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1. RGSB publishes initial recommendations on priorities for research, education and treatment

The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) has published its initial recommendations to the Gambling Commission (the Commission) and, in turn, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), on the priorities for research, education and treatment (RET) needed to support a national responsible gambling strategy. More detailed recommendations are expected by summer 2010.

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2. Gerry Sutcliffe, Minister of Sport, informs stakeholders of the DCMS's proposals to bring forward legislation to apply to bingo halls stake and prize limits for prize gaming.

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister of Sport with responsibility for gambling, wrote to stakeholders on 16 October 2009 to inform them of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport's (DCMS's) proposals to bring forward legislation to apply to bingo halls stake and prize limits for prize gaming.

In line with their original proposal to equalise stake and prize limits in all venues permitted to offer prize gaming, which was brought into force in June 2009 for Adult Gaming Centres and Family Entertainment Centres, the DCMS are now preparing to put in place a secondary legislation to apply the new limits to bingo halls.

A copy of the letter will be published on the DCMS's website. In the meantime if you have any queries or comments regarding this secondary legislation, please contact Alistair Boon at DCMS on 020 7211 6486 or at Alistair.Boon@culture.gsi.gov.uk

3. Is a product remote gaming or remote betting?

This advice note provides a clear distinction between betting and gaming by setting out the test that the Commission will apply when considering whether a remote product is a betting product which requires a remote general betting licence, whether for real events or virtual events or a gaming product which requires a remote casino licence. This paper has been subject to minor revision following changes to remote betting licences in August 2009.

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