

Current status of the Australian/New Zealand Gaming Machine National Standard in South Australia

The National Standard is not a piece of legislation and has not been enacted as such in any jurisdiction. It was created by the National Standard Working Party, which was established by the Australian and New Zealand gaming regulators. The purpose of the working party was to develop an agreed set of core requirements to be used by each jurisdiction as the basis for working towards a common technical requirement for the evaluation of gaming machines.

It is the prerogative of each jurisdiction to determine the extent to which the National Standard is adopted. The status of the National Standard in a particular jurisdiction is therefore dependant upon the actions of the gaming regulator(s) in that jurisdiction.

At the present point in time, gaming regulators in each supporting jurisdiction, including the Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner (OLGC), have adopted the National Standard. Several gaming regulators (although not the OLGC) have also adopted an Appendix to the National Standard, which varies or informs the National Standard in that jurisdiction.

I note that the OLGC's Annual Report 2002-03 has this to say about the National Standard:

"Along with most other Australian and New Zealand regulators, I have adopted the latest revision of the National Standard Rev 6.01, which will become effective on 6 July 2003. Manufacturers were notified in January 2003 of the impending change. As of 6 July 2003, all submissions of new gaming machines and games will be evaluated against the National Standards for Gaming Machines Version 6.01 plus the South Australian Appendix Version 3.0."

Source:

Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner Annual Report 2002-03

http://www.olgc.sa.gov.au/gaming/Annual_Report/Anrp03_021203.pdf

The website of the OLGC confirms the statement from the 2002-03 Annual Report as follows:

"All gaming machines and games must be approved by the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner before being allowed to operate in South Australia. Before an approval is considered, the machine or game must pass a thorough test against the Commissioner's technical standard. The current standard adopted for South Australian machines is the Gaming Machine National Standard."

Source:

Office of the Liquor and Gambling Commissioner website

www.olgc.sa.gov.au/default.asp?page=gaming.Games_and_Machines.Web_Site_Standards_021203.htm