

Gaming Regulation Update No. 3 – over 500 Subscribers!

Phew! A breathless few weeks and we have passed 500 subscribers! This means that as you read this, you are part of an active and growing community of regulators, government officials, operators, suppliers and service providers who want to stay up to date with gaming regulation. All this in three short issues! We will continue to issue updates depending on what is in the news – if there is less to discuss, the emails will be less frequent. This week we are highlighting multiple nations that are looking to legalise and regulate gaming around the world.

Asia Pacific

A leading scholar of Macau gaming law, Jorge Godinho, has gone on record stating that there are [visible gaps in Macau's gaming regulation](#). Godinho also states that one large reason for the loss of revenue in the gaming mecca is due to ["side-betting" in Macau casinos](#).

The Japanese Parliament continues to work on the country's first gaming law. [Many individuals see the economic gain and also an increase in tourism before Japan hosts the 2020 Olympics, while others in Japan worry about the addiction and social ills of casinos](#). Pachinko companies, (Pachinko is a pinball-slot-machine hybrid game in Japan), [look to take advantage of the possible casinos in Japan](#).

Caribbean

The [Jamaican Government intends to bring online gaming](#) to the island nation "within the next year".

Bermuda is looking at [a new bill which would legalise and regulate gambling](#). This includes multiple governing bodies that will work to execute regulations and suggest new gaming legislation to the government.

Americas

[Mexico](#) and [Brazil](#) are both looking to enact new gaming regulation laws. Mexico looks to focus on restructuring their regulation system while Brazil's legislation focuses on the regulation of their internet gambling market.

In the wake of four large casinos closing their doors in Atlantic City, [the American Gaming Association is looking to fight the "over-regulation"](#) of the gaming industry in New Jersey. The AGA has attributed the struggle of gaming in Atlantic City to over-regulation coupled with the emergence of gambling operations in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New York.

Africa

[Members of staff of the National Gaming Commission of the Mozambique Tourism Ministry attended a course on gaming regulation in Macau in mid-July](#). Mozambique looks to learn from Macau's experience to allow for greater development of gaming in the African Nation.

Europe

Malta could soon become the [first country in the world to regulate "social" casino games](#), possibly by the end of 2014.

[The Dutch Council of Ministers has approved a 20% gross revenue tax for online gaming operators](#). This means that the Netherlands will be on schedule to [open its online gaming market worldwide at the beginning of 2015](#).

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