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The Danish Gambling Authority extends licences to betting and online casino

Around this time last year the Danish Gambling Authority issued 1-year betting and online casino licences to a number of Danish and foreign operators. These 1-year licences have now been extended to 5-year licences. Meanwhile, the Danish Gambling Authority continues to block illegal websites in order to protect consumers and the licence holders on the Danish market.

The Danish Gambling Authority has extended the majority of the 1-year licences to betting and online casino which were issued in December 2011 into 5-year licences. A total of 25 operators of which 5 are Danish and 20 foreign, are now having their licences extended. In addition, there are currently a total of 9 operators with income-restricted licences, meaning that their gross gambling revenue must not exceed DKK 1 Million.

You can always find an updated list of operators with a licence to offer betting and online casino in Denmark on our <u>website</u>. (Danish language).

In the coming year, the Danish Gambling Authority will continue to protect the legal operators' investments in the Danish market. This means that the Danish Gambling Authority will continue its work to protect the legal market and keep an eye on illegal websites. In the previous year the Danish Gambling Authority has requested several operators providing betting and online casino without a licence to end their illegal activities. While the majority has chosen to comply, the Danish Gambling Authority was forced to cause the DNS-blocking of 12 and 8 illegal websites in June and November 2012 respectively through an order from the bailiff's court.

When it comes to enforcing the Danish Gambling Act and its demand for a proper and legal gambling market, the Danish Gambling Authority has a range of tools available including the possibility of blocking illegal websites. Another important tool is the on-going effort made by the Danish Gambling Authority to combat advertising of illegal gambling activities.

According to Tina R. Olsen, Head of Legal Division at the Danish Gambling Authority comments:

"The scope of illegal websites in Denmark is estimated to be rather limited. The fact that 20 illegal websites have been blocked in 2012 illustrates that the Danish Gambling Authority performs its obligation to monitor the Danish gambling market in order to protect both consumers and the legal operators on the market".

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