

Formal Warning

under section 64A of the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001*

To: NovaForge Ltd

Of: Hamchako, Mutsamudu, Autonomous Island of Anjouan, Union of Comoros

Attention: [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED], delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), being satisfied that NovaForge Ltd, has contravened subsections 15(2A) and 15AA(3) of the *Interactive Gambling Act 2001* (the IGA):

HEREBY issue NovaForge Ltd a formal warning under section 64A of the IGA, for one or more contraventions of each of subsection 15(2A) and 15AA(3) of the IGA, being civil penalty provisions.

Details of the contraventions

Obligations under the IGA

1. Subsection 15(2A) of the IGA provides that a person must not provide a prohibited interactive gambling service that has an Australian customer link.
2. A 'prohibited interactive gambling service' is defined in section 5 of the IGA and 'gambling service' is defined in section 4 of the IGA.
3. Subsection 5(3) of the IGA lists services that are not prohibited interactive gambling services, including an excluded wagering service (paragraph 5(3)(aa)).
4. An 'excluded wagering service' is defined in section 8A of the IGA and includes betting on a sporting event except to the extent it is an in-play betting service (subsection 8A(3) of the IGA).
5. An excluded wagering service is a kind of regulated interactive gambling service (as defined in section 8E of the IGA).
6. Subsection 15AA(3) of the IGA provides that:

A person must not provide a particular kind of regulated interactive gambling service if:

 - (a) the service has an Australian customer link (see section 8); and
 - (b) the person does not hold a licence (however described) under a law of a State or Territory that authorises the provision of that kind of service in the State or Territory.
7. Under section 8 of the IGA, a gambling service has an Australian-customer link if, and only if, any or all of the customers of the service are physically present in Australia.

Investigation

8. Under section 21 of the IGA, on 29 July 2025, the ACMA commenced an investigation into whether the Playzilla service provided prohibited interactive

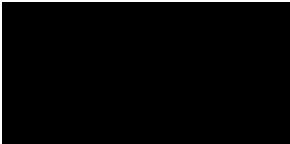
gambling services and unlicensed regulated interactive gambling services in contravention of the IGA.

9. During the period of the investigation the Playzilla service was available via the URL <https://playzilla9.com>.
10. NovaForge Ltd is the provider of the Playzilla service.

Contravention of subsections 15(2A) and 15AA(3) of the IGA

11. The Playzilla service offered 'gambling services', including:
 - > casino-style games of chance or mixed chance and skill, played for money where the customer gave consideration to play the game (paragraph (e) of the definition of 'gambling service' in section 4 of the IGA)
 - > services for the placing, making, receiving or acceptance of bets (paragraph (a) of the definition of 'gambling service' in section 4 of the IGA), including in-play betting services.
12. The gambling services were provided in the course of carrying on a business and were provided to customers using an internet carriage service (section 5 and paragraph 8E(1)(i)-(j)) of the IGA.
13. The Playzilla service had an Australian customer-link.
14. NovaForge Ltd is not licensed by an Australian State or Territory to provide regulated interactive gambling services to Australians (paragraph 15AA(3)(b)).
15. The ACMA found that, as the provider of the Playzilla service, NovaForge Ltd has contravened subsections 15(2A) and 15AA(3) of the IGA by providing prohibited interactive gambling services and unlicensed regulated interactive gambling services to customers physically present in Australia.

Dated this 12 September 2025.



[Redacted Name]

Delegate of the Australian Communications and Media Authority