

# **Gamstop announced as the brand name for UK National Online Self-Exclusion Scheme**

1st June 2017 – The Remote Gambling Association (“the RGA”) announced today that Gamstop would be the name of the national online self-exclusion scheme which it agreed to design and implement to meet the aims of the Gambling Commission’s Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.

The Gambling (Advertising and Licensing) Act 2014 requires all remote gambling operators who wish to provide gambling facilities to the British market to be licensed by the Commission. The Act provides the framework for a national online self-exclusion scheme to be established because every operator is now subject to the Commission’s Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.

Gamstop will therefore enable UK consumers to exclude themselves via a single website process from all online gambling operators that are licensed by the Gambling Commission. The website will also set out other measures that are available to help people manage their gambling and will signpost specialist advice and support services for those who might benefit from it.

Fiona Palmer, RGA Director of Social Responsibility, speaking on behalf of Gamstop said ‘We are at a very exciting stage in the development of Gamstop. With the branding now established and process design well advanced, the focus in the coming months will be on technology integration and industry communication. We are therefore confident that we will deliver self-exclusion on the truly national scale needed to assist consumers who need this kind of help to manage their gambling.’

Speaking on behalf of the Gambling Commission, Paul Hope, Programme Director said 'The ability for consumers to exclude themselves from all online gambling with a single request will be a powerful tool for those that need it. We welcome the work the RGA is doing to develop Gamstop and look forward to it becoming available.'