the Games and Betting Catalogue and the Regulation on the Game of Bingo.

Thus, based on the incorporation of technological elements, both regulatory provisions are amended to regulate two electronic forms of the game of bingo: electronic bingo and electronic hall bingo.

Electronic bingo and electronic hall bingo share the characteristic features of collective games of money and chance and, in particular, of traditional bingo, but they include significant variations in their rules and performance due to the presence of technological components in the game, which even open up new possibilities for the creation of novel games.

This Decree regulates in detail the technical, functional and operational characteristics applicable to each of these electronic modalities of the game of bingo.

Insofar as both modalities are performed through computer systems, supports, or terminals, the project contains the appropriate regulation of these, in order to guarantee maximum transparency in the game, computer security in its operation, and the protection of participants and other sensitive groups in relation to this activity.

Electronic bingo shall be managed and organised in its entirety by one or more companies authorised by the competent Ministry for gambling as a Distribution Network, to which bingo halls intending to organise it must adhere, in order to offer greater common prizes to users under strict requirements that guarantee the security and technical reliability of the gaming system. The game shall always take place in bingo halls, independently of other modalities, without prejudice to the possibility of the game taking place simultaneously in complementary halls or areas different from the main hall.

The organisation and operation of electronic hall bingo is carried out, however, by the company holding the authorisation for the bingo hall and necessarily takes place in the main bingo hall, with players being able to purchase electronic or physical bingo cards or game units.

Likewise, the rules for the organisation and operation of electronic bingo are relaxed, leaving greater leeway in the configuration of the bingo card and the winning combinations to the proposals submitted by the bingo operators, in accordance with the requirements of the freedom to conduct business and with the union principles of freedom to provide gaming services, requiring only prior notification in good time to the governing body responsible for gambling.

In electronic hall bingo, winning combinations must be established by regulation and announced before each game, giving rise to different prizes, similar to those of traditional bingo.

The structure of this Regulation consists of two articles, an additional provision, a transitional provision and three final provisions. The articles make amendments to the Games and Betting Catalogue of the Region of Murcia and the Regulation on the Game of Bingo of the Region of Murcia. New wording is given to the regulation of the electronic modalities of the game of bingo, eliminating the modality of automatic bingo as distinct from electronic bingo, and introducing the new modality of electronic hall bingo, in the terms set out in the previous paragraphs.

By means of the first of the final provisions, this Regulation regulating the composition, organisation and functioning of the Games and Betting Commission, approved by Decree 311/2009 of 25 September 2009, for its necessary adaptation to the system of collegiate bodies established in Law 40/2015 of 1 October 2015 on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.

A new feature is the inclusion of a representative from the betting sector in its composition, following the consolidation of this new form of gambling.

Finally, regarding the principle of transparency, the active participation of the potential recipients of this Regulation has been facilitated through the procedures of prior public consultation, hearing and public information, with the report from the Games and Betting Commission of the Region of Murcia and from the Economic and Social Council having been obtained.

Thus, this Decree complies with the principles of good regulation referred to in Article 129 of Law 39/2015 of 1 October 2015 on the Common Administrative Procedure of Public Administrations. In this sense, the Regulation respects the principles of necessity, legal certainty, effectiveness, efficiency and proportionality, insofar as it achieves the intended purpose.

Similarly, this provision **has been subject** to the procedure provided for in 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, and Royal Decree 1337/1999 of 31 July 1999 regulating the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and rules on Information Society services.

Article 10(2) and (3) and the first final provision of Law 2/1995 of 15 March 1995 regulating games and betting in the Region of Murcia authorise the Governing Council to adopt the provisions necessary for its implementation.

By virtue thereof, at the proposal of the Regional Minister of Economy, Finance, European Funds and Digital Administration, **in agreement with/after hearing** the Legal Council of the Region of Murcia, and after deliberation by the Governing Council, at its meeting of **[date]**,

THE FOLLOWING IS DECREED:

Article 1. Amendment to the Games and Betting Catalogue of the Region of Murcia, approved by Decree No 217/2010 of 30 July 2010.

The Games and Betting Catalogue of the Region of Murcia, approved by Decree No 217/2010 of 30 July 2010, is amended as follows:

One. Chapter III of the Index of the Games and Betting Catalogue of the Region of Murcia is amended to read as follows:

‘Chapter III.- Bingo games

Section 1. Traditional Bingo

Article 117. Description of the game

Article 118. Elements of the game

Article 119. Rules and performance of the game

Section 2. Electronic bingo modalities

Subsection 1. Electronic bingo modality

Article 120. Description of the game

Article 121. Elements of the game

Article 122. Rules and performance of the game of electronic bingo. Winning combinations.

Subsection 2. Electronic hall bingo modality

Article 123. Description of the game

Article 124. Elements of the game

Article 125. Rules and performance of the game of electronic hall bingo. Winning combinations’.

Two. Article 117 is amended to read as follows:

‘Article 117. Description of the game.

1. The game of traditional bingo is a lottery played with 90 numbers from 1 to 90 inclusive, with players using, as a game unit, cards composed of 15 different numbers, distributed in three horizontal lines of five numbers each and in nine vertical columns, in any of which there can be three numbers, two numbers or one number, but without there ever being a column without a number.

2. In order to call the line or bingo during a round, all the numbers on the winning card that form the winning combination must have been drawn and called in that particular round, regardless of when that combination has been completed. In addition, for the line prize, it shall be necessary that the game has not been called by another player during the drawing of the previous balls. If there is more than one winning combination, this shall result in the distribution of the prize amount among the players who have called it. In no case can claims be accepted once the round has been closed.

3. The following prize-winning combinations shall be formed:

a) Line.

The line shall be considered to have been formed when all the numbers that make it up have been drawn and called, provided it has not been correctly called previously in the same round by another player. This may be any of the lines that make up a card.

b) Bingo.

Bingo shall be considered to have been formed when all the numbers that make up a card have been drawn and called.

The occurrence of more than one winning combination, in both a line and in bingo, shall determine the distribution of the prizes equally.

c) Accumulated pool.

The accumulated pool shall be endowed with the amounts resulting from deducting, in each game, the percentages established by regulation from the total amount of the cards sold.

From the accumulated remainder, the prizes referred to below shall be allocated at the discretion of the owner company, and some of them may remain unallocated.

The following types of prizes are established:

1. 'Prima' [Premium] Prizes: shall be composed of the 'Prima', 'Prima Especial' and 'Premio Bancado'.

'Prima': This is an additional prize that shall be awarded to the player or players who call bingo in the round that coincides with the order number of the Record Book, previously determined and announced at least two rounds in advance, within the values established by regulation.

