



## **Memorandum of Understanding between Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann, the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland and the Gibraltar Gambling Commissioner acting in the capacity as the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority and as Executive Director to the Gibraltar Gambling Licensing Authority**

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### **Introduction**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding (“MoU”) establishes a proposed framework for cooperation and the broad principles of collaboration between Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann, the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland (the “GRAI”) and the Gibraltar Gambling Commissioner acting in the capacity of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority (the “GRA”) and as the Executive Director to the Gibraltar Gambling Licensing Authority, collectively referred to as “the parties” throughout this document.
2. The shared aims of those signing this MoU are to enable closer working between the parties to assist them, in discharging their respective regulatory functions and duties.
3. This MoU is a statement of intent that does not give rise to legally binding obligations on the part of either the GRAI or the GRA. The arrangements set out in this MoU are subject to what is permitted and required by law. It has been determined that no information sharing is required at this time, and that any future sharing of information, whether commercial sensitive information, or personal information will be subject to a separate agreement. This position will be kept under regular review.
4. **The role and function of Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann, the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland**

The GRAI is responsible for licensing and regulating betting, gaming, certain lotteries and the sale or supply of products, or services related to gambling in Ireland. The GRAI was established in March 2025 and became a regulatory body under the Gambling Regulation Act 2024.

The functions of the GRAI are set out in Section 15 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024, which provides that the general functions of the Authority shall be:

- (a) to license, supervise and control gambling activities in Ireland,
- (b) to establish and maintain—
  - i. a register of gambling licensees, and
  - ii. a National Gambling Exclusion Register,
- (c) to establish, maintain and administer the Social Impact Fund,

- (d) to establish, or cause to be established, standards for certain gambling products or gambling related services, or both, and to certify those products or services for sale or supply by a licensee of a Business to Business gambling licence,
- (e) to impose obligations on licensees and other persons in relation to advertising and branded clothing and merchandise,
- (f) to impose obligations on licensees including, in relation to the protection of children, inducements to gamble, the sponsorship of relevant gambling activities, the training of staff, the notification of suspicious gambling patterns and the maintenance of accounts and records,
- (g) to monitor and enforce compliance by licensees with this Act,
- (h) to take such enforcement measures as are necessary to enforce relevant obligations,
- (i) to deal with complaints made to the Authority,
- (j) to take measures to stop prohibited gambling activities,
- (k) to enhance public awareness and disseminate information to the public in respect of the licensing and regulation of gambling activities,
- (l) to be a competent authority for the purposes of the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010,
- (m) to enter into information sharing arrangements with persons outside the State performing similar functions to the Authority and to enter into information sharing agreements with persons in the State,
- (n) to engage in research activities in relation to gambling activities,
- (o) to conduct a review of the operation of this Act from time to time and to report to the Minister for Justice on the outcome of the review and, if appropriate, to make recommendations to the Minister following that review,
- (p) to report to the Minister for Justice on the performance of its functions when requested to do so by the Minister, and
- (q) to cooperate, in relation to the regulation of gambling activities, with the Charities Regulatory Authority, the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission, Coimisiún na Meán and the Revenue Commissioners.

In accordance with Section 106 of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024, the GRAI may enter into an arrangement with a person (whether a body corporate, an unincorporated body or an individual) outside Ireland that, under the law of a place other than Ireland, performs functions that are the same as or similar to those performed by the GRAI.

## **5. Functions and powers of the Gambling Commissioner of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority**

Section 5 of the Gambling Act 2005, provides that the Licensing Authority shall be the Minister, or such other person as the Minister shall appoint.

For the purposes of this MoU, the Licensing Authority operates through the GRA and the Gambling Commissioner, shall have regard to the general policy of HM Government of Gibraltar (HMGoG) in relation to the carrying out of gambling operations in Gibraltar and shall comply with any general directions given by HMGoG pursuant to that policy.

Under Section 6 of the Gambling Act 2005, the Gambling Commissioner shall be such individual or body as the Minister may appoint. In 2020, \_\_\_ was appointed as the Gambling Commissioner for the GRA. The GRA, regulates all gambling operations in Gibraltar in partnership with the Licensing Authority. The Gambling In accordance with Section 6(6)(g) of the Gambling Act 2005, The Gambling Commissioner: *may liaise with such persons or organisations as the Commissioner considers would be useful or necessary for the performance of his functions*

### **Principles of cooperation**

6. Subject to any legal restrictions on the disclosure of information (whether imposed by statute, or otherwise) and at their discretion, the parties may:
  - a. Communicate regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest (this may involve participating in multi-agency groups to address common issues and threats); and
  - b. Consult one another on any issues which might have significant implications for the other organisation/jurisdiction.
7. The parties will comply with the general laws they are subject to, including, but not limited to, local data protection laws; the maintenance of any prescribed documentation and policies; and comply with any governance requirements in particular relating to security and retention, and process personal data in accordance with the statutory rights of individuals. For the avoidance of doubt, no personal data, or commercially sensitive information, is proposed to be exchanged between the parties, as part of this MoU.

### **Duration and review of the MoU**

8. The parties will monitor the operation of this MoU and will review it biennially.
9. Any issues arising in relation to this MoU will be notified to the key contact for each organisation as listed at paragraph 15.
10. Any changes to this MoU identified between reviews may be agreed in writing between the parties.
11. If information sharing (for the purpose of enforcement, prosecution or otherwise) is required a separate agreement will be agreed in writing between the parties.
12. Either party may bring this MoU to an end by giving thirty (30) days' notice in writing to the other party.

### **Publishing Information on the party's website**

13. As part of the parties' commitment to transparency, the details of this MoU such as the name of the organisations and the date the MoU was signed, may be published on each party's website.

14. If either party has any objections to the publication of this MoU, please inform the key person detailed below at paragraph 15.

### **Key contacts**

15. The parties have both identified a key person who is responsible for managing this MoU:

**Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann, the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland–**  
and

**The Gambling Commissioner acting as the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority and Executive Director for the Licensing Authority –**

16. The key contacts, will maintain an open dialogue between each other in order to ensure that the MoU remains effective and fit for purpose. They will also seek to identify any difficulties in the working relationship, and proactively seek to minimise the same.

### **Signature**

The duly authorised representatives of the parties whose signature appears below sign this MoU.

On behalf of Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann, the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland, being duly authorised

Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

On behalf of the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority being duly authorised

Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2025