

# Swedish Gambling Act

*The Swedish gambling market has opened up since the new Gambling Act (2018:1138) came in force on 1st of January 2019. At the same time a license is required and compliance to marketing requirements as well as technical requirements is enforced. The Swedish Gambling Authority has already proven that the law and the accompanying Gambling Ordinance (2018:1475) will be enforced.*

## **Swedish gambling, a previous monopoly**

The Swedish gambling industry has since long been a monopoly with very few state or community actors allowed in the market. At the same time there is a history of Swedish tech companies developing gambling solutions from Sweden, but hosting and running the services from other parts of the world with licenses in other countries. The open competitive market and gambling offerings on the Internet is there, but not with an open market in Sweden. The legacy of responsible gambling for the citizens is here to stay, but now in a competitive situation with the new law. Competition – with strict compliance regulations.

## **The new Gambling Act**

To open up the market and also allow Swedish authorities to take control a new law is in force since the 1st of January 2019. The law address responsibilities for the licensee, registration, player accounts as well as requirements on marketing and what is allowed. In addition, the law and the ordinance have high information security, IT-security and technical requirements that need to be fulfilled to get and keep a gambling licence. If the requirements are not fulfilled the licence can be revoked or extra fees issued.

The Swedish Gambling Authority has published guidelines for the regulation and general advice on technical requirements and accreditation of bodies for inspection, testing and certification of gambling service providers (LIFS 2018:8). The guidelines stipulate specific requirements on routines and technical controls. It also specifies that inspection records, testing records and certification records must be renewed at least every twelve months.



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## **Seadot Cybersecurity offers**

Regulatory compliance is everywhere. Seadot Cybersecurity have extensive experience in regulations such as the Gambling Act and the Gambling Ordinance and we offer organizations in the gambling industry our expertise. Compliance and security are complex and require a deep understanding of the ever-changing technology and threat landscape as well as business and information risks. Through our experienced consultants we work together with the industry throughout the Nordics to implement efficient and effective ICT and security risk management.

Are you responsible for compliance, risk management or cyber security? Then reach out to Seadot Cybersecurity for an initial discussion on your challenges.