



RE: ILLEGALITY OF ONLINE INTERNET GAMBLING ACTIVITIES IN THE REPUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that South African citizens are precluded from gambling on the internet/online for as long as internet gambling remains illegal in South Africa. While the National Gambling Amendment Act No 10 of 2008 was assented to, by the President on 14 July 2008, the effective date for the operation of the Act has not yet been announced. Consequently, that the current South African laws prohibit internet gambling and it remains illegal.

South African gamblers shall be held liable for their gambling activities in cyberspace even if the web server is located offshore. Banking institutions' credit and debit cards should not be used for the payment of any gambling transactions that are illegal and the banks reserve the right to decline processing or paying any card transactions which are suspect to be illegal gambling transactions (to the exclusion of sports betting/online bookmaking).

Members of the public should take caution and take note that anyone gambling on any website offering bets to South Africans does so to their own detriment and cannot be protected under the current applicable laws.

Further to this, much of the advertisements of internet gambling in South Africa are subject to prosecution and the National Gambling Board will be prosecuting any advertising media and other transgressors who continue to act contrary to the laws of the Republic. All advertising media that continues to facilitate the offering of internet gambling activities in South Africa are deemed to be aiding and abetting unlawful illegal gambling activities and shall be prosecuted and fined for up to R10 million or 10 years imprisonment.