

## LOTTERIES ACT

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### Scope of the Act

1 § This Act shall apply to lotteries arranged for the general public.

Lotteries shall be deemed to be arranged for the general public also where membership is required of a certain organization if its principal objective is to arrange lotteries, or where the lottery would otherwise as regards its extent or the conditions for participation be equivalent to a lottery arranged for the general public.

The Act shall also apply to lotteries in the form of bingo, gaming machines, roulette games, dice games and card games that are not arranged for the general public, if the game is arranged for the purpose of gain.

2 § The Act shall not apply to Swedish Government premium bond loans.

Nor shall it apply to gaming machines that do not give prizes or that give prizes only in the form of free games. Such gaming machines are subject to

the Act concerning the Arrangement of Certain Forms of Gaming Machines (1982:636) [lagen om anordnande av visst automatspel].

Nor shall it apply to gaming under the Casinos Act [kasinolagen] (1999:355). Act (1999:358)

## Definitions

**3 §** Lottery shall in this Act mean an activity where one or more participants may, with or without a stake, obtain prizes of a higher value than that which each and every one of the other participants may obtain.

Lottery shall include:

1. drawing of tickets, guessing, betting and similar procedures,
2. amusements at fairs and amusement parks,
3. bingo games, gaming machines, roulette games, dice games, card games, chain letter games or similar games.

When assessing whether an activity constitutes a lottery, the general nature of the activity shall be taken into account and not only the greater or lesser degree of chance present in the individual case.

Prizes (winnings) shall in this Act also refer to continuation of the game. Act (1996:1168).

**4 §** True lottery shall in this Act refer to the type of lottery referred to in section 3 second paragraph 1 and 2, with the exception of horse racing and betting in connexion with sports competitions undertaken in more than one municipality.

Lottery ticket vending machine shall mean a machine not equipped with a random number generator or an electronic memory that after payment supplies the participant with a ticket that is either a winning ticket or a blank. Act (1996:1168).

**5 §** Bingo game shall in this Act refer to a lottery:

1. that is conditional on the participant being present on the location of the game and there purchasing a bingo card,
2. where the possibility of winning depends on whether the numbers drawn agree with the numbers on the bingo card, and
3. where the participant immediately claims his or her prize.

**6 §** Gaming machine shall in this Act refer to a mechanical or electronic gaming machine.

In this Act

1. goods gaming machine shall mean a gaming machine paying prizes in the form of goods and where the possibility of winning is wholly or partly

random,

2. cash machine shall mean a gaming machine paying winnings in the form of cash and where the possibility of winning is principally random,

3. token machine shall mean a gaming machine paying prizes only in the form of certificates of value, gaming tokens or similar and where the possibility of winning is principally random. Act (2012:85).

7 § Chain letter game shall in this Act mean a game where the possibility of winning principally depends on the number of participants that gradually enter the game.

8 § Price base amount shall in this Act refer to the price base amount referred to in chapter 2 section 6 and 7 National Insurance Code [socialförsäkringsbalken]. Act 2012:1258.

## Permit and Type Approval Requirements

9 § Unless this Act provides otherwise, lotteries shall only be arranged after a permit has been obtained.

### General Permit Requirements

10 § A permit to organise a lottery may only be granted if it can be assumed that the operation will be run in a suitable manner, from a public interest perspective, which also ensures that necessary social and health protection considerations are taken into account, and in accordance with issued regulations and terms and conditions. Act (2016:1222).

### Permit Periods

11 § Lottery permits shall relate to a certain period of time and a certain area where the lottery operations are permitted to be conducted. Unless there are particular reasons for it to be otherwise, the area shall be the area where the organization applying for the permit principally conducts its activities.

Permits shall be granted to the entities arranging the lotteries.

### Conditional Permits

12 § The supervisory authority may attach special conditions and inspection and public order regulations to lottery permits.

### Principal

13 § There shall be a principal approved by the supervisory authority for each lottery subject to permit and arranged by a legal entity.

The supervisory authority may grant exemption from the requirement of a principal, if one is manifestly not required.

## Type Approval

**14 §** Sealed lottery tickets and bingo cards used in lotteries shall be of an approved type. This shall also apply to technical equipment used for stakes, drawing of prizes or monitoring of true lotteries and bingo games. Conditions may be attached to Type Approval decisions.

