

Gambling Supervision Commission



GAMBLING (ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM) ACT 2018;

Civil Penalties Order Guidance on the Act

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Consultation Responses

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1. Introduction

On 19th March 2018, the Gambling Supervision Commission (GSC) published a consultation on-

- A draft Gambling (Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism) Civil Penalties Order 2018 ("the Order"); and
- Draft Guidance in relation to the Gambling (Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism) Act 2018 ("The Guidance").

The consultation was scheduled to close on 2nd April however this was extended to 9th April 2018. The GSC would like to thank all those who took the time to respond.

This document provides a summary of views expressed, responses to those views and an overview of any resulting amendments to the Order and Guidance.

2. Previous Consultation Exercise

In December 2017 the GSC conducted an informal consultation with the gambling sector on its policy for civil penalties and an earlier draft of the Guidance. The GSC wishes to thank those that responded to the earlier consultation as the views expressed were helpful in developing the draft Order and draft Guidance for this formal consultation.

3. Formal Consultation Responses

19 responses were received before the formal consultation closed on 9th April.

15 of the responses were nil responses or conformation that the respondent was satisfied that feedback provided in the informal consultation had been addressed to their satisfaction.

Of the 4 substantive response, one suggested some stylistic changes to the Order and the others did not suggest any revisions to the Order or the Guidance but provided some positive feedback on the documents or process, including –

"The appendix is most useful as summary and most informative and sets it out in a clear and precise manner."

"The guidance is helpful and the additions add to its clarity. The practical approach to the civil penalties can only have a positive impact on the operator's compliance"

"I would like to commend the GSC for continuing to maintain strong two way communication with the sector and for running a very effective informal consultation process"

5. Changes Made

No material changes have been made to either the Order or the Guidance. Some stylistic changes may be made to the Order to make it clearer for the reader.