



NGB NOTICE TO PLAS REGARDING THE REGULATORY TREATMENT OF REMOTE GAMBLING SERVERS (RGS) IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This notice is issued in terms of section 33 and 34 of the NGA to clarify the regulatory status of Remote Gambling Servers (RGS) in South Africa and to provide guidance to the Provincial Licensing Authorities (PLAs), regarding compliance with the National Gambling Act, 2004 (Act No. 7 of 2004) (“the Act”) and applicable SANS 1718 Technical Standards

2. CLARIFICATION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF REMOTE GAMBLING SERVERS

- 2.1 Interactive gambling and remote gambling activities remain unlawful in South Africa, except as authorised by the Act or any other national law.
- 2.2 Remote Gambling Servers (RGS), as systems facilitating interactive or remote gambling, are **not lawful gambling systems** under the current legislative framework.
- 2.3 The South African National Standard SANS 1718-4:2018 (Edition 3) applies specifically to Wagering and Record Keeping Systems (WRS) and does **not** provide for the testing or certification of RGS as standalone systems.
- 2.4 Accordingly, the testing, certification, and issuance of Letters of Certification (LoCs) for RGS under SANS 1718 is not appropriate and not aligned with the legal and technical scope of the SANS 1718 standards framework.

3. NOTICE TO PROVINCIAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES (PLAs)

3.1. Provincial Licensing Authorities are hereby advised to:

3.1.1. Align licensing and enforcement practices with the clarified legal position regarding RGS;

3.1.2. Prohibit the approval or continued use of RGS in licensed gambling operations in compliance with direction from NRCS directive hereto attached;

3.1.3. Require operators to utilise duly certified Wagering and Record Keeping Systems (WRS) compliant with SANS 1718; and

3.1.4. Take appropriate enforcement action against non-compliant operators.

4. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

4.1. The National Gambling Board shall monitor implementation of this notice and report to the Minister on compliance, enforcement outcomes, and industry impact.

5. COMMENCEMENT

5.1. This notice comes into effect as directed by NRCS in the attached notice.

Issued by


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