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## **RGSB Publishes National Responsible Gambling Strategy**

The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) has today published a document which sets out the strategy which it recommends for the next three year (2016-17 and 2018-19) to encourage responsibility in gambling, to reduce or mitigate gambling-related harm, and to increase protection of the vulnerable. The Industry Group for Responsible Gambling (IGRG) supports this strategy and will work with all stakeholders to support its implementation.

The role of the RGSB is to provide independent advice to the Gambling Commission and through them to the Government, on a national responsible gambling strategy. The publication today builds on the previous three year strategy.

Commenting on the publication, IGRG Chairman John Hagan said:  
"A huge amount of work has gone into developing this strategy and it is something that we very much welcome. Within the IGRG, which represents the major trade associations for each of the gambling sectors, we are committed to working with the RGSB and other stakeholders in order to implement this strategy in a way that will bring real benefits to consumers of gambling products.

"As an industry we are determined to minimise gambling related harm and from an IGRG perspective we will ensure that all current and future projects will fit within the remit of the new Strategy."

### **NOTES TO EDITORS:**

Further information and copies of the Strategy document can be found at:  
<http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/Home.aspx>

### **IGRB**

The IGRG is comprised of the Association of British Bookmakers (ABB); The Amusement Machine Trade Association (BACTA); The Bingo Association (BA); National Casino Forum (NCF); and the Remote Gambling Association (RGA)

These trade bodies represent businesses whose primary purpose is the provision of gambling opportunities, whose memberships reflect the spectrum of businesses trading and which have a detailed understanding of their representative areas.

IGRG's member associations represent some 640 operators and 8,500 licensed premises across the gambling industry.