## True lotteries

### To whom permits may be granted

**15 §** Permits to arrange true lotteries must only be granted to Swedish legal entities that are non-profit associations and that

1. under their constitution have as their principal purpose the promotion of objects that are of public benefit within the country
2. conduct activities that principally satisfy such an object,
3. do not refuse anyone to become a member, unless there are particular reasons for this with regard to the nature or extent of the association's activities or object or for any other reason, and
4. need income from lotteries for their activities.

Permits may if there are special reasons also be granted to legal entities other than non-profit associations or legal entities with the principal aim of promoting objects that are for the public benefit outside the country.

### Permit Requirements

**16 §** Permits to arrange true lotteries may be granted, if

1. the value of the lottery prizes corresponds to at least 35 percent and not more than 50 percent of the value of the stakes,
2. the prize share is stated on the lottery tickets, the subscription lists or at the location where the lottery is held, and
3. it can be assumed that the lottery will give the applicant reasonable revenue and that this will be used for the relevant object of public benefit.

An estimate of probable prize results may be included in the basis for calculation of the value of prizes as referred to the first paragraph 1. This applies to lotteries with a list of prizes determined in advance and conducted in several counties.

The requirement under the first paragraph 3 relating to reasonable revenue shall not apply if there are special reasons for it to be otherwise.

If the lottery tickets are to be sold in a lottery ticket vending machine, it is

further required that

1. a list of prizes has been determined in advance,
2. prizes have been drawn in advance in the presence of an inspector approved by the supervisory authority, and
3. the machine does not pay out any prize. Act (2003:346).

## Lotteries requiring registration

**17 §** Organizations referred to in Section 15 and active principally in one single municipality may after registration arrange true lotteries during a three-year period, if

1. the lotteries are conducted only within the municipality or municipalities where the organization is active,
2. the lotteries are not conducted from a fixed place of sale provided by a service company,
3. the total stake amount of the lotteries arranged in the three-year period is not more than 20 price base amounts,
4. any prize in the form of cash amounts to not more than one price base amount,
5. the value of the prizes in each lottery corresponds to at least 35 percent and not more than 50 percent of the value of the stakes,
6. the prize share is stated on the lottery tickets, the subscription lists or at the location where the lottery is conducted, and
7. the lotteries have principals who are approved by the registration authority.

The registration authority may grant exemption from the requirement relating to a principal under the first paragraph 7 if one is manifestly not required.

The special requirements provided for lotteries referred to in section 16 fourth paragraph shall apply also to such lotteries.  
Act (2010:1258).

**18 §** is repealed by Act (2002:592).

## Lotteries not requiring permits

**19 §** Organizations referred to in section 15 first paragraph may arrange true lotteries without permit, if

1. the lottery is arranged in connexion with
  - a) a function or gathering arranged by or participated in by the organization or
  - b) a bingo game arranged by the organization,
2. the lottery is conducted solely within the area intended for the function, gathering or bingo game,
3. the value of each stake amounts to not more than 1/6 000 price base amount,
4. the value of the top prize amounts to not more than 1/6 price base amount,
5. the total value of the prizes corresponds to at least 35 percent and not

more than 50 percent of the value of the stakes, if the number of stakes and prizes and the value of these are determined according to a prepared schedule,

6. the prize share is stated on the lottery tickets or the subscription lists or on the premises where the lottery is conducted,

7. persons purchasing lottery tickets are when purchasing the lottery tickets notified of when and where prizes will be drawn and in what way the result of the draw will be made available to the general public, unless the prizes have already been drawn, and

8. prizes are drawn in public before the function, gathering or bingo game closes for the day, unless the prizes have been drawn already before the lottery tickets were sold.

Sale of lottery tickets by means of entering details on subscription lists may, notwithstanding the provisions of the first paragraph 2, commence four weeks prior to the function or gathering taking place. Act (2010:1258).