'Prima Especial': This is an additional prize that shall be awarded to the player or players who call bingo in the first round after the time previously set by the hall manager and which shall be announced by the table manager, within the values established by regulation.

Once this prize has been awarded, the time and amount of the next prize of this nature shall be announced.

'Premio Bancado': This is an additional prize that shall be paid along with the line or bingo prizes to the player or players who call line or bingo in the round previously set by the hall manager and which shall be announced by the table manager. The amount of this prize shall consist of the economic differential existing between the amount of the prize fixed by the owner company as a guaranteed prize and the line or bingo prize of the round being played, their amounts being paid and announced together.

If more than one additional prize included in the 'Prima' prizes coincides in the same round, the 'Prima Especial' prize shall be played first, followed by the 'Prima' prize in the next round, and then the 'Premio Bancado'.

2. 'Bingo Extra': This is an additional prize, within the values established by regulation, that shall be awarded to the player or players who call bingo in the round that coincides with the order number of the Record Book, previously determined and announced at least two rounds in advance, or when they call bingo in the first round after the time previously set by the hall manager, which shall be announced by the table manager. Additionally, in that round, bingo must be won with the ball whose draw order coincides with or is prior to the draw order set, also for that round, by the hall manager.

If this double condition is not met, the draw order number shall be increased by one draw for each subsequent round until it is awarded or until the last round of the game session is held. In no case shall the draw order set for the purpose of awarding this prize be below the draw order 50.

If any 'Prima' prize coincides with the 'Bingo Extra' prize, the 'Bingo Extra' prize shall be played first, followed by the 'Prima' prize.

3. 'Bingo Acumulado': This is an additional prize, within the values established by regulation, that shall be won by the player or players who call Bingo on a ball whose draw order is equal to or lower than that established by regulation, in accordance with the cards sold.'

Three. Article 118(1) is reworded as follows:

'1. Cards.

The game of bingo may only be played with cards according to an approved model and they shall be made of a material that allows them to be marked by the players and may have the following formats: paper medium or computer medium.

a) Cards in paper format.

1. Paper format (traditional system). They shall have a paper medium that allows them to be marked by the players and shall be issued by the management centre responsible in this regard.

2. Paper format, printed in the hall. This card modality involves printing bingo cards in the game hall itself by means of computer equipment with printing services. The printing equipment in the hall is connected to a computer system where the entire process is controlled and the printed cards are recorded.

3. Paper format, printed on the game table. This type of card, like the previous one, is printed in the hall, specifically on the game tables. Players can use a purchase device to order cards for each round they wish to participate in. The printing on the game table shall have an instant printing system, connected to a computer system from which the entire process is controlled and the printed cards are recorded for each game.

Paper cards shall only be valid for one round and all cards must be serialised and numbered, indicating also in the paper formats, in a visible place, the face value and the number of cards in a series.

b) Cards on a computer medium.

This type of card shall have a specific computer medium. In practice, it shall be presented electronically on the screens of the game terminals or on the monitor screens of the game tables.'

Four. The title of Section 2 of Chapter III and Articles 120 to 122 are amended to read as follows:

'Section 2. Electronic bingo modalities.

Subsection 1. Electronic bingo modality.

Article 120. Description of the game.

Electronic bingo is an electronic modality of the game of bingo, which is carried out through systems, media or terminals in which the players present in the bingo hall, by means of the purchase of one or more electronic cards or game units composed of numbers, symbols or graphic representations, participate jointly and simultaneously in a round through a game

terminal, and where the winners shall be those who form the previously established winning combinations.

Article 121. Elements of the game.

1. Technical system.

The technical system necessary for performing the game must guarantee its security and transparency, as well as ensuring that it operates correctly. To this end, it must have traceability mechanisms for recording the operations carried out and must allow the storage of data for each round held, relating to the number of electronic cards or game units sold, the total amount of sales, the numbers or representations drawn, the winning cards and the amount of the prizes won.

The technical system shall have at least the following elements:

- a) A hall server, which shall be responsible for the management and control of the game in the hall.
- b) A central server, which shall be responsible for the management and control of the game when it is conducted between several interconnected bingo halls.
- c) A communications server, which shall be responsible for channelling and ensuring the exchange of information between the hall servers and the central server.
- d) A computerised cashier system, which shall include a cashier terminal that shall load the amounts requested by players onto the media used to make collections and payments, and shall indicate their balance or final credit for payment to them. To this end, it shall feature a computer program that controls and manages all the financial transactions made.
- e) A verification system that checks whether the whole system is working properly every day, before the start of each session at the bingo hall. If, during the session, failures or malfunctions are detected in the server that make it impossible to continue playing the game as normal, the game shall be interrupted and the amounts played shall be refunded to the players. This incident shall only affect the hall where the event occurs, with the game continuing as normal in the other halls. To proceed with rebooting the system, its correct functioning and that of each and every element of the system must be checked beforehand.

2. Other elements of the game.

- a) Electronic terminal, which shall constitute the game medium for each player, through which the player shall purchase cards, participate in the game and receive the necessary information in this respect, in particular the available credit, the number of electronic cards or units purchased, the amounts allocated for prizes and the amount of the prizes won by the player in each round.

The terminal must be permanently connected to the hall server and may incorporate a light and sound device that alerts the player to the winning of a prize.

- b) Electronic card or game unit, which shall be composed of numbers or graphic representations and shall be displayed on the terminal screen.

c) Random ball generator, which shall be responsible for automatically and randomly drawing balls with the corresponding numbers or graphic representations and which shall be part of the technical system in charge of managing and overseeing the game.

d) Information screens, which must display the number of electronic cards sold, the expected prize amounts, the numbers or representations drawn, the winning card or cards, and the terminal or terminals where they were purchased.

e) In addition, the system may include an audio system, which shall provide information on the same aspects as the information screens.

Article 122. Rules and performance of the game of electronic bingo. Winning combinations.

1. Start of the round.

a) At each terminal and through the information system in each hall, the start of the sale of the electronic cards shall be indicated, as well as the time available for their purchase.

b) Once the sale of cards has been completed, the players shall be informed of the total number of cards sold as well as the amount of the prizes through the electronic terminals and the information system in each hall. Once this has been done, the start of the round shall be announced.

2. Performance of the round.

a) The drawing of balls shall be carried out by the random ball generator or mechanical ball draw machine.

b) The numbers or graphic representations contained in the balls drawn shall be automatically and electronically crossed out on the cards purchased by the players, displaying the progress of those cards, the draw order, the sequence of numbers or graphic representations drawn and the prizes won through the electronic terminals and the information system.

c) When a prize is won, the round shall continue until its completion, without prejudice to the corresponding prize information that the technical system must provide.

d) The round shall end when one or more players complete all the numbers or graphic representations contained on one or more cards, or when all prize-winning combinations have been produced.

