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Netherlands - 1964 Gambling Act



Full title of law or regulation	Dutch Gambling Act of 1964 or GA (<i>"Wet op de kansspelen"</i> or "WoK")
Title of relevant section	Article 1 and Article 4a
Title	Article 1
Clause	1. Except for that which is stipulated in <u>Section Va</u> of this Act, it is prohibited:
	a. To offer an opportunity to compete for prizes or bonuses if the designation of the winners takes place by probability over which the participants in general car exert no dominant influence, unless it is authorised under this Act;
	b. To promote the public participation in an opportunity as intended, provided without a license pursuant to this Act, or a similar opportunity offered in Europe outside the Netherlands, or to stock documents intended to communicate or disseminate such;
	c. To make use of an intended opportunity, knowing that it was not licensed under this Act;
	d. To arouse, deliberately contrary to the truth, the suspicion that ar opportunity being offered is authorised under a license issued under this Act, or that no prescription or not all of the stated prescriptions under the license apply.
	2. It is prohibited to act in contravention to the prescriptions attached to the license.
Title	Article 4a
	 Holders of permits under this Act shall take the measures and arrangements necessary to prevent as much as possible addiction to the games organised by them. The holders of permits under this Act shall give form to soliciting and advertising activities carefully and in a balanced way, with particular attention to preventing excessive participation. The careful and balanced soliciting and advertising activities referred to in the second paragraph in any event include soliciting and advertising activities not being misleading and that these activities;
	a. Refer to the risks of excessive participation in games of chance;
	b. Indicate the statistical chance of winning a prize, and
	c. Indicate whether it concerns a one-time participation or ongoing participatior until notice of termination.
	4. Soliciting and advertising activities in any event are deemed to be misleading as
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referred to in the third paragraph if information is provided therein that:

- a. Gives the impression that the consumer has already won or will win a prize or
- b. Gives the impression that the consumer will win a prize or obtain another equivalent benefit by performing a particular act, while there is only a probability of such.
- 5. By or pursuant to a governmental decree, rules may be established concerning the first to the fourth paragraphs
- 6. The rules referred to in the fifth paragraph relate among others to:
 - a. The content of soliciting and advertising activities;
 - b. The target groups to which such activities are directed;
 - c. The quantity, duration and time, and
 - d. The manner of and location where soliciting and advertising took place.
- 7. The recommendation for a governmental decree pursuant to the fifth paragraph will not made earlier than four weeks after the draft has been submitted to both Houses of the States General.