

Appropriate use of Occasional Use Notices (OUNs)

OUNs were designed to allow licensed betting operators to provide facilities at genuine sporting events, within the boundaries of the identified venue on a specific date. Subject to this primary purpose, they also do allow for betting at away events.

Previously we have expressed concerns that OUNs were being utilised outside of the intended purpose. Local sporting clubs, or other venues seeking to become tracks through a contrived sporting event, have utilised OUNs to solely or primarily facilitate betting taking place at away events such as the Cheltenham Festival, the Grand National meeting at Aintree and Royal Ascot.

We are aware that a small number of OUNs have been served over the past few months contrary to the intended use. We will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with our licensing authority partners. Should the Commission become aware of an increase in the usage of OUNs contrary to the legislative intention, we will engage directly with the licensed operators concerned and additional licence conditions may be imposed onto their licences.

Before offering betting facilities under an OUN operators should ask themselves one question – Is the primary purpose to facilitate betting at genuine sporting events, within the boundaries of the identified venue on a specific date? If yes, that's fine. If not, don't do it.

More information is available on our [website](#) .
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[\(Money Laundering Risk assessment template\)](#)
19/04/2017

Changes to how we accept applications for a new licence

From 6 April we will only accept applications for a new operating licence through our online system. We will be making improvements to application online to make this easier, so the system will not be available from Monday 13 March through to Thursday 6 April. Any application that has not been fully submitted by 13 March, will be lost and a new application will need to be made after 6 April.

[\(Timescales in processing applications\)](#)

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[EU Fourth Money Laundering Directive](#)

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