3. Winning combinations.

a) Winning combinations shall be considered those that complete a certain arrangement of the numbers or graphic representations used in the game.

The winning combinations shall be determined by the company holding the authorisation.

4. Prizes.

a) The percentage allocated to prizes, as well as the determination of their distribution, shall be determined by regulation.

b) When a player wins a prize, their terminal must give notice of the winning of the prize.

c) The simultaneous existence of more than one winning combination for any of the prizes at stake shall result in the distribution of the prize amounts among the players who have won them.'

Five. The title of Subsection 2 of Section 2 of Chapter III is amended and Articles 123, 124 and 125 are amended to read as follows:

'Subsection 2. Electronic hall bingo modality.

Article 123. Description of the game.

Electronic hall bingo is one of the electronic modalities of the game of bingo performed through systems, media or terminals in which the players present in the bingo hall, by means of the purchase of one or more cards or game units that may be electronic or physical, composed of numbers from 1 to 90, inclusive, whose combinations, established by regulation and announced before each round, shall give rise to various prizes.

Article 124. Elements of the Game.

1. Technical systems and other game elements.

For the performance of the game of electronic hall bingo, the technical system and the elements of the game referred to in Article 121 of this Regulation must be available, with the particularities established in the following sections of this Article.

2. Cards or game units.

- a) The card or game unit may be electronic or physical, and shall consist of numbers from 1 to 90, inclusive, both having the same configuration.
- b) The cards shall have 15 different numbers. Distributed in three horizontal lines, with five numbers in each and nine vertical columns, with no column without a number, forming a single block.

Article 125. Rules and performance of the game of electronic hall bingo. Winning combinations.

1. Start of the round.

- a) At each terminal and through the information system in each hall, the start of the sale of the physical and electronic cards shall be indicated, as well as the time available for their purchase.
- b) Once the sale of cards has been completed, the players shall be informed of the total number of cards sold as well as the amount of the prizes through the electronic terminals and the information system in each hall.
- c) Once this has been done, the start of the round shall be announced.

2. Performance of the round.

a) The drawing of balls shall be carried out by the random ball generator or mechanical ball draw machine. The numbers contained in the balls drawn shall be reflected on the cards and crossed out by the players, automatically and electronically on the electronic cards or manually on the physical cards, displaying the progress of said cards, the draw order, the sequence of numbers drawn, and the prizes won through the electronic terminals and the information system.

b) In rounds played exclusively with electronic cards, the game shall stop briefly when a card is entitled to a prize, and the terminals shall inform of the prizes won and their allocation, after which the game shall continue, where appropriate.

c) In rounds in which electronic and physical cards are played simultaneously:

1. Players playing with physical cards shall be required to call out the prizes. The table manager shall check them and, after verification, shall assign the prizes, continuing the game until its completion. The game system shall not stop even if there is an uncalled card which is entitled to a prize, and the game shall continue until it is called.

2. When playing with electronic cards, announcing the prizes shall be optional. When the game system verifies that there is a prize, it shall stop momentarily and the table manager shall then announce the number of the winning card or cards, continuing until the end of the game.

3. In the event of concurrence of physical and electronic prize-winning cards, the physical card shall be checked and, following its verification, the prize shall be assigned. In the case of electronic cards, the table manager shall inform of the prizes and the number or numbers of the winning cards, and shall announce at the end of the game the total number of prize-winning cards, their format and numbering.

d) The round shall end when one or more players complete all the numbers contained on one or more cards, or when all prize-winning combinations have been produced.

3. Winning combinations. Prizes.

a) The percentage allocated to prizes, to be determined by regulation, shall be distributed among the following winning combinations: Line, Bingo and Pool Prizes.

b) The line shall be considered to have been formed when all the numbers that make it up have been drawn and called, in the case of physical cards, provided that no other line has won with the numbers drawn previously.

The winning line may be any of the three horizontal lines that make up the top block of the card.

c) Bingo shall be considered to have been formed when the 15 numbers that make up the three horizontal lines that constitute the top block of the card have been drawn and called, in the case of physical cards.

d) The winning combinations of pool prizes may be: 'Prima' prizes ('Prima', 'Prima Especial' and 'Premio Bancado'), 'Bingo Extra' and 'Bingo Acumulado'.

From the accumulated remainder, the prizes referred to below shall be allocated at the discretion of the owner company, and some of them may remain unallocated.

e) 'Prima' is an additional prize, within the values established by regulation, that shall be won by the player or players who achieve bingo in the round whose order within the session has been determined and announced previously by the hall manager or in the round coinciding with the fixed time.

In any case, it must be announced in the round immediately before it is put into play.

f) 'Prima Especial' is an additional prize that shall be awarded to the player or players who call bingo in the first round after the time previously set by the hall manager and which shall be announced by the table manager, within the values established by regulation.

Once this prize has been awarded, the time and amount of the next prize of this nature shall be announced.

g) 'Premio Bancado' is an additional prize that shall be paid along with the line or bingo prizes to the player or players who call line or bingo in the round previously set by the hall manager and which shall be announced by the table manager. The amount of this prize shall consist of the economic differential existing between the amount of the prize fixed by the owner company as a guaranteed prize and the line or bingo prize of the round being played, their amounts being paid and announced together.

If more than one additional prize included in the 'Prima' prizes coincides in the same round, the 'Prima Especial' prize shall be played first, followed by the 'Prima' prize in the next round, and then the 'Premio Bancado'.

h) 'Bingo Extra' is an additional prize, within the values established by regulation, awarded to the player or players who achieve bingo in the first round following the one in which the established amount has been reached and, in addition, the bingo is won with the ball whose draw order coincides with or is lower than the draw order previously determined by the hall manager.

If this double condition is not met, the number of draws shall be increased by one draw for each subsequent round until it is awarded or until the last round of the game session is held. In no case shall the draw order set for the purpose of awarding this prize be below the draw order 50.

If any 'Prima' prize coincides with the 'Bingo Extra' prize, the 'Bingo Extra' prize shall be played first, followed by the 'Prima' prize.

i) 'Bingo Acumulado' is an additional prize, within the values established by regulation, that shall be won by the player or players who call Bingo on a ball whose draw order is equal to or lower than that established by regulation, in accordance with the cards sold.

When playing with physical cards, players must call out the prize. If the game is played with electronic cards, the game system shall assign them automatically. '

Article 2. Amendment to the Regulation on the Game of Bingo of the Region of Murcia, approved by Decree No 194/2010 of 16 July 2010.

The Regulation on the Game of Bingo of the Region of Murcia, approved by Decree No 194/2010 of 16 July 2010, is amended as follows:

One. Article 3 is amended to read as follows:

'Article 3. Modalities of the game of bingo.