**20 §** True lotteries may also be arranged in cases other than those referred to in section 19, if

1. the lottery is arranged in connexion with

a) a public amusement event,

b) a public event in support of an object of public benefit, or

c) a public gathering for the performance of an artistic work in support of an object of public benefit

2. the lottery is conducted solely within the area intended for the event or gathering,

3. the prizes solely consist of goods or services,

4. the value of each stake amounts to not more than 1/6 000 price base amount,

5. the value of the top prize amounts to not more than 1/60 price base amount,

6. the prizes are handed out immediately in connexion with participation in

the lottery,

7. the total value of the prizes corresponds to at least 35 percent and not more than 50 percent of the value of the stakes, if the number of stakes and prizes and the value of these are determined according to a prepared schedule, and

8. the prize share is stated on the lottery tickets or displayed on the premises where the lottery is conducted. Act (2010:1258).

**21 §** True lotteries may be arranged without permit in connexion with the publication of printed periodical publications where a prizewinner is selected in a competition arranged in the publication, if

1. participation in the lottery is not conditional on possession of the publication or payment of a stake, and

2. the value of the prize amounts to not more than 1/60 price base amount. Act (2010:1258).

## Lotteries communicated by means of electromagnetic waves

**21 a §** Lotteries arranged in connexion with radio or television transmissions or otherwise communicated by electromagnetic waves shall be deemed true lotteries. This shall however not apply to betting in connexion with horse racing or to betting in connexion with sports competitions that is conducted in more than one municipality. Nor shall it apply to chain letter games or similar games. Act (2002:592).

**21 b §** True lotteries as referred to in Section 21 a must not be arranged except in the cases referred to in Section 21 c. Permits may be granted to the type of associations referred to in Section 15.

Permits shall only be granted if the conditions in Section 16 are complied with, where applicable.

Permits to arrange true lotteries on local radio, neighbourhood radio or by cable-transmission of television other than retransmission under the Radio and TV Act (2010:696) shall be granted only if it can be assumed that the market for local lotteries is not adversely affected. Act (2010:771).

**21 c §** True lotteries may be arranged without permits in connexion with radio or television transmissions where prizewinners are selected in a competition arranged in the transmission, if

1. participation in the lottery is not conditional on payment of a stake, and
2. the value of the top prize does not amount to more than 1/60 price base amount. Act (2010:1258).

**21 d §** The government, or the authority appointed by the government – with regard to lotteries that are subject to permit and which are mediated via electromagnetic waves – may issue regulations concerning participants' status in the population register, other requirements for the organisation of lotteries, and requirements on equipment used by the organiser. Act (2016:1222).

## Bingo Games

**22 §** Permits to arrange bingo games may be granted to organizations referred to in section 15, if

1. the value of the top prize does not exceed one price base amount,
2. the value of the prizes in the game corresponds to at least 35 percent of the value of the stakes
3. a list of prizes is displayed on the gaming premises, and
4. it can be assumed that the bingo game will give the organization reasonable revenue, unless there is reason for it to be otherwise.

If gaming using token machines occurs on the gaming premises, the

revenue that such gaming can be assumed to give to the organization shall be included in the assessment according to sub clause 4 of this section.

The value of the top prize may, if there are special reasons for it, amount to a higher amount than that referred to in the first paragraph 1, however not more than six price base amounts.

Permits shall be granted for a maximum of three years at a time.  
Act (2010:1258)

**23 §** is repealed by Act (2002:592).

**24 §** The organization's need for income from bingo games for its activities shall particularly be taken into account in the assessment of matters relating to bingo game permits under section 22.

If the scope for bingo games is limited in the market, the extent of the youth activities of organizations with objects naturally compatible with youth activities shall primarily be taken into account in the assessment of the need for income from bingo games. Preference shall also be accorded organizations conducting activities promoting understanding for and facilitating the habilitation of disabled children and young persons in the community.

## Gaming machines

**24 a §** Permits for gaming on gaming machines shall only be issued in respect of goods gaming machines, cash machines and token machines.  
Act (2009:1090).

## Goods gaming machines

**25 §** Permits to arrange gaming on goods gaming machines may be granted, if

1. the gaming is arranged in connexion with a public amusement event in the form of an amusement park or similar,
2. the value of the player's stake amounts to not more than 1/7 000 price base amount,
3. the value of the top prize amounts to not more than 1/300 price base amount,
4. the permit holder's name is displayed on each gaming machine,
5. it can be assumed that the gaming machine will not be used for any other purpose than that which it is intended for according to the application, and
6. it can be assumed that there will be good order on the premises or location where the gaming is conducted.

