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SUBJECT: Legal Position Concerning Dutch Participation in Foreign Online Gambling Platforms Outside the CRUKS System

This statement is provided as a general informational legal commentary regarding the current Dutch regulatory position applicable to individual players accessing foreign online gambling platforms outside the Dutch CRUKS self-exclusion system. It does not constitute binding legal advice, a formal legal memorandum, or legal representation concerning any specific factual circumstance.

Under the Dutch Remote Gambling Act (*Wet Kansspelen op Afstand*) and the regulatory framework supervised by the Netherlands Gambling Authority (*Kansspelautoriteit*), enforcement policy is principally directed toward gambling operators offering services within the Netherlands without the required Dutch authorization or license. Current Dutch gambling legislation does not expressly impose criminal liability upon individual players solely for participating in offshore online gambling activities.

However, individuals engaging with unlicensed offshore gambling operators may not benefit from the consumer safeguards, financial protections, responsible gambling measures, and dispute resolution mechanisms available under the regulated Dutch gambling framework. This distinction is particularly relevant in the context of the Dutch CRUKS system, which applies exclusively to licensed operators operating within the national regulatory structure.

From an EU and international law perspective, the legal position of individual players remains materially distinct from the licensing, compliance, and enforcement obligations imposed upon gambling operators. This distinction is generally consistent with broader European regulatory principles relating to cross-border digital services and operator-focused enforcement policies.

This assessment is limited to Dutch law and regulatory policy as interpreted on the date of issuance and may be subject to future legislative amendments, judicial interpretation, or regulatory developments.

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