

**Memorandum of Understanding between  
the Swedish Gambling Authority (Spelinspektionen) and the Gambling Commission**

**Introduction**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") establishes a proposed framework for cooperation and the broad principles of collaboration between the Swedish Gambling Authority (Spelinspektionen) and the Gambling Commission (the "Commission"), collectively referred to as "the parties" throughout this document.
2. The shared aims of those signing this MoU are to enable closer working between the parties to assist them in discharging their respective regulatory functions and duties.
3. This MoU is a statement of intent that does not give rise to legally binding obligations on the part of either Spelinspektionen or the Commission. The arrangements set out in this MoU are subject to what is permitted and required by law. It has been determined that no information sharing is required at this time, and that any future sharing of information, whether commercial information or personal information will be subject to a separate agreement. This position will be kept under regular review.
4. **The role and function of Spelinspektionen**

Spelinspektionen is a Swedish regulator controlled by the Ministry of Finance and its Board is appointed by the Government. The Authority is responsible for issuing licenses and permits for gambling according to the Swedish Gambling Act and have overall and independent responsibility for the control and supervision of gambling activities in Sweden. Spelinspektionen has the power to revoke licenses and issue warnings coupled with fines. Spelinspektionen is also the Authority that supervise that the licensees are in compliance with the Swedish AML Act. The supervision of Gambling advertising is shared between Spelinspektionen and the Swedish Consumer Agency (Konsumentverket). The Swedish Prosecution Authority handles prosecution of criminal offences regulated in the Swedish Gambling Act.

Gambling licenses may only be granted to those who are suitable according to The Swedish Gambling Act. The overall objectives with the Swedish gambling regulation are that gambling operations shall be appropriate from a public perspective and conducted in a sound and secure manner under public control. This implies, among other things;

- that the gambling shall have a high level of consumer protection,
- that the gambling is secure,
- that the negative impacts of gambling shall be limited, and
- that gambling shall not be used to support criminal activities.

## **5. Functions and powers of the Gambling Commission**

The Commission is an independent, non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Under the Gambling Act 2005 the Commission regulates all commercial gambling in Great Britain, apart from spread betting, in partnership with local Licensing Authorities. The Commission also has powers to prosecute criminal offences under the Gambling Act 2005.

The Commission has a statutory obligation to permit gambling insofar as it is consistent with the pursuit of the licensing objectives, which are to:

- prevent gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime and disorder or being used to support crime
- ensure that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and
- protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

### **Principles of cooperation**

6. Subject to any legal restrictions on the disclosure of information (whether imposed by statute or otherwise) and at their discretion, the parties may:
  - a. Communicate regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest (this may involve participating in multi-agency groups to address common issues and threats); and
  - b. Consult one another on any issues which might have significant implications for the other organisation.
7. The parties will comply with the general laws they are subject to, including, but not limited to, local data protection laws; the maintenance of any prescribed documentation and policies; and comply with any governance requirements in particular relating to security and retention, and process personal data in accordance with the statutory rights of individuals.

### **Duration and review of the MoU**

8. The parties will monitor the operation of this MoU and will review it biennially.
9. Any issues arising in relation to this MoU will be notified to the key contact for each organisation as listed at paragraph 20.
10. Any changes to this MOU identified between reviews may be agreed in writing between the parties.
11. If information sharing is required a separate agreement will be agreed in writing between the parties
12. Either party may bring this MOU to an end by giving 30 days' notice in writing to the other party.



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#### **Publishing Information on Our Website**

14. As part of the parties' commitment to transparency, the details of this MoU such as the name of the organisations and the date the MoU was signed may be published on each party's website.
15. If either party has any objections to the publication of this MoU please inform the key person detailed below at paragraph 16.

#### **Key contacts**

16. The parties have both identified a key person who is responsible for managing this MoU:

**Spelinspektionen** – Chief Legal Counsel, Johan Röhr

**The Gambling Commission** – Executive Director of Research and Policy, Tim Miller


17. Those individuals will maintain an open dialogue between each other in order to ensure that the MoU remains effective and fit for purpose. They will also seek to identify any difficulties in the working relationship, and proactively seek to minimise the same.

#### **Signature**

The duly authorised representatives of the parties whose signature appears below sign this MoU.

On behalf of Spelinspektionen being duly authorised

Name: Camilla Rosenberg, Director General

Signature: 

Date:

2024-03-05

On behalf of Gambling Commission being duly authorised

Name: Sarah Gardner in her capacity as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Signature: 

Date:

5<sup>th</sup> March 2024