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Notifiable Actions – Date of Effect
Technical Amendments
Replacement of Gaming Machines

From 1 December 2015 the *Gaming Machine Amendment Regulation 2015 (No 2)* will come into effect.

What notifiable actions are affected?
The amendment applies to the date of effect for the following notifiable actions:

- section 37B – a technical amendment to a gaming machine (e.g. change game installed or percentage payout); and
- section 113A(1)(c) – disposal of a gaming machine where the machine is being replaced with a new machine.

What changes?
The amendment will extend the prescribed number of days for the date of effect (section 173E(a)) to 20 business days.

What does this mean?
The amendment will allow licensees to complete the action for a technical amendment or replacement of a gaming machine anytime from the 11th business day to the 21st business day after the notification form is provided to the Commission.

Note: Licensees cannot undertake the intended action prior to the expiry of the initial 10 business days as during this time the Commission can request additional information about the action.

What must a licensee do?
During the period of the 11th to the 21st business day once the action is completed the licensee must provide the Commission with an Installation Certificate (existing requirement under section 45 of the Act).

What will the Commission do?
Once the Installation Certificate is received by the Commission they will advise the licensee in writing (which may be by email) that the action has taken effect at an earlier date than the 21st business day (for example the day the installation certificate was signed). The Commission is able to do this with their existing powers under section 173E(b) of the Act.

How does the change benefit licensees?
The amendment provides licensees with the flexibility to undertake the above actions during a period of ten days and not on a specified day (the 11th or 21st day after notification).