The following modalities of bingo may be authorised in the Region of Murcia:

- a) Main modality: traditional bingo.
- b) Electronic modalities: electronic bingo and electronic hall bingo.

The modalities under point (b) shall be complementary to the main modality. In no case shall these modalities be exclusively authorised.

The game of bingo in the modalities described may be played only in authorised bingo halls, using the authorised cards, whether in paper or electronic format, which must be sold to players in the hall where the game takes place.'

Two. Article 20(1) is amended to read as follows:

'1. Prior to applying for the operating authorisation referred to in Article 11 of this Regulation, the following deposit must be lodged with the Caja de Depósitos [Deposit Office] of the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia: 72 000 for 1st category halls; EUR 50 000 for 2nd category halls; and EUR 30 000 for 3rd category halls.

Likewise, prior to applying for the operating authorisation as a Distribution Network for Electronic Bingo, a deposit of EUR 30 000 must be lodged with the Caja de Depósitos of the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia.

Three. The content of Section 2 of Chapter III of Title II is amended to read as follows:

'Article 39. Electronic modalities.

- 1. The electronic modalities of the game of bingo are electronic bingo and electronic hall bingo.
- 2. Electronic bingo is an electronic modality of the game of bingo performed through systems, media or terminals in which the players present in the bingo hall, by means of the purchase of one or more electronic cards or game units, composed of numbers, symbols or graphic representations, participate jointly and simultaneously in a round through a game terminal, and where the winners shall be those who form the previously established winning combinations.
- 3. Electronic hall bingo is an electronic modality of the game of bingo performed through systems, media or terminals in which the players present in the bingo hall, by means of the

purchase of one or more cards or game units that may be electronic or physical, composed of numbers from 1 to 90, inclusive, whose combinations, announced before each round, shall give rise to various prizes.

4. Graphic representations that may violate, directly or indirectly, human dignity and fundamental rights or that incite violence, racism or xenophobia, criminal activities or any other form of discrimination prohibited by the Constitution and Laws may not be used.

5. Authorisation for the organisation and operation of these modalities of bingo corresponds to the Regional Ministry responsible for finance.

6. Electronic bingo shall be conducted in duly authorised bingo halls that are part of a Distribution Network. For establishing electronic bingo in bingo halls already authorised, the alteration of the operating authorisation must be requested.

Likewise, collaboration agreements may be concluded with other Autonomous Communities for the interconnection of this modality of bingo.

7. The organisation and operation of electronic hall bingo shall be carried out by the company holding the bingo hall authorisation. For establishing electronic hall bingo in bingo halls already authorised, the alteration of the operating authorisation must be requested.

Subsection 1. Electronic bingo modality

Article 40. Authorisation of the Distribution Network for Electronic Bingo.

1. Companies intending to obtain authorisation as a Distribution Network for Electronic Bingo must meet the following requirements:

a) Those referred to in Article 7(1) of this Regulation.

b) The directors, managers and representatives of the company do not find themselves in any of the following circumstances:

1. Convicted by a final judgment within the 4 years prior to the date of the application for authorisation, for any offence against public health, forgery, unlawful association, smuggling, offences against property and against socio-economic order, against the Public Administration or against the Public Treasury and Social Security, as well as for any criminal offence arising from the organisation or operation of unauthorised gambling.

2. Disqualified from managing third party property as a result of having been declared bankrupt, in accordance with the legislation on bankruptcy, or having been declared insolvent or undischarged bankrupt.

3. Legally disqualified from exercising a profession or trade related to gambling activity.

4. Sanctioned by means of a final administrative decision in the year prior to the authorisation application date, for offences in the field of gambling classified as very serious, the imposition of which falls within the competence of the Governing Council and consists exclusively of a monetary fine.

- c) Having a contract for the distribution of the game of electronic bingo with at least one bingo hall authorised in this Autonomous Community.
- d) Having the technical system and other game elements referred to in Article 42 of this Regulation.
- e) Being up to date in the fulfilment of tax obligations with the Autonomous Community of the Region of Murcia.
- f) Not having been sanctioned by means of a final administrative decision with suspension, temporary cancellation or definitive revocation of authorisation for the holding, organisation or operation of games and betting, or with temporary disqualification from holding authorisation in relation to gambling, during the period of the sanction.
- g) Having lodged the deposit referred to in Article 20(1), 2°.

2. Companies interested in the distribution of the game of electronic bingo in the Region of Murcia must submit their application to the Regional Ministry responsible for gambling with, in addition to the documents proving compliance with the requirements established in points (a), (c) and (d) of the previous section, the following documentation:

- a) Descriptive report on the organisation and operation of electronic bingo in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.
- b) Certification of all winning combinations contemplated by the game program incorporated into the electronic bingo equipment to be installed.
- c) Declaration of responsibility regarding not being in any of the circumstances established in point (b) of the previous section.
- d) List of contracts signed with bingo halls authorised in this Autonomous Community.

3. The Distribution Network must notify the body responsible for gambling, within 7 days, of any modification of the report and winning combinations contemplated by the game program referred to in the previous section. It must also communicate, within 3 working days, the registration and deregistration of authorised bingo halls in the Region that are members of the network.

Article 41. Validity, termination and revocation of authorisation.

1. Authorisation for distributing the game of electronic bingo shall be granted for periods of 10 years, renewable for the same period, provided that the requirements set by the regulations in force at the time of renewal are met, upon presentation of the corresponding request by its holder, at least 6 months before the expiry date of the validity of the authorisation.

2. Authorisations for distributing the game of electronic bingo shall be terminated in the following cases:

- a) By resignation of the holder, expressed in writing to the Regional Ministry responsible for games and betting.

- b) By dissolution of the company holding the authorisation or death of the holder.
- c) Due to a final decision handed down in penalty proceedings on gambling where the penalty entails revocation of the authorisation.
- d) Due to expiry of the validity period without having requested and obtained its renewal in due time and form, and due to failure to carry out the authorised activity without interruption for at least 1 year.
- e) By revocation, by means of a justified decision, following an administrative proceeding involving hearing the party concerned, for any of the following causes:
 - 1. Non-payment of specific taxes on gambling, or the total or partial concealment of the tax base thereof.
 - 2. False information provided in the application for authorisation.
 - 3. Loss of any of the requirements laid down in Article 40(1).
 - 4. Failure to comply with the obligation established in this Regulation regarding the lodging of deposits and the maintenance of their validity and amount.

Article 42. Technical system and other elements of the game.

