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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Culture Media and Sport Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Department of Trade and Industry TBT Enquiry Point (the text is available on line, see section 11); European Commission TBT Enquiry Point ec-tbt@cec.eu.int
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Jackpot gaming machines and high value Amusements with Prizes (AWP) machines
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: The Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003
6.	Description of content: Current law in Great Britain requires that jackpot machines can accept money and pay out in coin only. The same applies to higher value (otherwise known as "all-cash") AWP machines, but they can also accept tokens. The Order will allow jackpot machines to accept banknotes and payments by means other than cash, such as smartcards, as well as coins; allow them pay out prizes by means of banknotes or in non-cash form, as well as in coin; dispense with the requirement that they be able to accept payment for a single game; and allow them - at the player's discretion - to store winnings for use in further play without the player having to reinsert money into the machine. In respect of higher-value AWP machines, the Order would enable them to accept payment, and to pay out winnings, in banknotes as well as coins (but not by any other means). It would also dispense with the requirement that they be able to accept payment for a single game
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Some 49% of faults in gaming machines are coin related. The use of banknotes and smartcards will reduce maintenance costs, reduce down times, reduce customer disputes when the machine fails to pay out, reduce disruption when stakes and prize limits are altered or new coins introduced, enhance income and reduce risks of robbery.

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003 <i>Payment Regulatory Reform Order 2003 Guideline</i> agreed between the Regulator (the Gaming Board for Great Britain) and BACTA (the gaming industry trade representatives) Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:
10.	Final date for comments: 11 June 2003
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Text on line at http://www.dti.gov.uk/ewt/barriers.htm Department of Trade and Industry UK TBT Enquiry Point Kingsgate House, Bay 310 66-74 Victoria Street London SW1E 6SW Contact: Mr Andy Weller e-mail and.weller@dti.gsi.gov.uk Tel ++ 44 201 215 4548 Fax ++44 207 215 4245