Dear all,

Let me give you a brief summary of yesterday's press conference of the Ministry of Finance on the current impacts of regulation of gambling operation, the Reporting Decree and on the preparatory work related to development of AISG, which was attended by representatives of our Institute so that we can provide you with the most accurate information about its content. This press conference was attended by Mrs. Alena Schillerová as well as Managing Director of the Customs Administration, Mr. Milan Poulíček, Director of the 73rd Division, Mr. Martin Šabo, and the Emeritus Senior Doctor of the Psychiatric Hospital in Bohnice, Mr. Karesl Nešpor.

During this press conference, representatives of the MoF and the Customs Administration focused primarily on general declarations related to the impacts of the current regulation of gambling operation, i.e. primarily the reduction of the number of gambling premises, the decrease of licensed slot machines and VLTs. In addition, it was stated that the Czech Republic collected CZK 9,8 billion on gambling tax in 2018, which represents a decrease of CZK 2,4 billion compared to 2017, when CZK 12,2 billion and CZK 700 million more million were collected in 2016, when a total of CZK 10,5 billion was collected on gambling tax.

In the next course of the press conference, the results of administrative proceedings led by both the Ministry of Finance and the Customs Administration were presented, and detailed statistics can be found in the presentation of the Mof.

From the point of view of the new system AISG, only the general outcomes, which you learned during the last week's IFGR expert section meeting, were presented.

In relation to the Reporting Decree, the MoF informed that **the workshops for operators**, in which they will be able to learn more details about the provision of game and financial data through automated outputs, **will be held on 25th February 2019 and 11th March 2019**. More detailed program of these workshops as well as the information on applications and other organizational matters can be found here.

At the same time, during the press conference, the MoF published on its website methodological and technical information concerning the Reporting Decree, which shows the following timetable:

- **The methodology** for properly fulfilling the obligations of the reporting decree should be gradually published between **February and March 2019.**
- **Interactive model for daily game reporting** for live game should be available during **March 2019**
- **Helpdesk** for solution of technical or methodological problems with performance of the Reporting Decree (available via the Customs Administration website) should be launched **in March 2019**
- **Public Testing Environment,** during which the "check of formal correctness, sending and issuing confirmation packages" will be under way, will be launched **in March 2019**
- **Reference client,** which will also contain for example a sample configuration of an operator's web server for the authentication of encryption of network connections, will be published **in March 2019**

**At the same time, the Ministry of Finance confirmed** the information declared by us that **each operator must register** for automated output pursuant to Section 2 of the Reporting Decree **by 2nd May 2019.**

As part of the press release published by the Ministry of Finance on its website, it is stated that, in the context of the information system, the supervisory authorities' staff will *"only work with pseudonymized identifiers, that is not by name, surname or personal data of individual players."* It is clear also from this statement that the MoF reflected the significance of risks linked to the potential threat to the personal data of players and tries to reassure the public about the protection of all data. This could be seen as a significant improvement, but still, more safeguards on data protection are needed.