- 1. The technical system necessary for performing the game must guarantee its security and transparency, as well as ensuring that it operates correctly. To this end, it must have traceability mechanisms for recording the operations carried out and must allow the storage of data for each round held, relating to the number of electronic cards or game units sold, the total amount of sales, the numbers or representations drawn, the winning cards and the amount of the prizes won.
- 2. The technical system must be approved by the governing body responsible for gambling, following a report issued by an entity accredited by the body.
- 3. The technical system shall have at least the following elements:
 - a) A hall server, which shall be responsible for the management and control of the game in the hall.
 - b) A central server, which shall be responsible for the management and control of the game when it is conducted in several bingo halls.
 - c) A communications server, which shall be responsible for channelling and ensuring the exchange of information between the hall servers and the central server.
 - d) A computerised cashier system, which shall include a cashier terminal that shall load the amounts requested by players onto the media used to make collections and payments, and shall indicate their balance or final credit for payment to them. To this end, it shall feature a computer program that controls and manages all the financial transactions made.
 - e) A verification system that checks whether the whole system is working properly every day, before the start of each session at the bingo hall. If, during the session, failures or malfunctions

are detected in the server that prevent the continuity of the normal performance of the game, the game shall be interrupted and the amounts played in the affected round shall be refunded to the players. This incident shall only affect the hall where the event occurs, with the game continuing as normal in the other halls. To proceed with rebooting the system, its correct functioning and that of each and every element of the system must be checked beforehand.

4. The central server must have a mirror, and both must be installed in premises under the control of the company authorised for distributing the game of electronic bingo.

5. The technical system shall incorporate a secure computer connection compatible with the computer systems of the governing body responsible for gambling for real-time control and monitoring of the following data for each round:

- a) Number of electronic cards sold and their identification.
- b) Number of electronic cards cancelled and their identification.
- c) Total amount of electronic cards played.
- d) Numbers or representations drawn.
- e) Winning combinations produced.
- f) Identification of the winning electronic cards.
- g) Amount of the prizes won.
- h) Percentage allocated to prizes.

The computer connection shall also make it possible to consult the percentage allocated to prizes in all the rounds of the game held in each calendar quarter by the same authorised company and any other consultation on the information recorded in the system regarding the operations carried out.

The technical system must enable the governing body responsible for gambling to block the central server, the hall server, and any or all of the electronic terminals used in the performance of the game where there are reasonable indications of a very serious offence.

The connection security measures must guarantee the authenticity, confidentiality and integrity of communications.

6. The processing of personal data must comply with the provisions of current legislation on the protection of personal data.

7. For the performance of the game, the following elements must be available in addition to the technical system:

- a) Electronic terminal, which shall constitute the game medium for each player, through which the player shall purchase cards, participate in the game and receive the necessary information in this respect, in particular the available credit, the number of electronic cards or game units purchased, the amounts allocated for prizes and the amount of the prizes won by the player in each round.

The terminal must be permanently connected to the hall server and may incorporate a light and sound device that alerts the player to the winning of a prize.

The number of terminals installed in a bingo hall shall not exceed the capacity of the bingo hall.

b) Electronic card, which shall be composed of numbers, symbols or graphic representations and shall be displayed on the terminal screen.

The configuration of the electronic card shall be carried out by the company authorised for distributing the game of electronic bingo.

The electronic card must be approved by the governing body responsible for gambling.

Each electronic card shall bear its number, the series to which it belongs, the number of cards in the series, its value, a security code which shall be unique for each card, as well as the identification details of the company holding the authorisation.

The electronic cards in each series must be different in the number arrangements or graphic representations they contain.

The approval decision shall specify the series to which the cards or game units belong and the number of them, and the matrix of these shall be made available to the body responsible for gambling.

c) Random ball generator or mechanical ball draw machine, which shall be responsible for automatically and randomly drawing of balls with the corresponding numbers or graphic representations and which shall be part of the technical system in charge of managing and overseeing the game.

d) Information screens, which must display the number of electronic cards sold, the expected prize amounts, the numbers or representations drawn, the winning card or cards, and the terminal or terminals where they were purchased.

e) In addition, the system may include an audio system which shall provide information on the same aspects as the information screens.

8. The technical system and electronic card approved by another Public Administration may be validated by the governing body responsible for gambling, by submitting the entry in its General Registry of Gambling, if required by that Administration, as well as a report issued by an entity accredited by said body stating that the elements whose approval is sought meet the technical conditions required by this Regulation.

Article 43. Performance of the game.

1. Player participation:

a) Players who purchase electronic cards through an electronic account, or other means authorised by the Regional Ministry responsible for gambling, charged with sufficient credits for the purchase of such cards, may participate in electronic bingo.

Credits must be obtained in advance by payment, in cash or by card, with a down payment or payment by cheque being prohibited, as well as the practice of credit operations for players. They can also be obtained with money from prizes or refunds.

Players may at any time request the settlement of the balance of the electronic account in their favour, which shall be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer, at the player's choice. When the chosen option is a bank transfer, the player's agreement must be recorded.

b) The purchase of an electronic card shall entail the acquisition of the right to participate in the performance of the corresponding round, to receive the payment of prizes, where applicable, as well as to obtain a refund of the amount paid for the card in the established cases.

2. Sale of cards:

a) Electronic cards shall be marketed at the value determined by the company holding the authorisation, up to a maximum amount of EUR 6.

Electronic cards in the same series must have the same value.

The cards marketed in each round shall have the same format, contain the same number of numbers or graphic representations, and be of the same value.

b) The start of the sale of electronic cards shall be communicated to each electronic terminal.

c) At each terminal and through the information system in each hall, the time available for the purchase of electronic cards shall be indicated.

d) The purchase of electronic cards by the player shall be made by indicating on the terminal the number of units to be purchased. The amount of the cards purchased shall be deducted from the player's available balance and shall be reflected on the game terminal.

e) When the round takes place between different bingo halls, the central server shall distribute the cards in electronic format to the servers of each hall in a sequential manner according to the order of requests received.

f) Cards may not be assigned outside the time allocated for sale; there must be no duplication in the process, nor deviation from the order of the cards according to the requests received.

g) Two identical cards may not be sold in the same round.

3. Start of the round:

a) Once the sale of cards has been completed, the players shall be informed of the total number of cards sold as well as the amount of the prizes through the electronic terminals and the information system in each hall.

b) Once this has been done, the start of the round shall be announced.

4. Performance of the round:

a) The drawing of balls shall be carried out by the random ball generator.

