

Phase 1 - Quarantine of gaming machines

What has changed?

During Phase 1 of the trading scheme, gaming machine operators have agreed to collectively quarantine between 200 and 400 gaming machines and their authorisations from operation. The Commission will review progress periodically to make sure that the quarantine is progressing. If the Minister considers that the quarantine provisions are not working effectively, the commencement of Phase 2 can be brought forward. For more information on the phases of the trading scheme, see *Fact Sheet 002 - Trading Scheme Phases*.

What does it mean for me?

Clubs ACT will be working with licensees to ensure that over Phase 1 authorisations and gaming machines are quarantined in a manner that meets the needs of the industry and the requirements of the ACT Government.

Quarantine permits will be issued for a period of time of between 12 months and three years, as agreed between the licensee and the Commission.

How do I quarantine a gaming machine?

Licensees need to advise the Commission that they require a quarantine permit for one or more authorisations and machines. The Commission will issue the permit for the time agreed between the licensee and the Commission.

Quarantine permits are subject to the same requirements as other stored gaming machines (See *Fact Sheet 009 - Storage of gaming machines*). They cannot be operated while in storage, or swapped out with another machine on the gaming floor without approval, and another gaming machine cannot be operated under the authorisation for a quarantined machine.

A quarantine permit can be extended by notifying the Commission of the extended time sought. The Commission will extend the permit for that time, unless the permit has been in force for a total of three years.

Frequently asked questions

Are the quarantine requirements in addition to the forfeiture rules?

Yes. Under the trading scheme, machines will be quarantined and one of every four authorisations or gaming machines traded must be forfeited to the Territory.

Can I trade a quarantined authorisation and gaming machine?

Yes. Quarantined authorisations can be traded in a similar way as stored authorisations and machines (See *Fact Sheet 009 - Storage of gaming machines*), however the buyer (the *acquiring licensee*) must keep the authorisation and gaming machine quarantined. The Commission will give the buyer a quarantine permit for the time remaining under the previous permit.

References

Quarantine permits - Subdivision 6.11.3

Storage of authorisations and gaming machines - Division 6.11

Trading authorisations under permits - Subdivision 6.11.7