

Directive 4 of 2019

Gaming Devices (Exhibition of Gaming Devices) Ruling

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Second Schedule of the Authorisations Regulations (S.L. 583.05), the Malta Gaming Authority is hereby issuing the following ruling in relation to the exhibition of gaming devices in fairs, exhibitions and similar events relating to gaming.

Part I – Short Title and Definitions

1. The short title of this binding instrument is the Gaming Devices (Exhibition of Gaming Devices) Ruling 2019.
2. This ruling shall come into force on 23 September 2019.
3. (1) In this ruling, save as provided in sub-article (2) of this article, all words and phrases shall have the same meaning as prescribed in the Gaming Definitions Regulations (S.L. 583.04).

(2) “Regulations” means the Gaming Authorisations Regulations (S.L. 583.05).

Part II – Approval of Gaming Devices

4. In accordance with regulation 19 of the Regulations and without prejudice to article 5 of this directive, no person shall service, place on the market, distribute, supply, sell, lease, transfer, host, operate or in any other manner make available for use any gaming device

or gaming system in the territory of Malta, unless such gaming device or system, as the case may be, has been approved or exempted from approval by the Authority.

Part III – Exhibition of Gaming Devices

5. (1) Without prejudice to article 6 and article 7 of this directive, any person that wishes to exhibit gaming devices in fairs, exhibitions and similar events relating to gaming, shall be exempted from obtaining the relevant approval from the Authority.

(2) The exemption referred to in sub-article (1) shall be applicable in relation to gaming devices that are used solely for exhibition purposes and therefore, no gaming service shall be provided by means of such gaming devices, in the absence of the relevant approval being issued by the Authority.

Part IV – Notification Process

6. (1) Any person that wishes to exhibit gaming devices in fairs, exhibitions and similar events relating to gaming shall be required to obtain the approval of the Authority beforehand, by submitting the appropriate application form to the Authority, together with such ancillary documentation as may be required by the Authority.

(2) The application made pursuant to article 6 shall include the following information:

- a) the number of gaming device/s that shall be exhibited;
- b) a description of the gaming device/s that shall be exhibited;
- c) information on the event in which the gaming device/s shall be exhibited, including the nature thereof, location and time period throughout which the gaming device/s shall be exhibited:

Provided that in no case shall gaming devices be exhibited at an event solely or principally aimed at, or attended by, minors; and

d) a declaration attesting that the gaming device/s shall be used solely for exhibition purposes and shall not be used in order to provide a gaming service and a description of the measures taken to ensure this.

7. Following the receipt of the application made pursuant to article 6, if the Authority is satisfied that the fair, exhibition or similar event is related to gaming and that the gaming device/s shall not be used to provide a gaming service, the Authority shall permit the exhibition of such gaming device/s.

Provided that the Authority shall have the right to impose any conditions which it may deem fit in order to ensure that the gaming device/s shall be used solely for exhibition purposes.