The government or an authority appointed by the government may issue regulations deviating from the first paragraph 1 and 4 concerning gaming location, gaming times and marking of gaming machines. Act (2010:1258).

## Gaming on cash machines and token machines

**26 §** Permits to arrange gaming on cash machines and token machines may be granted if the gaming is arranged on maritime vessels in international traffic. Act (2009:1090)

**27 §** Permits to arrange gaming on token machines may in cases other than those referred to in section 26 be granted, if

1. the gaming is arranged in connexion with hotel or restaurant operations, and if the business holds a permit to serve spirits, wine or strong beer under the Alcohol Act (2010:1622) [alkohollagen] or in connexion with bingo games,
2. the value of the player's stake amounts to not more than 1/7 000 price base amount per game,
3. the value of the top prize amounts to not more than one hundred times the stake,
4. not more than five token machines are located on each gaming site,
5. the value of the prizes in the game corresponds to at least 85 percent of the value of the stakes,
6. the machines can be monitored by telecommunications or computer based communications systems,
7. the name or other identifying mark of the permit holder is affixed to each machine,
8. it can be assumed that the machine will not be used for any purpose other than that which it is intended for according to the application, and
9. it can be assumed that there will be good order on the premises or location where the gaming is to be conducted.

Permits under the first paragraph shall only be granted to state-owned gaming companies. Act (2010:1626).

## Possession of cash machines and token machines

**28 §** Permits are required for possession of cash machines, token machines and goods gaming machines.

Possession of such machines without special permit is however permitted for

1. entities holding permits under sections 25, 26 or 27 to arrange gaming on gaming machines, if the machines are covered by the gaming permits,
2. estates of deceased possessors of machines, for a period of not more than one year from the death, and bankrupt estates of possessors of machines until conclusion of the bankruptcy, or

3. entities whose permits to possess machines have been revoked, until three months have elapsed from expiry of the time for appeal against revocation.

Special conditions and inspection and public order regulations may be attached to permits. Act (2009:1090).

**29 §** Cash machines, token machines and goods gaming machines shall not be imported to the country except by those who are entitled to possess such machines pursuant to section 28 first paragraph or second paragraph 1. Act (2009:1090).

**30 §** The government or an authority appointed by the government may prescribe exemptions from section 28 first paragraph and section 29 in respect of possession of cash machines, token machines and goods gaming machines

1. on board maritime vessels in international traffic for gaming on board the vessel, or
2. in commercial operations for the purposes of manufacture, repairs and similar. Act (2009:1090).

**31 §** The right to handle cash machines, token machines and goods gaming machines on which customs duty has not been paid shall be governed by the Transport, Storage and Destruction of Goods (Import Regulations) Act (1973:980) [lag om transport, förvaring och förstöring av införselreglerade varor, m.m.]. Act (2009:1090).

## Roulette games and dice games

**32 §** Permits to arrange roulette games and dice games may be granted, if

1. the game is arranged in connexion with
  - a) a public amusement event within an amusement park or similar premises,
  - b) hotel and restaurant operations, if the business is licensed to serve spirits, wine or strong beer under the Alcohol Act (2010:1622) [alkohollagen] or if it can otherwise be assumed that the game can be arranged in connexion with the operations without causing a nuisance, or
  - c) the traffic of maritime vessels in international traffic,
2. the value of the player's stake in respect of each individual possibility to win amounts to not more than 1/6 000 price base amount,
3. the value of the top prize in respect of each individual possibility to win amounts to not more than 1/200 price base amount, and
4. the applicant for a permit is deemed appropriate for the conduct of the operation. Act (2010:1626).

**33 §** The supervisory authority shall when making an assessment under section 32.4 take into account the applicant's experience in the field, financial circumstances, will and ability to perform its obligations towards the state, compliance with laws otherwise and other circumstances of

importance.

The assessment shall in case of limited companies, partnerships and co-operative societies or non-profit associations also cover

1. managing directors and others who through being in a management position have a controlling influence over the business,
2. members and alternate members of the board of directors or committee who have a material connexion with the legal entity through their own or a relative's financial interests, based on participating shares or comparable financial interests, and
3. partners of a partnership.

