

ONLINE GAMBLING LEGAL ALERT

SRIJ's latest press release:

SRIJ received a detailed opinion from the European Commission regarding the technical regulation of the online gambling technical system. Because of this, they state that only on December 7th will the said regulation enter into force, which will inevitably delay the whole licensing procedure. Nonetheless, SRIJ emphasizes that this "delay" does not prevent operators from presenting licensing applications and that previously submitted applications are already being analyzed.

(Full text here: <u>http://www.srij.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/comunicado/</u>).

In sum, it appears that, contrarily to what was SRIJ's prior stance, they are in fact sending the regulation drafts to the Commission, complying therefore with Directive 98/34/CE.

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