
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the games of chance that may be played under a club gaming permit (“a permit”) and the maximum amount that may be charged by way of a participation fee in respect of those games.

Section 271 of the Act authorises gaming in accordance with a permit without the need to obtain an operating licence or premises licence. A permit will authorise up to three gaming machines (which must be of category B3A, B4, C or D – except that category B3A may not be made available for use in commercial clubs), the provision of facilities for equal chance gaming which satisfies the conditions in section 269 of the Act (except for the condition which imposes limits on stakes and prizes), and the provision of facilities for other games of chance that are prescribed by the Secretary of State and meet the conditions in section 271(4).

Regulation 2 prescribes pontoon and chemin de fer as the games of chance for which the provision of facilities is authorised under a permit.

Regulation 3 imposes a limit of £3 in any one day on the participation fee for pontoon or chemin de fer.

A full Regulatory Impact Assessment of the costs and benefits of these Regulations is available from the Gaming and Lotteries Team, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH, telephone 020 7211 6022.