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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM

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AMENDMENT OF GAMBLING AND GAMBLING ACTIVITIES REGULATIONS: GAMING AND ENTERTAINMENT CONTROL ACT, 2018

Under section 108 of the Gaming and Entertainment Control Act, 2018 (Act No. 13 of 2018), I have amended the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

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SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations “the Regulations” means the Gambling and Gambling Activities Regulations published under Government Notice No. 254 of 1 December 2021.

Amendment of regulation 3 of Regulations

2. Regulations 3 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

“(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by –

(a) a detailed description of the premises of the accommodation establishment or retail liquor business in respect of which the application is made;

- (b) a plan drawn to scale of such premises clearly indicating –
 - (i) the dimensions and arrangement of the internal structure, including all doors, windows and other means of internal and external communication;
 - (ii) the location of the designated area of the gambling house where gambling machines will be kept or played; and
 - (iii) if gambling machines will be provided on the premises, the area where such gambling machines will be kept or played; and
 - (iv) every area where liquor and other refreshments will be served;
- (c) certified copy of the liquor licence held by the applicant in respect of the business;
- (d) certified copies of key employee licences issued in terms of section 40(1) of the Act in respect of employees who will be engaged in conducting the gambling house business;
- (e) a certificate of good standing in relation to payment of tax issued under the Income Tax Act which must be valid at date of submission of the application;
- (f) a power of attorney, if the application is signed by a person acting on behalf of the applicant;
- (g) a certificate of fitness in relation to the premises used or to be used as a casino issued under the Local Authorities Act or the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015(Act No. 1 of 2015); and
- (h) any written representations in support of the application.”

Amendment of regulation 4 of Regulations

3. Regulations 4 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

- “(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by –
- (b) a detailed description of the premises of the accommodation establishment or retail liquor business in respect of which the application is made;
 - (b) a plan drawn to scale of such premises clearly indicating –
 - (i) the dimensions and arrangement of the internal structure, including all doors, windows and other means of internal and external communication;
 - (ii) the location of the designated area of the gambling house where gambling machines will be kept or played; and
 - (iii) every area where liquor and other refreshments will be served;
 - (c) if an application is made in respect of a retail liquor business, a certified copy of the liquor licence held by the applicant in respect of that business;
 - (d) certified copies of key employee licences issued in terms of section 40(1) of the Act in respect of employees who will be engaged in conducting the gambling house business;
 - (e) a certificate of good standing in relation to payment of tax issued under the Income Tax Act which must be valid at date of submission of the application;
 - (f) a power of attorney, if the application is signed by a person acting on behalf of the applicant;

- (g) a certificate of fitness in relation to the premises used or to be used as a casino issued under the Local Authorities Act or the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015(Act No. 1 of 2015); and
- (h) any written representations in support of the application.”

Amendment of regulation 5 of Regulations

4. Regulations 5 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

- “(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by
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- (a) a detailed description of the premises of the bar in respect of which the application is made;
 - (b) a plan drawn to scale of such premises clearly indicating –
 - (i) the dimensions and arrangement of the internal structure, including all doors, windows and other means of internal and external communication;
 - (ii) the location of the designated area of the bar where the gambling machines will be kept or played; and
 - (iii) every area where liquor and other refreshments will be served;
 - (c) a certified copy of the liquor licence held by the applicant in respect of the bar business;
 - (d) a certificate of good standing in relation to payment of tax issued under the Income Tax Act which must be valid at date of submission of the application;
 - (e) certificate of key employee licence;

- (f) a power of attorney, if the application is signed by a person acting on behalf of the applicant;
- (g) a certificate of fitness in relation to the premises used or to be used as a casino issued under the Local Authorities Act or the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015(Act No. 1 of 2015); and
- (h) any written representations in support of the application.”

Amendment of regulation 6 of Regulations

5. Regulations 6 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

- “(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by
- (b) a detailed description of the premises of the bar in respect of which the application is made;
 - (b) a plan drawn to scale of such premises clearly indicating –
 - (iii) the dimensions and arrangement of the internal structure, including all doors, windows and other means of internal and external communication;
 - (iv) the location of the designated area of the bar where the gambling machines will be kept or played; and
 - (iii) every area where liquor and other refreshments will be served;
 - (c) a certified copy of the liquor licence held by the applicant in respect of the bar business;

- (d) a certificate of good standing in relation to payment of tax issued under the Income Tax Act which must be valid at date of submission of the application;
- (e) certificate of key employee licence;
- (f) a power of attorney, if the application is signed by a person acting on behalf of the applicant;
- (g) a certificate of fitness in relation to the premises used or to be used as a casino issued under the Local Authorities Act or the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015(Act No. 1 of 2015); and
- (h) any written representations in support of the application.”

Amendment of regulation 7 of Regulations

6. Regulations 7 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

- “(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by
- (a) a detailed description of the premises of the bar in respect of which the application is made;
 - (b) a plan drawn to scale of such premises clearly indicating –
 - (v) the dimensions and arrangement of the internal structure, including all doors, windows and other means of internal and external communication;
 - (vi) the location of the designated area of the bar where the gambling machines will be kept or played; and
 - (iii) every area where liquor and other refreshments will be served;

- (c) a certified copy of the liquor licence held by the applicant in respect of the bar business;
- (d) a certificate of good standing in relation to payment of tax issued under the Income Tax Act which must be valid at date of submission of the application;
- (e) certificate of key employee licence;
- (f) a power of attorney, if the application is signed by a person acting on behalf of the applicant;
- (g) a certificate of fitness in relation to the premises used or to be used as a casino issued under the Local Authorities Act or the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015(Act No. 1 of 2015); and
- (h) any written representations in support of the application.”

