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Dear all

See release below from the UKGC about TPG exiting the UK market.

We have dealt with TPG previously in relation to 8xbet, bcgame and they also operate stakeuk.com. We have written to UKGC about some TPG services operating illegally here and I note one of the failings was that they didn't 'sufficiently consider any activity by a third-party that is illegal, in either GB or the territory in which it is conducted'.

UKGC language around use of VPNs to get around geoblocking is very clear.

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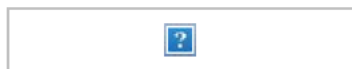
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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **TGP Europe leaves GB market following Commission investigation**

Commission regulatory action into a white label gambling operator has resulted in the company leaving the British market.

TGP Europe, [which ran a number of websites](#), surrendered its licence after being told it needed to pay a £3.3 million penalty and make significant improvements if it wanted to continue trading in Great Britain.

The fine was for failing to carry out sufficient checks on business partners and breaching anti-money laundering rules.

TGP's white label business model involved running a gambling business using the branding of other businesses.

A Commission investigation revealed failures to:

- carry out effective due diligence on each entity involved in the ownership of the third party
- carry out due diligence on the source of funds for business arrangements
- sufficiently consider money laundering risks
- sufficiently consider any activity by a third-party that is illegal, in either GB or the territory in which it is conducted.

Anti-Money Laundering (AML) breaches included failing to effectively implement enhanced due diligence measures outlined in its own AML policy by not effectively scrutinising information received from a third party.

This is the second time TGP Europe has breached regulations. In 2023 [the operator was fined £316,250](#) for failures including not adequately considering and mitigating money laundering risks posed by business-to-business relationships, and having ineffective policies and procedures in relation to due diligence undertaken prior to white label agreements.

TGP's exit from the GB market means several football clubs now have sponsorship arrangements with unlicensed gambling businesses.

The Commission yesterday contacted AFC Bournemouth, Fulham FC, Newcastle United FC, Wolverhampton Wanderers FC and Burnley FC warning of the risks of promoting unlicensed gambling websites.

The Commission is seeking assurance from the clubs that they have carried out due diligence on their white label partners and that consumers in Great Britain cannot transact with the unlicensed sites.

Clubs will be asked to demonstrate that they have assurance that any steps to geo-block the sites are effective, recognising that some blocking can be easily by-passed by use of tools such as a Virtual Private Network.

Clubs will be expected to carry out sufficient due diligence to assure the Commission that consumers cannot transact with the sites from Great Britain by any means. The Commission will also be taking steps to independently verify effective measures are in place.

The letter warns that club officers may be liable to prosecution and, if convicted, face a fine, imprisonment or both if they promote unlicensed gambling businesses that transact with consumers in Great Britain.

John Pierce, Commission Head of Enforcement, said: “This case involves a gambling company that was unwilling or unable to meet the regulatory standards we expect from our licensees. It is right that they have now exited the British market.

“Following TGP’s exit, several online gambling operators can no longer lawfully offer gambling facilities to consumers located in Great Britain. These sites, previously operating under TGP’s licence, may not provide adequate protection against criminal activity or gambling-related harm and should not be available to GB consumers with immediate effect.”

He continued: “We have already been in contact with several football clubs today to highlight the impact of the withdrawal from the market by TGP and make clear that we will be carrying out checks-without further notice-to ensure these sites remain blocked. We will also conduct ongoing spot checks as necessary to ensure they are not accessible to consumers in Great Britain by any means. Should any of these sites be available to GB consumers, we will take appropriate action.

“It is essential that football clubs play their part in protecting fans and GB consumers who may be exposed to advertising of these sites through their sponsorship arrangements from harm or exploitation. All licensed operators with similar arrangements to TGP should take notice of the action taken in this case.

“We would like to warn consumers that sites operated by TGP are now unlicensed and may not provide protections against criminality or gambling related harm.”

Consumers can easily check a site is licensed by searching the [business register](#) on the Commission’s website.

When an operator leaves the British gambling market we expect an orderly closure of its website to consumers in Great Britain and this includes providing consumers with clear information on how to obtain their funds. If a customer has questions concerning their account they should contact the operator via its website.

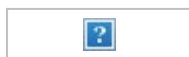
More information about [our expectations from operators closing their business](#).

#### **Note to editors**

Clubs with unlicensed partners include AFC Bournemouth (sponsored by BJ88), Fulham FC (sponsored by SBOTOP), Newcastle United FC (sponsored by Sportsbet.io and FUN88), Wolverhampton Wanderers FC (sponsored by DEBET) and Burnley FC (sponsored by 96.com).

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