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Welcome to the Gambling Commission's fortnightly newsletter.

Revision to the 5th Edition of the guidance for non-remote and remote casino operators on the Prevention of money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism

This revision reflects changes following the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union. The changes to the guidance are minor, and are as follows:

- In the enhanced customer due diligence and reliance chapters of the guidance, the addition of text clarifying the list of high-risk third countries which now applies in the United Kingdom
- The replacement in the guidance of instances of EEA state with "the United Kingdom"
- In the reliance chapter of the guidance, the removal of persons who carry on business in another EEA state as third parties which may be relied on
- The amendment of the definition of third country, which is now a country outside the United Kingdom.

The new version of the guidance has been approved by HM Treasury and comes into effect immediately.

[Read guidance](#)

Consultation on gambling regulation funding

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport is calling for views on Commission funding.

The consultation, which will run until 25 March 2021, proposes an uplift to Gambling Commission fees based on proposals from the Gambling Commission to the Government. This is separate to the ongoing Gambling Act Review.

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Closing soon – Consultation on gambling participation and problem gambling prevalence research

We are consulting on changing the research methodology we use to collect gambling participation and problem gambling prevalence statistics, to improve the quality, robustness and timeliness of our statistics. This consultation closes on 26 February.

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Survey on how the UK betting and gambling sector approaches cyber security

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) is calling for gambling businesses to complete a survey on cyber security.

NCSC has partnered with Ipsos Mori and a number of organisations to run the survey. The results will be anonymous and used to produce a report similar to the NCSC's [Sports Report](#).

The survey is open until 3 March.

[Complete survey](#)

Incomplete application refunds

From 1 June 2021 we will no longer refund the fee if an application is rejected because it is incomplete. All applicants applying for an operating licence or variation to an existing operating licence must make sure they send all the documents required for a complete application.

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Covid-19: Consumer guidance

To continue to support consumers, especially during this time, we are outlining [some of the most common queries we receive](#) and setting out how [gambling companies should keep you safe while betting online](#).

Covid-19 – Frequently Asked Questions for gambling operators

As the situation with Covid-19 continues to impact daily life in Great Britain we have refreshed our FAQs for gambling operators.

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