

Gaming Regulation Update No. 4

Good afternoon from a gloriously sunny London! Right. Fourth update, to business:

Asia Pacific

[Nepal looks to reopen all of its casinos](#) after a standstill between gaming representatives and the government. The country's ten casinos have been closed since April after refusing to pay license fees they regarded as too high.

The [Japanese government plans to set up a new body](#) that could help speed up the process of opening the first casino resorts in Japan in time for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. This body will include officials from various government agencies within Japan.

Caribbean

[Bermuda has completed their gaming bill](#) and looks to have such approved by their legislature by the end of 2014. This bill includes both the legalisation and regulation of casino gaming in Bermuda.

Americas

The [Senate Indian Affairs Committee held an oversight](#) meeting over the weekend with the purpose of observing the first 25 years of regulation under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. "Indian Country" writer Paul Moorehead says Indian Gaming has "[so much more to do](#)".

Argentina has [drafted new federal legislation for online gaming](#), to replace a "stifling and provincial" setup of local rules and jurisdictions with a new layered regulatory system.

Africa

Veronica Commey of Vibe Ghana writes about the [mixed perception of lotteries in Ghana](#).

Europe

[The final text of the proposed new Dutch gaming laws was presented to the Netherlands House of Representatives on July 23](#). The process of the approving this legislation should take the remainder of the year to go through unless the bill is denied or sent back for more changes.

The [new UK Gambling Act](#), complete with its 'point of consumption' regulatory framework, comes into effect on October 1st, 2014. The Gambling Act could act as a potential model for other European online gambling markets if it succeeds in the United Kingdom.

Updated Russian gambling laws will allow a whole new industry to flourish in the country. President Vladimir Putin signed off on the [latest regulations establishing new gambling zones in Crimea](#).

Registration for the Caribbean Forums

A small admin note: the nice people at Xing events (they provide our online registration for the two Caribbean Forums) have reduced their fees. You will now pay a £7 flat fee, plus 1% bank transfer charge or 2.6% for credit card charge for registrations. Details on the website.

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