Amendment of regulation 8 of Regulations

7. Regulations 8 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution for subregulation (2) of the following subregulation:

- “(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by -
- (a) a detailed description of the premises of the shebeen in respect of which the application is made;
 - (b) a plan drawn to scale of such premises clearly indicating –
 - (i) the dimensions and arrangement of the internal structure, including all doors, windows and other means of internal and external communication;

- (ii) the location of the designated area of the bar where the gambling machines will be kept or played; and
- (iii) every area where liquor and other refreshments will be served;
- (c) a certificate of fitness in relation to the premises used or to be used as a bar issued by the relevant local authority for the area under the Local Authorities Act or the Public and Environmental Health Act, 2015(Act No. 1 of 2015)
- (d) a certified copy of the liquor licence held by the applicant in respect of the shebeen business;
- (e) certificate of key employee licence;
- (f) a certificate of good standing in relation to payment of tax issued under the Income Tax Act which must be valid at date of submission of the application;
- (g) a power of attorney, if the application is signed by a person acting on behalf of the applicant;
- (h) any written representations in support of the application.”

Amendment of regulation 10 of Regulations

8. Subregulation (2) of regulation 10 of the Regulations is amended by the substitution of the following paragraph

- “(2) An application made under subregulation (1) must be accompanied by -
- (a) proof of accreditation [**with the Accreditation Board of Namibia**] as contemplated in section 39(2)(b) of the Act; ✓✓

- (b) proof that the applicant is able to conduct tests and calibrations as contemplated in section 39(2)(c) of the Act;
- (c) two recent passport photographs of the applicant; and
- (d) a conduct certificate and a complete set of fingerprints of the applicant taken by a member of the Namibian Police Force in order to investigate and report to the Secretary whether or not the applicant has any previous convictions and the nature of such convictions, if any”

Amendment of Regulations

6. The Regulations are amended by the insertion after regulation 56 of the following regulation:

“Determination of central monitoring system costs

56A. (1) A licence holder who has been linked to the Central Electronic Monitoring System in terms of section 90(4) must pay to the Board or to the person contracted under that section, maintenance and monitoring fees prescribed under Part 4 of Annexure 1 of these regulations.”

Repeal of regulation 28 of Regulations

9. Regulation 28 of the Regulations is repealed.

Amendment of Regulations

12. The Regulations are amended by the substitution for Annexure 1 of the following Annexure:

“ANNEXURE 1

FEES, ANNUAL LEVY AND PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENTS

PART 1

APPLICATION FEES

Nature of Application		Fee (NS)
1.	Application for casino licence	80 000
2.	Application for gambling house licence	15 000
3.	Application for bar gambling licence	10 000
4.	Application for shebeen gambling licence	5 000
5.	Application for bookmaker licence	50 000
6.	Application for totalizator licence	150 000
7.	Application for manufacturer or supplier licence	100 000
8.	Application for testing agent licence	20 000
9.	Application for key employee licence	500
10.	Application for removal of casino licence	15 000
11.	Application for removal of gambling house licence	3 000
12.	Application for removal of bar gambling licence	1 500
13.	Application for removal of shebeen gambling licence	700
14.	Application for removal of totalizator	10 000
15.	Application for removal of bookmaker licence	10 000
16.	Application for renewal of casino licence	80 000
17.	Application for renewal gambling house licence	12 000
18.	Application for renewal of bar gambling licence	500
19.	Application for renewal of shebeen gambling licence	500
20.	Application for renewal of totalizator licence	25 000
21.	Application for renewal of bookmaker licence	25 000
22.	Application for increase of number of gambling games	5 000
23.	Application for Minister's authority for casino licence section	50 000
24.	Application for Minister's authority for gambling house licence	10 000

25.	Application for Minister's authority for bar gambling licence	500
26.	Application for Minister's authority for shebeen gambling licence	300
27.	Application for transfer of ownership lease or transfer of gambling machine	2 000

**PART 2
ANNUAL LICENCE FEES**

Nature of Licence		Fee (N\$)
1.	Casino licence	100 000
2.	Gambling house licence	10 000
3.	Bar gambling licence	4 000
4.	Shebeen gambling licence	1 000
5.	Bookmaker licence	50 000
6.	Totalizator licence	100 000
7.	Manufacturer /supplier licence	100 000
8.	Testing agent licence	20 000
9.	Key employee licence	500
10.	Provisional key employee licence	500
11.	Annual fee for each gambling machine	1 000

**PART 3
OTHER FEES**

Type of Fee		Fee N\$
1.	Issue of licence fee	1 000
2.	Removal fee	1 000
3.	Transfer fee	1 000
4.	Renewal fee	1 000
5.	Minister's authority fee	1 000

PART 4

CENTRAL ELECTRONIC MONITORING FEES

New
proposal

Nature of Licence		Maintenance fees	Monitoring fees
1	Casino licence	1% of nett monthly gambling income	5% of the nett monthly gambling income
2.	Gambling House licence	1% of nett monthly gambling income	5% of the nett monthly gambling income
3.	Bar Gambling licence	1% of nett monthly gambling income	5% of the nett monthly gambling income
4.	Shebeen Gambling licence	1% of nett monthly gambling income	5% of the nett monthly gambling income
5.	Bookmaker licence	2% of the gross monthly takings from the bookmaking business	10% of the gross monthly takings from the bookmaking business
6.	Totalizator licence	1% of the gross monthly undertakings	5% of the gross monthly undertakings

 Levy 5%