

Licence Condition 12 - Betting intermediaries (tic-tacs)

Gambling Commission

RPC rating: validated

Description of proposal

'Tic-tacs' is a term used to describe self-employed on-course bet brokers who facilitate the negotiation and agreement of bets between on-course bookmakers. Tic-tacs were required to hold a betting intermediary operating licence.

These licence conditions prevented tic-tacs from acting as a bookmakers or facilitating betting between members of the public.

With the developing use of technology at racecourses (principally online betting exchanges and electronic points of sale), online bookmakers are now able to make and accept bets between themselves by automated means without the use of tic-tacs.

Given the consequent disappearance of tic-tacs from racecourses, the Commission removed the licence requirement as it no longer served any regulatory purpose.

Impacts of proposal

At the time of the removal of the licence requirement, the Commission was not aware of any active non-remote betting intermediaries acting as tic-tacs on racecourses. Consequently, no businesses were assessed to be directly affected by the change.

The change also involved tidying up the Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice, however this did not incur financial or resource costs for any gambling operators and businesses.

Quality of submission

The regulator has correctly based its conclusions on consultation with stakeholders. However, to improve quality of the assessment, if it is proportionate to do so the

regulator should provide more explicit evidence on the disappearance of tic-tacs from the current gambling industry.

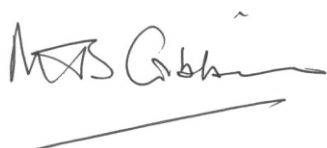
Overall, the RPC views the evidence to be sufficient to justify the conclusions of this impact assessment.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Not Stated
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RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying Regulatory Provision
EANCB – RPC validated ¹	Zero
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	Zero
Small and micro business assessment	Not required



Michael Gibbons CBE, Chairman

¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.