- b) The numbers or graphic representations contained in the balls drawn shall be automatically and electronically crossed out on the cards purchased by the players, displaying the progress of those cards, the draw order, the sequence of numbers or graphic representations drawn and the prizes won through the electronic terminals and the information system.
- c) When a prize is won, the round shall continue until its completion, without prejudice to the corresponding prize information that the technical system must provide.
- d) The duration of each round shall not be less than 30 seconds.
- e) Rounds of electronic bingo may only be conducted in bingo halls and independently of other modalities of bingo, without prejudice to the possibility of being conducted simultaneously in complementary halls or differentiated areas of the main hall.
- f) Rounds shall take place during the opening hours of the bingo halls.
- g) The round shall end when one or more players complete all the numbers or graphic representations contained on one or more cards, or when all prize-winning combinations have been produced.

5. Winning combinations:

- a) Winning combinations shall be considered those that complete a certain arrangement of the numbers or graphic representations used in the game.
- b) The winning combinations shall be determined by the company holding the authorisation and must be communicated to the governing body responsible for gambling at least 7 days prior to their application.

6. Prizes:

- a) The percentage allocated to prizes, in all the rounds of the game held in each calendar quarter by the same authorised company, shall not be less than 80 % of the amounts played, and at least 40 % must be allocated in each round.
- b) When a player wins a prize, their terminal must give notice of the winning of the prize.
- c) The simultaneous existence of more than one winning combination for any of the prizes at stake shall result in the distribution of the prize amounts among the players who have won them.
- d) The prizes won may be added to the player's available balance and shall be reflected on the terminal, allowing the player to request their collection at any time.
- e) The payment of prizes shall be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer, or shall be credited to the player's electronic account, at the player's choice. When the chosen option is a bank transfer, the player's agreement must be recorded.

7. Incidents during the performance of rounds:

- a) If, prior to the start of a round, there are failures or malfunctions in the technical system or in any of the game elements that prevent it from being played, the players shall be entitled to a refund of the amounts used in the purchase of electronic cards.
- b) If the failures or malfunctions occur during the performance of a round, preventing its normal continuation, the round shall be cancelled and the amounts wagered shall be refunded to the players, with no player being able to receive more than they had wagered.
- c) In the event that electronic bingo is conducted in several bingo halls, if the failures or malfunctions affect the systems or elements of one or some of them, allowing the round to be carried out or continue in the others, the round shall be stopped in the affected halls and the amounts wagered shall be refunded to the players, while the game shall continue in the remaining halls.

Subsection 2. Electronic hall bingo modality

Article 44. Technical system and other elements of the game.

1. For the performance of the game of electronic hall bingo, the technical system and the elements of the game referred to in Article 42 of this Regulation must be available, with the particularities established in the following sections of this Article.
2. The card or game unit may be electronic or physical, and shall consist of numbers from 1 to 90, inclusive, both having the same configuration.
3. The computer connection of the technical system shall allow real-time control and monitoring of the following data for each round:
 - a) Number of electronic and physical cards sold and their identification.
 - b) Number of electronic and physical cards cancelled and their identification.
 - c) Total amount of electronic and physical cards played.
 - d) Numbers or representations drawn.
 - e) Identification of the winning electronic and physical cards.
 - g) Amount of the prizes won.
4. The printing of the physical card may be carried out in the hall where this game modality is played, or by a printing house, on one side only.
5. The cards shall have 15 different numbers. Distributed in three horizontal lines, with five numbers in each and nine vertical columns, with no column without a number, forming a single block.
6. For the practice of electronic hall bingo, a series of 174 948 cards shall be put into play, of which 120 000, from numbers 1 to 120 000, shall be assigned to the numbering of the physical cards printed in the hall or by a printing house. The remaining 54 948, which shall be

numbered from 120 001 to 174 948, shall be assigned to the electronic cards played through the terminals, with no two cards containing the same combination of numbers.

7. The electronic terminals and the information system in the hall, which shall consist of information screens and an audio system, must report the total number of cards sold, distinguishing between the number of electronic cards and physical cards.

Article 45. Performance of the game.

1. Player participation:

a) Players who purchase cards, whether physical or electronic, may participate in electronic hall bingo. In the case of electronic cards, the player must have an electronic account or other authorised means, loaded with sufficient credits to be exchanged for the corresponding electronic cards. The payment for physical cards, or for the credits necessary to obtain electronic cards, shall be made in cash or by card, with a down payment or payment by cheque being prohibited, as well as the practice of credit operations for players.

Players may at any time request the settlement of the balance of the electronic account in their favour, which shall be paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer, at the player's choice. When the chosen option is a bank transfer, the player's agreement must be recorded.

b) The purchase of a card shall entail the acquisition of the right to participate in the performance of the corresponding round, to receive the payment of prizes, where applicable, as well as to obtain a refund of the amount paid for the card in the established cases.

2. Sale of cards.

a) The sale of cards may be electronic, through terminals, or manual, with both types of cards being compatible in the same game.

b) The physical and electronic cards shall be sold sequentially, according to their order number within each series, starting with the first number of the series or with the number following the one sold in the last round, whether it was played on the same day or a previous one. Exceptionally, when a player requests two or more physical '90 numbers series' cards, the seller may interrupt the sequential sale of cards.

c) Cards shall have values of EUR 2, 3, 5, 6 or 10.

Cards in the same series must have the same value.

The cards sold in each round shall have the same format, contain the same number of numbers, and be of the same value.

d) The time available for the purchase and sale of cards shall be determined by the table manager, in response to requests for electronic or physical cards.

e) On each electronic terminal and through the information system in each hall, the start of the sale shall be indicated as well as the time available for the purchase of cards.

f) The purchase of electronic cards by the player shall be made by indicating on the terminal the number of units to be purchased. The amount of the cards purchased shall be deducted

from the player's available balance and shall be reflected on the game terminal. The purchase of physical cards shall be made upon request to the hall staff, with payment made at that time.

g) Cards may not be assigned outside the time allocated for sale; there must be no duplication in the process, nor deviation from the order of the cards according to the requests received.

h) Two identical cards may not be sold in the same round.

4. Start of round.

a) Once the sale of cards has been completed, the players shall be informed of the total number of cards sold as well as the amount of the prizes through the electronic terminals and the information system in each hall.

b) Once this has been done, the start of the round shall be announced.

5. Performance of the round.

a) The drawing of balls shall be carried out by the random ball generator or by the mechanical ball draw machine.

b) The numbers contained in the balls drawn shall be reflected on the cards, automatically and electronically crossed out on the electronic cards purchased by the players or manually in the case of physical cards, displaying the progress of said cards, the draw order, the sequence of numbers drawn, and the prizes won through the electronic terminals and the information system.

c) In rounds played exclusively with electronic cards, the game shall stop briefly when a card is entitled to a prize. Information about the prizes won and their allocation shall be provided through the electronic terminals and the information system of each hall, after which the game shall continue, where appropriate.

d) In rounds played simultaneously with electronic and physical cards:

1. Players playing with physical cards shall be required to call out the prizes. The table manager shall check them and, after verification, shall assign the prizes, continuing the game until its completion. The game system shall not stop even if there is a card entitled to a prize that has not been called, and the game shall continue until it is called.