A person shall be deemed a relative of a member or alternate member of the board of directors or committee if deemed a relative of a debtor under chapter 4 section 3 first paragraph of the Bankruptcy Act (1987:672) [konkurslagen].

## Card games

**34 §** Permits to arrange card games may be granted, if

1. the game is arranged in circumstances referred to in section 32.1,
2. the value of the player's stake in respect of each individual possibility to win amounts to not more than 1/600 price base amount,
3. the value of the top prize in respect of each individual possibility to win amounts to not more than 1/400 price base amount, and
4. the applicant for a permit meets the requirements in section 32.4 pursuant to the provisions of section 33. Act (2010:1258)

## Parties prohibited from lottery participation

**35 §** A party who organises a lottery must not allow anyone under 18 years of age to participate in the lottery. The same applies to representatives/agents of the lottery organiser.

The first paragraph does not apply to lotteries organised in accordance with §§ 17, 19–21 and 21 c.

The age limit under the first paragraph, or the higher limit under the terms of a licence, that applies to a lottery shall be clearly indicated at gambling product points of sale. Act (2016:1222).

**36 §** Employees or officials of entities arranging bingo games, gaming on gaming machines other than token machines in Sweden, roulette games, dice games or card games shall not participate in the lottery. Act (1996:1168).

## Prohibited acts

**37 §** Entities arranging lotteries pursuant to this Act shall not provide credit for lottery stakes. This shall also apply to agents of the entity arranging the lottery.

If particular reason exists, the Swedish Gambling Authority may grant an exemption from the prohibition in the first paragraph of this section in respect to a specific lottery. Act (2004:1066)

**37 a §** Prizes paid out in connection with gaming on goods gaming machines must not be exchanged for other goods or cash by

1. the entity arranging the lottery,
2. the entity in possession of the site where the lottery is provided,
3. an entity carrying on business there, or
4. agents of the persons referred to in 1-3. Act (2001:1045).

**38 §** It is not permitted, in commercial operations or otherwise, for the purpose of profit to

1. promote participation in unlawful lotteries arranged within the country or in lotteries arranged outside the country, or
2. without the consent of the arranger sell lottery tickets, receive stakes or pass on prizes in lawful lotteries.

The government or an authority appointed by the government may grant exemption from the prohibition in the first paragraph 1 to promote participation in lotteries arranged outside the country, if

1. the lottery is arranged as a part of an international cooperation with Swedish participation within the field of lotteries, and
2. the foreign entity arranging the lottery has the right, according to the legislation of it's own country, to arrange lotteries or wagering and participate in international cooperation's. Act (2003:346).

## Licensing authority

### True lotteries

**39 §** Where a lottery is to be arranged by an organisation with its principal activity within only one municipality, a municipal committee determined by the municipality shall decide matters relating to the permits under section 16.

Registration pursuant to section 17 shall be effected with the municipal committee determined by the municipality.

**40 §** Where a lottery is to be conducted in several municipalities within one county, the county administrative board shall determine matters relating to permits under section 16.

The government issues regulations concerning which county administrative boards that is responsible for determine matters relating to permits according to the first paragraph. Act (2012:58).

**41 §** Where a lottery is to be conducted in several counties, the Swedish Gambling Authority shall determine matters relating to permits under section 16.

The Swedish Gambling Authority shall also determine matters relating to permits in instances where special permits are required pursuant to section 21 b. Act (2002:592).

## Bingo games

**42 §** The county administrative board shall determine matters relating to permits under section 22. The Swedish Gambling Authority shall however determine matters relating to permits if the bingo game is to be conducted in more than one county or if section 22 third paragraph shall be applied.

The government issues regulations concerning which county administrative boards that is responsible for determine matters relating to permits according to the first paragraph. Act (2012:58).

## Gaming machines, roulette games, dice games and card games

**43 §** The Swedish Gambling Authority shall determine matters relating to permits to arrange

1. gaming on goods gaming machines under section 25,
2. gaming on cash machines and token machines under section 26,
3. roulette games and dice games under section 32 and
4. card games under section 34. Act (2009:1090)

**44 §** The government or an authority appointed by the government shall determine matters relating to permits under section 27 to arrange gaming on goods gaming machines. The municipality concerned shall be given an opportunity to make representations prior to the granting of such permits.

