

GAMBLING CONTROL ACT ORDER 2023

16 May 2023

ORDER TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS GAMBLING CONTROL ACT 2022 (No. 15 of 2022)

PAYMENT BLOCKING ORDER

This Order is issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (“the Authority”) pursuant to section 118(3) of the Gambling Control Act 2022 (No. 15 of 2022) (“the Act”) and applies to the following financial institutions:

- (a) any bank licensed under the Banking Act 1970;
- (b) any person licensed under the Banking Act 1970 to carry on the business of issuing credit cards or charge cards in Singapore;
- (c) any merchant bank licensed under the Banking Act 1970;
- (d) any finance company licensed under the Finance Companies Act 1967; and
- (e) any operator of a designated payment system under the Payment Services Act 2019.

(collectively referred to as “FIs”).

2 Definitions

2.1 In this Order—

“Relevant Person” in relation to an FI, means any holder of a specified account number with a specified FI, as notified by the Authority to the FI from time to time as a Relevant Person for the purposes of this Order.

2.2 The expressions used in this Order, shall, except where defined in this Order or where the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as in the Act.

3 Scope of Order

3.1 An FI shall—

- (a) not accept credit, or proceeds of credit, extended to or on behalf of, a Relevant Person;
- (b) not accept any cheque, bank draft, or similar instrument which is drawn by or on behalf of, or in favour of, a Relevant Person;
- (c) not make or accept, any electronic funds transfer, or any funds transmission, to or from the Relevant Person; and
- (d) block payments, or otherwise prevent or prohibit transactions to the following merchant category codes:

S/N	Merchant Category Code	Payment Network Operators
1	7995, 7800, 7801, 7802, 9406	MasterCard
2	7995, 7800, 7801, 7802, 9406	Visa
3	7995, 7800, 7801, 7802, 9406	UnionPay
4	7995, 7800, 7801, 7802, 9406	JCB
5	7995, 7800, 7801, 7802, 9406	Diners
6	7995, 7800, 7801, 7802, 9406	Amex

3.2 An FI may, upon the request of any of its customers affected by the FI's actions pursuant to paragraph 3.1, disclose to that customer, the document received from the Authority identifying the specific Relevant Person. For the avoidance of doubt, the FI shall not disclose information in the document identifying other Relevant Persons.

4 Effective Date

4.1 The earlier Remote Gambling Act Order dated 15 July 2020 on the same subject is cancelled with effect from 22 May 2023.

4.2 This Order dated 16 May 2023 shall take effect on 22 May 2023.