2. When playing with electronic cards, announcing the prizes shall be optional. When the game system verifies that there is a prize, it shall stop briefly and the table manager shall then announce the number of the winning card or cards, continuing until the end of the game.

3. In the event of concurrence of physical and electronic prize-winning cards, the table manager shall check the prize corresponding to the physical card and, after verification, shall assign it. Likewise, the table manager shall inform of the prize corresponding to the electronic card and the number or numbers of the prize-winning cards. At the end of the game, they shall announce the total number of prize-winning cards, their format and numbering.

e) Rounds of electronic hall bingo may only be conducted in bingo halls, independently of other modalities of bingo, without prejudice to the possibility of being conducted

simultaneously in differentiated areas of the main hall. In no case shall this interfere with the performance of the traditional game.

f) Rounds shall take place during the opening hours of the bingo halls.

g) The round shall end when one or more players complete all the numbers contained on one or more cards, or when all prize-winning combinations have been produced.

6. Winning combinations.

a) Winning combinations in electronic hall bingo are: the Line, Bingo and Pool Prizes.

b) These winning combinations shall be deemed to be formed when the arrangement of the numbers specified in the Games and Betting Catalogue of the Region of Murcia is completed.

7. Prizes.

a) The percentages allocated to prizes in each round for the Line, Bingo and Pool Prizes shall be those set out in Annex III to this Regulation.

b) In the event that there is more than one winning combination entitled to prizes and they have been duly assigned or announced, the amount shall be divided among all the winning players.

c) When playing with electronic cards, the prizes won may be added to the player's available balance and shall be reflected on the terminal, allowing the player to request their collection at any time.

d) The payment of prizes shall be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer, or shall be credited, where appropriate, to the player's electronic account, at the player's choice. When the chosen option is a bank transfer, the player's agreement must be recorded.

e) The payment of combinations entitled to pool prizes shall be made from the accumulated remainder of the deductions in accordance with the percentages established in Annex III and the amounts established in Annex IV.

f) The amounts of the prizes included in the Pool Prizes shall be designated by the hall manager. Likewise, they shall decide the number of the round or ball draw for the purposes of awarding the 'Prima' or 'Prima Extra' prizes, respectively.

Once the 'Prima' prize has been awarded, the number of the round, time and amount of the next prize of this nature shall be displayed on the screens, on the monitors or through the terminals.

Once the 'Prima Extra' prize has been awarded, the amount of the next 'Prima Extra' prize and the ball draw number shall be communicated in the same way for the purposes of its award.

g) If the 'Prima' and 'Prima Extra' prizes coincide in the same round, the 'Prima Extra' prize shall be played first until it is awarded, and once it has been awarded, the 'Prima' round shall be played.

8. Incidents during the performance of rounds:

a) If, prior to the start of a round, there are failures or malfunctions in the technical system or in any of the game elements that prevent it from being played, the players shall be entitled to a refund of the amounts used in the purchase of cards.

b) If the failures or malfunctions occur during the performance of a round, preventing its normal continuation, the round shall be cancelled and the amounts wagered shall be refunded to the players, with no player being able to receive more than they had wagered.'

Four. Annex II is amended to read as follows:

'Annex II

Prize amounts for traditional bingo:

'Prima' prizes:

a) 'Prima':

From EUR 10 to EUR 5 000:

- From EUR 10 to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 10.
- From EUR 50 to EUR 5 000, in increments of EUR 50.

b) 'Prima Especial':

From EUR 10 to EUR 5 000:

- From EUR 10 to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 10.
- From EUR 50 to EUR 5 000, in increments of EUR 50.

c) 'Premio Bancado':

1. For the Line: up to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 0.10.

2. For Bingo, from EUR 10 to EUR 6 000:

- Up to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 0.10.
- From EUR 50 to EUR 6 000, in increments of EUR 10.

'Bingo Extra':

From EUR 100 to EUR 6 000, in increments of EUR 50.

'Bingo Acumulado':

According to the following scale:



Cards sold	Draw order
From 1 to 70	42
From 71 to 140	41
From 141 to 220	40
From 221 to 350	39
From 351 to 600	38
From 601 to 900	37
From 901 to 1 600	36
Over 1 600	35

The limit for the 'Bingo Acumulado' prize is set at EUR 10 000, in multiples of EUR 100.

When the 'Bingo Acumulado' reaches the limit of the established amount, the percentage corresponding to its prize shall cease to be deducted, which shall increase the amount of any of the remaining prizes in the Accumulated Pool.

The allocation for the 'Bingo Acumulado' shall be distributed as follows:

- a) 80 % for the amount of the prize.
- b) The remaining 20 % for the amount of the reserve.

Once the 'Bingo Acumulado' prize has been awarded, the reserve shall become the first allocation of the next 'Bingo Acumulado' prize, and this prize shall continue to be allocated until the fixed limit is reached.'

Five. Annexes III and IV are hereby created and shall read as follows:

'Annex III

Awarding of Electronic Hall Bingo prizes:

The amount allocated to prizes is fixed at 75 % of the face value of the total number of cards sold in each round, which shall be carried out by applying a percentage, in increments of 0.10 % of those included in the following ranges and prizes:

- a) For the line prize: 5 % to 15 % of the aforementioned face value.
- b) For the bingo prize: 30 % to 60 % of the aforementioned face value.
- c) For the accumulated pool prizes: 10 % to 40 % of the aforementioned face value.

The amount of the accumulated pool shall be deducted or allocated, where appropriate, for the 'Prima' prizes ('Prima', 'Prima Especial' and 'Premio Bancado'), 'Bingo Extra' and 'Bingo Acumulado'.

Annex IV

Electronic Hall Bingo prize amounts:

'Prima' prizes:

a) 'Prima':

From EUR 10 to EUR 5 000:

- From EUR 10 to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 10.
- From EUR 50 to EUR 5 000, in increments of EUR 50.

b) 'Prima Especial':

From EUR 10 to EUR 5 000:

- From EUR 10 to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 10.
- From EUR 50 to EUR 5 000, in increments of EUR 50.

c) 'Premio Bancado':

1. For the Line: up to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 0.10.

2. For Bingo, from EUR 10 to EUR 6 000:

- Up to EUR 50, in increments of EUR 0.10.
- From EUR 50 to EUR 6 000, in increments of EUR 10.

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When the 'Bingo Acumulado' reaches the limit of the established amount, the percentage corresponding to its prize shall cease to be deducted, which shall increase the amount of any of the remaining prizes in the Accumulated Pool.

