



Directive 01.2020

Class A and B licenced Bookmakers Authorized agents

Inclusion of numerical lottery ticket “KINO/KENO” in the definition of “slot machine”

Directive No. 01.2020 is drafted based on the provisions of articles 2 and 15 (b) of the Betting Law of 2019 37(I)/2019, as amended or replaced, (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”).

2. The National Betting Authority (hereinafter referred to as the “Authority”), in accordance with the Law, regulates, supervises and licences the provision of Class A and B betting services. ***“Bet shall mean any type of bet on sports events where the competitors are natural persons or on other type of events in which natural persons participate, which actually take place, provided that the winnings of each player are determined by the person who organises the bet, before or at the time of the placing of the bet, by reference both to the amount paid by each player in order to take part in the bet, as well as to the odds set for the specific bet, which is conducted pursuant to a Class A or B bookmaker’s licence as specified in the Law;***
It is provided that, this definition shall not be interpreted as prohibiting cash out”.

3. According to articles 83 and 84 of the Law, it is prohibited for a person to possess or operate slot machines or provide services to operate slot machines in the Republic and to possess or operate machines which provide services or to provide services to operate online casinos in the Republic, respectively.

4. Article 2 of the Law sets out the definition of slot machines, where it includes the following definition [...] a lottery game with numbers which involves precisely predicting a specific set of numbers -depending on the type of game- from a set of numbers generated in each case after a draw from a series of numbers; the draw to determine the winners is made with the use of a raffle [...].



5. According to the Law *“game of chance shall mean a game whose outcome depends at least in part on luck and which is played either by paying money or moveable or immovable assets or using credit or any other item of economic value, irrespective of whether it generates financial gain to the player or not”*.

6. The numerical lottery ticket KINO/KENO, or any other denomination under which this may be referred to, constitutes a game of chance and one of its variations involves the precise prediction of numbers 1 to 12 – depending on the corresponding type of the game – out of a total of 20 numbers which are generated each time following a draw from a series of numbers from 1 to 80. The draw for the election of the winners is carried out by using a special electronic draw machine. In each of the 12 types of the game, success is classified into categories, according to the multitude of the numbers selected which are included in the 20 numbers that have been drawn. A performance factor corresponds to each of the success categories in question, which forms the basis for the profit of each participation. The profits, according to the success of each category, are predetermined and result from the corresponding performance factors which are multiplied by the value of each participation.

7. It follows from the manner in which the game is carried out, that it is a game of chance, the result of which depends solely on chance and falls within the definition of slot machine. It is provided that, when the game is provided online, then it falls within the definition of online casino game. In this regard, the Authority may not grant a licence for carrying out the game in question in view of the fact that on the one hand, it evades the definition of bet and on the other hand, falls within the prohibited provisions of the Law.

8. The Authority clarifies that it issues Class A, Class B and authorised agents licences for the provision of betting services on sports or other events.

9. It is noted that, the prohibition of the numerical lottery ticket "KINO/KENO" as part of the definition of slot machines, was, according to Directive 28/2018, and continues to be a condition for the licensing of Class A, Class B and authorized agents, and in the case of violation of this Directive, the Authority may suspend the licence and inform the competent authorities, as provided in article 25 of the Law or impose an administrative fine, as provided for in article 95 of the Law.



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10. This Directive repeals Directive 28/2018.

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**In case of discrepancy between English and Greek version, the Greek version supersedes.*

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