

Gaming Regulation Update No. 5

This week's Update includes many news articles about the continuing emergence of online gaming throughout the world.

Asia Pacific

A thorough article in the Wall Street Journal this week describes the [increased scrutiny from the Chinese government](#) on mainlanders avoiding cash import duties using pawn shops and money service businesses to bring money into Macau.

[A legislator in the Philippines has proposed a bill](#) to regulate online gambling activities within the country. The legislator, Samuel D. Pagdilao, wants the government to monitor Internet gambling "and protect minors from the pernicious effects of gambling".

Caribbean

Jamaica is bringing [several sectors under the scrutiny of the AML/CFT regulatory regime](#). In Financial Action Task Force (FATF) terminology, this is to implement a Risk-Based Approach (RBA) in the non-financial sectors (DBFBPs).

Americas

[Online gaming is making gains in the United States](#) as both California and Kentucky look to introduce online poker and lotteries into their states.

A Government Accountability Office (GAO) [report on Indian gaming is scheduled to be released in 2015](#). Congressmen eagerly wait for the release of this report as many look to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act based on the GAO's findings.

[Politicians and Native American Tribes in the state of Connecticut are currently fighting over the federal recognition of three additional Connecticut tribes](#), which would bring more tribal gaming into the state.

The Canadian gaming and online gambling company [Amaya announced last week that it has received all required approvals from the gaming regulatory authorities](#) that currently license Rational Group Ltd. in connection with Amaya's previously announced acquisition.

Europe

[The Crimea Gaming Congress has been organized](#) by Moscow-based conference organizer Smile Expo for August 22nd in Yalta.

Spanish gaming and lottery operators are facing extensive procedural changes based on [new anti-money laundering \(AML\) regulations](#) that were passed in May by the government of Spain.

[Portugal looks to regulate the online gaming industry in their country by late 2014](#). This would make up for Portugal's absence of regulation which has led to many professional poker players relocating to the European coastal nation.

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