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CASINO CONTROL ACT (CHAPTER 33A)

CASINO CONTROL (CREDIT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2013

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 108 and 200 of the Casino Control Act, the Casino Regulatory Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Home Affairs, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Casino Control (Credit) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and shall come into operation on 31st January 2013.

Amendment of regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 of the Casino Control (Credit) Regulations 2010 (G.N. No. S 53/2010) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “cash”, the following definition:

“ “associate” has the same meaning as in regulation 2(2) and (3) of the Casino Control (Casino Marketing Arrangements) Regulations 2013 (G.N. No. S 65/2013);”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “cheque-cashing facility”, the following definition:

“ “minimum balance”, in relation to a deposit account, means a credit balance in the deposit account of not less than

\$100,000;”.

New regulations 2A and 2B

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 2, the following regulations:

“Form of deposit by premium player

2A.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph (a) of the definition of “premium player” in section 2(1) of the Act, the deposit shall be in one or more of the following forms:

- (a) money received by a casino operator from a patron in the form of cash, a cashier’s order or a bank draft payable to the casino operator or an electronic funds transfer to the casino operator’s bank account;
- (b) chips or any traveller’s cheque received by a casino operator from a patron;
- (c) any casino cheque payable to a patron, which is accepted by a casino operator;
- (d) any personal cheque issued by a patron made payable to a casino operator, after the cheque has been deposited with and cleared by an authorised bank;
- (e) if and only if a patron is neither a citizen of Singapore nor a permanent resident of Singapore, an amount on credit granted by a casino operator or by a licensed international market agent to the patron.

(2) In addition to paragraph (1), where a patron is neither a citizen of Singapore nor a permanent resident of Singapore, but not otherwise, the deposit may be an amount on credit granted by a casino operator under section 108(7)(a) of the Act or by a licensed international market agent to the patron under section 108(7A) of the Act.

(3) For the avoidance of doubt, a patron who is neither a citizen of Singapore nor a permanent resident of Singapore may make a deposit in a combination of forms in paragraphs (1) and (2).

Period of credit balance to remain premium player

2B. For the purposes of paragraph (b) of the definition of “premium player” in section 2(1) of the Act, the period during which the credit balance in a deposit account is below

\$100,000 must not exceed a continuous period of 12 months.”.

Deletion and substitution of regulations 3 and 4

4. Regulations 3 and 4 of the principal Regulations are deleted and the following regulations substituted therefor:

“When patron qualifies as premium player

3. A patron of a casino qualifies as a premium player of the casino when he opens a deposit account with the casino operator of that casino and provides the casino operator with a deposit in accordance with regulation 2A which satisfies the minimum balance.

When patron remains or ceases to be premium player

4.—(1) After a patron of a casino first qualifies as a premium player of the casino in accordance with regulation 3, the patron remains as a premium player of the casino for an initial period of 12 months thereafter, unless otherwise expressly provided in this regulation.

(2) In any case where after a patron of a casino qualifies as a premium player of the casino in accordance with regulation 3 —

(a) the credit balance in the deposit account opened by the patron with the casino operator of that casino falls below

\$100,000;

(b) the period during which the credit balance in the deposit account is below

\$100,000 does not exceed the period specified in regulation 2B; and

- (c) one or more additional deposits in accordance with regulation 2A are made by or on behalf of the patron into the patron's deposit account,

the patron shall remain a premium player of that casino for a period of 12 months starting from the date the credit balance in the deposit account reaches

\$100,000 or more.

(3) Where —

- (a) a patron of a casino who is neither a citizen of Singapore nor a permanent resident of Singapore is a premium player of the casino; and
- (b) the patron subsequently becomes a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident of Singapore,

the patron shall cease to be a premium player of the casino upon his becoming a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident of Singapore, unless, upon becoming such a citizen or permanent resident, he provides the casino operator with a new deposit in one or more of the forms in regulation 2A(1)(a) to (d) which satisfies the minimum balance, and he shall remain a premium player of the casino for a period of 12 months starting from the date he so provides the casino operator of that casino with the new deposit.

(4) Where the credit balance in the deposit account of a patron of a casino who is a premium player of the casino is

\$100,000 or more on —

- (a) the next anniversary of the date he first qualifies to be a premium player referred to in paragraph (1) if applicable to the patron;
- (b) the next anniversary of the date referred to in paragraph (2) or (3) if applicable to the patron; or
- (c) the date immediately after the end of the further period referred to in this paragraph if applicable to the patron,

that patron shall remain a premium player of the casino for a further period of 12 months starting on that date, and so on.

(5) A patron ceases to qualify as a premium player if he does not retain his qualification as a premium player in accordance with paragraph (1), (2), (3) or (4), or upon the closure of the patron's deposit account with the casino operator, whichever is earlier.

(6) Nothing in this regulation prevents a patron who is a premium player of a casino from applying to close his deposit account with the casino, and that patron shall cease to be a premium player of that casino immediately upon the closing of such deposit account.

Illustration 1

Patron *A* makes a deposit of

\$100,000 into his deposit account with a casino operator on 2nd January 2012. Patron *A* qualifies as a premium player with the casino operator on 2nd January 2012. Patron *A* draws down

\$100,000 from his deposit account on 4th January 2012 to play at the casino. On 4th January 2012, the deposit balance is recorded as

\$0. Patron *A* continues to retain his qualification as a premium player, which will cease on 1st January 2013 or upon the closure of Patron *A*'s account with the casino operator, whichever is the earlier.

Illustration 2A

Patron *B* makes a deposit of

\$100,000 into his deposit account with a casino operator on 2nd January 2012. Patron *B* qualifies as a premium player with the casino operator on 2nd January 2012. Patron *B* draws down

\$20,000 from his deposit account on 4th January 2012 to play at the casino. Patron *B* further deposits