

GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Dear gaming machine supplier

Expiry of section 34(1) permits on 31 July 2009 – AWP's in chip shops, taxi offices and other non-gambling premises

This is to remind you that permits issued under section 34 of the Gaming Act 1968 regarding the use of amusement with prizes (AWP) machines in non-gambling premises such as chip shops and taxi offices, will expire on 31 July 2009. It will not be possible to renew such permits when they expire.

Please check your records to ensure that any machines you supply on a rental or other ongoing commercial basis are only sited in premises with the appropriate licence/permit on, or after, 1 August 2009. From that date appropriate licences/permits under the Gambling Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) include:

- a premises licence (casinos, bingo clubs, adult gaming centres)
- a local authority permit (unlicensed family entertainment centres, members clubs' and miners' welfare clubs)
- an on-premises alcohol licence (pubs).

Any gaming machine currently sited under a section 34 permit must be removed before 1 August 2009, otherwise the site operator risks committing an offence under the 2005 Act. Also the Commission may review the licence of any supplier that knowingly sells or supplies a gaming machine to a site where an appropriate licence/permit under the 2005 Act is not in force.

Yours sincerely



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