The allocation for the 'Bingo Acumulado' shall be distributed as follows:

- a) 80 % for the amount of the prize.
- b) The remaining 20 % for the amount of the reserve.

Once the 'Bingo Acumulado' prize has been awarded, the reserve shall become the first allocation of the next 'Bingo Acumulado' prize, and this prize shall continue to be allocated until the fixed limit is reached.'

Sole additional provision. *Appointment of the new member of the Games and Betting Commission of the Region of Murcia.*

Within a period of 1 month from the day following the entry into force of this Decree, the Betting Business Associations shall submit the proposal for the appointment of the member representing them on the Commission to the Regional Minister responsible for gambling.

Sole transitional provision. *Adaptation to the new modalities of electronic bingo.*

Bingo halls with authorisation for the automatic bingo modality granted prior to the entry into force of this Regulation must adapt to its provisions within a period of 1 year, following which the authorisation granted for this modality shall be cancelled, after hearing the party concerned.

First final provision. *Amendment to the Regulation regulating the composition, organisation and functioning of the Games and Betting Commission, approved by Decree 311/2009 of 25 September 2009.*

The Regulation regulating the composition, organisation and functioning of the Games and Betting Commission, approved by Decree 311/2009 of 25 September 2009, is amended as follows:

One. Article 2 is amended to read as follows:

'Article 2. Composition.

The composition of the Games and Betting Commission of the Region of Murcia shall be as follows:

- a) President: the head of the Regional Ministry responsible for games and betting.
- b) Vice-President: the head of the governing body responsible for games and betting.
- c) Members:

A representative of the Regional Ministry responsible for tourism, with at least the rank of Director-General.

A representative of the Regional Ministry responsible for urban planning, with at least the rank of Director-General.

A representative of the Regional Ministry responsible for public health, with at least the rank of Director-General.

A representative of Casino Gambling Business Associations.

A representative of Bingo Business Associations.

A representative of Amusement Machine Business Associations.

A representative of Associations of Gambling Equipment Manufacturers.

A representative of Betting Business Associations.

Two representatives of workers in the gambling sector, appointed by the most representative Trade Union Organisations of the Region of Murcia, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7(1) of Organic Law 11/1985 of 2 August 1985 on Freedom of Association.

A representative of the Consumer Associations established in the Region of Murcia.

A representative of Associations or Entities whose purposes include the care, assistance or treatment of pathologies associated with gambling addiction.

- d) Secretary: the head of the Gambling Management and Taxation Service of the Tax Agency of the Region of Murcia, who shall act with the right to speak but not to vote.

The President of the Commission may convene experts or technical advisers as well as social, municipal, trade union or business representatives who, in each case, are of interest for the achievement of the Commission's objectives.'

Two. Article 5 is amended to read as follows:

'Article 5. Operating rules.

1. The Games and Betting Commission shall be governed by the rules established in this Article and by the provisions of the Law on the Legal Regime of the Public Sector.

2. The Commission shall meet on an ordinary basis at least once a year and whenever it is called upon to rule on matters within its competence. On an extraordinary basis, it shall meet on the initiative of its President, or at the request of one third of its members, and shall be convened within a maximum period of 15 days.

3. The members of the Commission shall be convened by the Secretary, by order of the President, at least 2 days in advance. If the number of members is not sufficient to enable the meeting to be convened, it shall be convened at second call half an hour later, if the President and the Secretary, or their substitutes, and one third of the members of the Commission are present.

Unless this is not possible, notices shall be sent to the members of the Commission by electronic means, stating the agenda together with the documentation necessary for their deliberation where possible, the conditions under which the meeting is to be held, the connection system and, where appropriate, the places where the technical means necessary to attend and participate in the meeting are available.

4. The Commission may agree to set up working groups within the Commission, the composition and functioning of which shall be determined by the Commission itself.

5. It shall be the responsibility of the President to:

a) Represent the body.

b) Agree on the convening of ordinary and extraordinary meetings and the setting of the agenda, taking into account, where appropriate, the requests of the other members, provided that they have been made sufficiently in advance.

c) Chair meetings, moderate the conduct of debates and suspend them for justifiable reasons.

d) Cast the deciding vote in the event of a tie, for the purpose of adopting agreements.

e) Ensure compliance with laws.

f) Endorse the minutes and certifications of the body's agreements.

g) Exercise any other functions inherent to their status as President of the body.

In cases of vacancy, absence, illness or other legal cause, the President shall be replaced by the Vice-President.

6. Members of the Commission must:

- a) Receive, at least 2 days in advance, the notice containing the agenda of the meetings.
- b) Participate in the debates of the meetings.
- c) Exercise their right to vote and cast their individual vote, as well as to express the meaning of their vote and the reasons for it. Those who, by virtue of their capacity as authorities or staff serving the Public Administrations, hold the status of ex officio members of collegiate bodies, by virtue of the position they hold, may not abstain from voting.
- d) Submit requests and questions.
- e) Obtain the information to fulfil the assigned functions.
- f) Any other functions inherent to their status.

The members of the Commission may not assume the functions of representation recognised to the Commission, unless they have been expressly granted by a rule or by an agreement validly adopted for each specific case, by the body itself.

In cases of absence or illness and, in general, where there are justified reasons, the members of the Commission shall be replaced by their substitutes, if any.

Members of the Commission may not exercise these functions where there is a conflict of interest.

7. The temporary replacement of the Secretary in cases of vacancy, absence or illness shall be determined by agreement of the Commission.

It is the responsibility of the Secretary of the Commission to:

- a) Attend meetings with the right to speak but not to vote, and with the right to speak and vote if the Secretariat of the body is held by a member of the body.
- b) Convene meetings of the body by order of the President, as well as summon its members.
- c) Receive the acts of communication from the members to the body, whether notifications, requests for data, rectifications or any other type of document of which it must be aware.
- d) Prepare the dispatch of business, draft and authorise the minutes of meetings.
- e) Issue certifications of consultations, opinions and agreements adopted.
- f) Any other functions inherent to their status as Secretary.

8. The minutes shall be approved at the same meeting or at the next meeting, although the Secretary may issue a certificate for the agreements that have been adopted, without prejudice to the subsequent approval of the minutes. The minutes shall be deemed to be approved at the same meeting if, after the meeting, they are distributed to the members who approve them by any means that the Secretary can express and record.

Certificates of agreements adopted prior to the approval of the minutes shall expressly state that fact.'

Second final provision. Authorisation.



The Regional Ministry responsible for gambling is hereby authorised to adopt the implementing acts necessary for the application of this Decree.

Third final provision. *Entry into force.*

This Decree shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Region of Murcia.