

Advisory on the Regulation of Remote Games of Chance under the Gambling Control Act (2022)

1. The Gambling Control Act (GC Act) came into effect on 1 August 2022, and the Remote Gambling Act had been repealed accordingly. The GC Act regulates gambling activities in Singapore (including remote gambling activities) to maintain law and order and minimize the potential harm of gambling, especially to young and other vulnerable persons. Accordingly, remote games of chance (RGoC) offered by any person in Singapore, or to people residing in Singapore would be regulated under the GC Act, and in particular, under the Gambling Control (Remote Games of Chance – Class Licence) Order 2022 (the Order) which was published and came into effect on 15 August 2022.
2. The Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) would regulate the following categories of RGoC through a class licence regime, as follows:
 - a. Free-to-play RGoC (termed as interactive games of chance under the Type 1 class licence in the Order) which provide prizes which are money, money equivalent or anything else of value and where the prizes can be monetised within the game. The design and display of such games must not include specific gambling articles.
 - b. RGoC (both free-to-play and pay-to-play, and termed as interactive games of chance under the Type 2 class licence in the Order) which provide transferable in-game items as prizes, and where such prizes are not money and cannot be converted within the game into money, money equivalent or anything else of value unrelated to the game.
3. Under the class licence regime, any person who wishes to offer an RGoC from the abovementioned categories (i.e. under the Type 1 and Type 2 class licences as per stipulated in the Order) do not need to apply for a licence from GRA, and can continue to develop and publish games so long as they comply with the respective set of conditions specified in the Order.
4. For the avoidance of doubt, pay-to-play games which provide facilities for in-game monetisation of in-game items, or which award prizes that are real-world payouts to its players, will continue to be prohibited.
5. For further details on the Order, please refer to the Singapore Statutes Online (<http://sso.agc.gov.sg>).
6. Please contact feedback@gra.gov.sg if you have any queries.