## Lotteries in other cases

**45 §** The government may grant special lottery permits in other cases and according to other procedures than those specified in §§ 11–13, 15–24 and 32–34. However, such permits may not relate to chain letter games or similar games.

A lottery permit in accordance with the first paragraph may be granted only to those gambling operators owned by the State and those over which the State has the legal controlling influence. Act (2016:1222).

## Type approval

**46 §** The Swedish Gambling Authority shall determine matters relating to type approval under section 14.

## Permit to possess certain gaming machines

**47 §** The Swedish Gambling Authority shall determine matters relating to permits pursuant to section 28 to possess cash machines, token machines and goods gaming machines. Act (2009:1090).

## Marketing

**47 a §** The marketing of lotteries to consumers shall employ a level of moderation.

Marketing under the first paragraph may not be aimed specifically at children or adolescents under 18 years of age. Act (2016:1222).

**47 b §** Marketing that violates § 47 a – in the application of §§ 5, 23 and 26 of the Marketing Act (2008:486) – shall be regarded as unfair to consumers. Act (2016:1222).

## Supervision and monitoring

### Central and local supervision

**48 §** The Swedish Gambling Authority is charged with central monitoring of compliance with this Act and regulations issued pursuant to this Act. The Swedish Gambling Authority is also charged with more detailed supervision of lotteries arranged under permit from the Authority or the government.

The municipal licensing and supervisory authority and the country administrative board are charged with more detailed supervision of lotteries that are permitted to be arranged under the permit of or after registration with the authority.

County administrative boards and municipalities shall assist the Swedish Gambling Authority in its exercise of central supervision.

## Inspectors

**49 §** The licensing authority or the registration authority shall appoint an inspector of such true lotteries as are referred to in section 16, 17 and 21 b §§ and shall determine the inspector's fees. The fees shall be paid by the entities arranging the lotteries.

Entities that subsequent to registration arranges lotteries pursuant to section 17 shall on or before 15 February of each year account to the inspector for lotteries that have been arranged in the preceding calendar year. The inspector shall on or before 1 April of every year and on expiry of each permit period submit information to the registration authority about the total amount of stakes in lotteries arranged in the period. Act (2002:592).

## Duty to submit information

**50 §** Permit holders under this Act or those who pursuant to section 17 arrange lotteries after registration are obliged at the supervisory authority's request to submit any information or documentation or other items required for supervision.

## Warning and revocation of permits

**51 §** If a permit holder fails to comply with the provisions of this Act or directions, conditions or regulations issued pursuant to this Act, the authority granting the permit may issue a warning or revoke the permit.

The permit may also be revoked or amended if the grounds for granting the permit no longer are present or have changed.

Decisions to issue a warning or revoke a permit shall have immediate effect, unless otherwise determined.

## Orders and prohibitions

**52 §** Supervisory authorities may issue orders and prohibitions required for compliance with this Act and any directions and conditions issued pursuant to the Act shall be complied with.

Breach of such order or prohibition may be made subject to a fine.

## Fees

**53 §** Fees may be charged in matters relating to permits, registration, type approval and supervision under this Act.

Municipal councils shall determine the tariffs of fees relating to matters dealt with by municipal committees.

Fees shall in other cases be payable in accordance with regulations issued by the government or an authority appointed by the government.

## Penal provisions

**54 §** A fine or a maximum of six months' imprisonment may be imposed on persons who intentionally or by gross negligence

1. unlawfully arrange a lottery, or
2. unlawfully possess a cash machine, token machine or goods gaming machine.

A fine or a maximum of six months' imprisonment may also be imposed on persons who, in the course of business or otherwise, for the purpose of profit intentionally unlawfully promote participation in gaming arranged outside the country, if the promotion particularly relates to participation from Sweden.

There shall be no convictions for trivial offences.

Two years' imprisonment may be imposed if the offence is serious Act (2009:1090)

**55 §** Persons in breach of an order or prohibition subject to a fine under this Act shall not be sentenced to punishment pursuant to section 54 for acts covered by the order or prohibition.

