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GAMING SNIPPETS

eCOGRA (eCommerce and Online Gaming Regulation and Assurance) is introducing a set of generally accepted practices for online poker rooms on the same basis that have been successfully implemented at 44 top Internet casinos over the past two years.

Following the lead of its larger competitors such as Google and Yahoo, pay per click search-engine, Kanoodle has announced that it will no longer accept online gambling listings.

Ryanair, the Irish low-cost airline, is planning to offer its passengers in-flight gambling via its new at-seat interactive entertainment system. The firm has been flooded with applications to run the system from egaming operators, but will not be rushing into any deal.

Trustmarque, the payment processor behind some of the UK's largest egaming names, has released an age verification product.

FindWhat.com has announced that in the fourth quarter they will they would stop showing online gambling advertising to people whose IP addresses indicated they were in the U.S., or people for whom it couldn't determine a location.

BBC news recently reported that Nielsen/Netratings found more than 4 million UK residents gamble online regularly. The UK lottery site is the most popular option, seeing an average of 1.4 million visitors per month.

SOFTWARE UPDATE

We now have 151 listings for Software Providers
<http://www.gamblinglicenses.com/software.cfm>

Orbis are developing a suite of new products for OpenBet, including Betting-in-Running Plus and Running-up-Money Engine. They are also working on technology through which a plastic card will replace cash for betting transactions and provide security verification.

Sportingbet Plc the world's largest publicly traded online betting, gambling and gaming company, has announced the acquisition of ParadisePoker.com, a leader in the fast-growing online poker sector, creating the first global online poker, sports betting and casino operator. The deal brings Sportingbet's customer base to more than two million players. ParadisePoker.com is the world's third largest online poker operator with a market share of approximately 10 percent

Home Gambling Network has granted Playtech a Master License for use of its Live Gaming technology. Playtech is currently the only major gaming solutions provider to offer operators a choice of both RNG-based games and live video stream games, where customers play opposite real dealers, in a single software application.

Microgaming has licensed the Tomb Raider™ brand from Eidos, one of the world's leading developers and publishers of entertainment software. The new online video slot game is themed around the world famous video game series Tomb Raider and its star Lara Croft™.

European Game & Entertainment Technology Ltd Ab (EGET), a Finnish supplier of digital gaming solutions, has delivered the first mobile Video Poker game to a licensed European online gaming operator, Ålands Penningautomatförening (PAF). In separate news, they delivered MMS mobile scratch cards to be used by the Swedish national gaming operator, Sperospel.

Boss Media has outsourced part of its gaming platform software development and maintenance to Accenture. They also announced that they would acquire an interest in Jadestone Group AB, a Swedish company that is a world-leading developer of games and technology for mobile phones. In addition, Jadestone develops online and multiplayer games for various digital channels, often in combination with one another. Among other innovations, the company has developed a unique 3D-platform in Java, which provides the possibility to play skill games in a web-based environment.

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JURISDICTIONS UPDATE

* * * USA * * *

In a ruling that could open the United States to offshore Internet gambling, a World Trade Organization panel that met Nov. 10 in Switzerland said Congress should drop prohibitions on Americans who place bets through online casinos. In its final 287-page report, the WTO panel confirmed the preliminary ruling it issued in March in a dispute that pits the U.S. against Antigua and Barbuda in the Caribbean. The report says the ban represents an unfair trade barrier. The U.S. has 60 days to file an appeal to WTO trade judges, who then must issue a final ruling within three months.

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US Government Responds to Casino City

The United States Department of Justice on Friday filed a motion to dismiss a case in which an Internet portal site has asked the court to protect what it believes is its constitutional right to carry advertisements for online gambling services.

Casino City, a Louisiana-based Web site, in August filed a case seeking declaratory judgment that advertising for online casinos and sports books is constitutionally protected commercial free speech under the First Amendment of the United States. The Department of Justice responded Friday by filing the motion to dismiss.

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* * * CANADA * * *

British Columbia Lottery Corporation has introduced Internet play and purchase as a new way to distribute select lottery products.

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* * * UNITED KINGDOM * * *

The long awaited UK Gambling Bill has been published by the Department of Culture Media and Sport. The gambling bill will allow operators of casinos and poker sites to be licensed in the UK for the first time, but the fine details of the remote gaming licences remain less than clear. On Nov 2 the second reading passed, however it is expected some amendments to the bill will be made during the Bill's committee stage.
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Two major credit card companies have taken steps to prevent their punters from using their cards to gamble online. American Express and Citigroup took the decision to block the use of their cards because of concerns over fraud and fears that people might run up debts.
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* * * BELIZE * * *

Said Musa, the Prime Minister and Minister Responsible for Gaming Control, has approved new gaming regulations. Of relevance are adjustments made to the Online Gaming regime for a more efficient processing and monitoring capacity while reducing the normal fees previously associated with licenses in Belize.
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* * * ALDERNEY * * *

US land-based casino giant Harrah's has closed its LuckyMe soft gaming website. Harrah's said the closure came as a result of a review of its online operations. Revenues at the female-orientated LuckyMe site were not thought to be substantial. But the innovative subscription model did not generate the interest it had hoped, and the firm said it will relaunch in 2005 with a new business model.
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* * * SWEDEN * * *

Betfair, the leading online betting exchange, is set to challenge the Dutch government's decision to grant an exclusive licence to De Lotto, the Dutch monopoly gaming and betting operator. Betfair decided to take this course of action after the Dutch Ministry of Justice sat on its licence application for more than a year and then rejected it.
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* * * THAILAND * * *

Ten foreign online gambling websites will soon be blocked. But apart from blocking the websites, the authorities will not be able to take any other action against them, the chief of Department of Special Investigation (DSI)'s Office of Technology and Information Technology,

Pol. Col. Yannaphol Yangyuen, told a local news source. "The DSI can only monitor those websites and submit recommendations to authorized agencies to block them," he said. The authorities will also need the cooperation of all 18 Internet Service Providers to be able to block local access to these websites.

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