



LEGAL INFORMATION STATEMENT

Regarding the Dutch Legal Position of Players Using Foreign Online Casinos Outside the CRUKS System

Under the current Dutch gambling regulatory framework, as governed primarily by the Remote Gambling Act (Wet Kansspelen op afstand) and supervised by the Dutch Gambling Authority (Kansspelautoriteit – KSA), enforcement activities are predominantly directed toward operators that offer online gambling services to Dutch residents without the required Dutch license. In practice, the regulatory focus of the KSA has historically centered on unauthorized operators, advertising practices, payment facilitation, and compliance obligations, rather than on individual players participating in online gambling activities.

From a practical enforcement perspective, there is limited public evidence of direct administrative or criminal enforcement measures being systematically pursued against individual Dutch players solely for accessing foreign online casino platforms that operate outside the CRUKS exclusion system. Nevertheless, participation in such platforms may place players outside the protections available under the regulated Dutch gambling market, including consumer safeguards, responsible gambling measures, dispute resolution mechanisms, and regulatory oversight provided under Dutch licensed operators.

It should further be noted that CRUKS (Centraal Register Uitsluiting Kansspelen) functions as a self-exclusion and player protection mechanism applicable to licensed gambling providers operating within the Dutch regulatory system. Foreign operators without Dutch authorization are generally not integrated into the CRUKS framework, which may allow excluded individuals to continue accessing gambling services through offshore platforms despite domestic restrictions.

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