

Gaming Regulation Update No. 2

Welcome to GovRisk's second gaming regulation update. In this update we would like to highlight the development of gaming law and regulations in places all over the world from Europe to Japan to the United States.

Asia Pacific

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe [expects to pass Japan's Casino Law](#) in by the end of this year. Large casino companies are bidding for licenses, the most notable coming from the Caesars Entertainment Corporation, the largest U.S. casino operator, who ultimately hope to [invest \\$5 billion in a Japanese casino](#).

Caribbean

In the Bahamas, the Atlantis Paradise Island (the venue of our regional Gaming Forum last year) must [wait for proposed gaming reforms to come into effect](#) before making a multi-million dollar investment in private gaming rooms.

The Head of Barbados's Hotel Tourism Association, Sunil Chatrani, has [called for gaming to be legalised on the island](#).

Africa

[Dog racing is being reconsidered by the South African government](#) after the idea was abandoned three years ago. Many organizations, including International Fund for Animal Welfare, [have strongly voiced their concerns](#).

Europe

Portugal is close to [making online gambling accessible within its borders](#). Portuguese Casino Association President Jorge Armindo remarked: "It is good that online gambling is getting regulated and becomes a legal form of gambling."

Conversely, online gaming is proving more difficult to implement in the Netherlands. An ["unrealistically high" proposed tax rate set by the Dutch government](#) means that [there will be a delay in implementing the legalization of online gambling](#), initially scheduled for the 1st January 2015.

The [8th World Gaming Executive Summit began](#) on the 8th July in Barcelona. The large conference includes a day that is focused exclusively on gaming regulation. James Berkeley, a moderator for a session at the WEGS, [commented on the event](#) and laid out some subjects he will discuss while at the conference.

Americas

The Northeastern United States is turning into a destination for new casinos and slot parlours. Boston looks to gain [an expected \\$73 million in revenue](#) from new gaming outlets as long as [Massachusetts' new gambling law is not repealed in November](#).

The State of New York could be adding a large gaming centre in Long Island as Caesars Acquisition Company and Caesars Entertainment Corporation have [submitted an application](#) to build an \$880 million luxury casino. Caesars looks to [compete with other major gaming companies](#) for a NY casino license.

The Association of Lotteries, Pools and Casinos (ALEA) is [preparing to bring forward new regulatory legislation](#) to the Argentinian government in the near future. This new framework stems from chaotic and disorganized regulating in their provinces and capital Buenos Aires.

Thank you

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