



Postponement of Local Substance Requirement under LOK (Article 5.12)

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The Curaçao Gaming Authority (CGA) hereby announces that, in accordance with Article 5.12, paragraph 6 of the *Landsverordening op de Kansspelen* (LOK), the Minister of Justice has granted a general extension for operators to comply with the local substance requirement set out in the LOK. Operators will not be required to meet this obligation under Article 5.12 before April 1, 2027. However, operators are welcome to begin developing local substance in Curaçao at an earlier stage, should they wish to do so.

This decision follows concerns raised by stakeholders across the industry, and is in line with the CGA's guiding principles, which prioritize the long-term development and integrity of the Curaçao gaming jurisdiction.

The CGA, in collaboration with industry participants, remains committed to ongoing improvements in critical areas such as Anti-Money Laundering (AML), Know Your Customer (KYC) protocols, responsible gambling and player protection. All these are cornerstones of a robust and reputable regulatory framework.

In preparation for the revised deadline, the Ministry of Justice, in coordination with the CGA and relevant stakeholders, will focus on creating the necessary enabling conditions for effective implementation of Article 5.12. This includes efforts to strengthen the local workforce and to enhance flexibility in immigration and work permit procedures for qualified foreign professionals seeking to relocate to Curaçao.

A Ministerial Decree formalizing this decision will be issued shortly by the Ministry of Justice.