**56 §** The provisions of chapter 23 of the Criminal Code [brottsbalken] shall apply if several persons are party to an offence under section 54.

**57 §** The provisions of sections 54 and 56 shall not be applied if the act is punishable under the Criminal Code [brottsbalken].

The Smuggling Penalties Act (2000:1225) [lagen om straff för smuggling] contains provisions relating to unlawful importation and attempted importation of goods. Act (2000:1252).

**58 §** Stakes received where an offence against this Act has been committed, shall be seized. Other proceeds from such offence shall also be seized. The same shall apply to equipment, documents and other property subject to such offence. If a gaming machine is seized, its contents shall also be seized. Seizure shall not be permitted if manifestly unreasonable.

Equipment, documents and other property used as an instrument to commit an offence under this Act may be seized if such is necessary to prevent crime or if special reason otherwise exists. The same shall apply to property intended for use as an instrument to commit such an offence, if the offence was carried out. Act (2005:306).

Confiscation may in addition to what is provided in chapter 36 section 5 of

the Criminal Code [brottsbalken] be levied at the premises of an entity that has provided the property in the course of business. The value of the property may be declared confiscated in lieu of the property.

## Appeals

**59 §** Appeals against decisions by a municipal committee, a county administrative board or the Swedish Gambling Authority under this Act lie to a general administrative court.

Leave is required for appeals to an administrative court of appeal.

## Coming into force and transitional provisions

1994:1000

1. This Act shall come into force on 1 January 1995, when the Lotteries Act (1982:1011) shall cease to apply.
2. Permits to arrange roulette games, dice games and card games that have been granted under older regulations shall cease to be valid not later than on 1 July 1995.
3. Permits other than those referred to in 2 and that have been granted under older regulations shall remain valid. Older regulations shall apply to such permits. Extension of permits relating to lottery vending machines, which are not permitted under the new Act, may not be granted for longer than until and including 31 December 1999 (inclusive). Registration of lotteries under older regulations shall remain in valid.
4. The Act may as from 1 October 1994 be applied to matters relating to lotteries to be arranged after 1 January 1995. Matters relating to permits that under the new Act shall be determined by the Swedish Gambling Authority shall before its coming into force be determined by the National Gaming Committee [Lotterinämnden].
5. Older regulations shall apply in matters relating to appeals against decisions issued before the coming into force of the Act in cases other than those referred in 4.

1996:860

This Act shall come into force on 1 December 1996.

1996:1168

1. This Act shall come into force on 1 January 1997.
2. Activities that before the coming into force of this Act were not deemed lotteries but that will require a permit under the new regulations may continue until and including 31 December 1997 on the condition that the entity arranging the activity not later than on 2 January 1997 notifies the Swedish Gambling Authority of the nature of the activities. This shall however not apply to activities constituting gaming on gaming machines under the new regulations.

1998:1475

This Act shall come into force on 1 January 1999.

1999:358

1. Section 27 of this Act shall come into force on 1 October 1999 and the remainder on 1 July 1999.

2. Older regulations shall apply until the end of 2000 in respect of permits to arrange gaming on goods gaming machines granted before 1 July 1999.

3. Possessors of goods gaming machines under permits pursuant to section 25 at the coming into force of the Act shall until the end of 2001 be entitled to possess the machines without such permit as referred to in section 28.

2000:1252

This Act shall come into force on 1 January 2001

2001:270

This Act shall come into force on 1 July 2001

2001:1045

This Act shall come into force on 1 February 2002

2002:592

This Act shall come into force on 1 August 2002

2003:346

This Act shall come into force on 1 July 2003

2004:1066

This Act shall come into force on 1 January 2005

2005:306

This Act shall come into force on 1 July 2005

2007:635

This Act shall come into force on 1 August 2007

2009:1090

This Act shall come into force on 27 December 2009

2010:771

This Act shall come into force on 1 August 2010

2010:1258

This Act shall come into force on 1 November 2011

2010:1626

This Act shall come into force on 1 November 2011

2012:85

This Act shall come into force on 1 July 2012

2016:1222

This Act shall come into force on 1 January 2017