Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions

Group of Copenhagen – Network of National Platforms

National Platform Fact sheet

SWITZERLAND

1. Administrative issues / State of progress

State of Progress

❖ Operational since January 1 2019.

Legal Status

❖ The Swiss Lottery and Betting Board (Comlot) is a public body of the Swiss Cantons. It is the regulatory authority for the Swiss lottery and betting market. Based on the Federal Gambling Act (enforced January 1 2019) or rather the Government Decree on Gambling Comlot is also the designated Swiss National Platform according to the Macolin Convention.

❖ The legislator consciously decided not to create a new unit to combat the phenomenon of manipulation of sports competitions. Instead, he wanted to benefit from the experience and know-how of the existing state authorities (such as cantonal and federal law enforcement units, Comlot etc.) and gave Comlot the task to act as a point of contact, reporting office and information hub.

Responsible Secretariat

❖ The responsible secretariat is the office or rather the permanent secretariat of Comlot.

Contact persons

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Organizational form and composition of NP (bodies/entities)

❖ As outlined, in the field of manipulation of sports competition the legislative concept confers to Comlot the role of an information hub. Comlot is closely linked to operators, law enforcement and other crucial stakeholders.

Based on Federal Law Comlot has the right to collect and disclose personal information. Furthermore, in cases of manipulation Comlot is bound to inform the relevant law enforcement agency. Finally, Comlot has certain party's rights in criminal proceedings on suspicion of manipulation.

2. Structure / Operational Aspects

Priorities / functions of the NP

- ❖ Comlot in its role as a National Platform is destined to act as link between all stakeholders involved.

- ❖ Based on the Federal Gambling Act Swiss stakeholders who are involved in the organization or surveillance of a sports competition
  - that either takes place in Switzerland or
  - on which bets can be placed on the Swiss market
  are legally obliged to report to Comlot all suspected cases of manipulation.

  Depending on the situation Comlot will subsequently forward the information to other stakeholders, including the members of the Group of Copenhagen.

Objectives

- ❖ The objective is to use existing structures and competence and give the National Platform the role of a link between the different state authorities and national and international stakeholders.

Operational procedures

- ❖ Operated by the permanent secretariat of Comlot, the National Platform is continually operational within business hours.
- ❖ On Comlot's website there is comprehensive information about how to contact the secretariat in cases of manipulation. Comlot can also be contacted anonymously via their website.
- ❖ Comlot has an efficient and secure channel of communication to the relevant law enforcement agencies which enables the competent authority to act promptly if necessary.

Implementation

- ❖ The National Platform has been fully operational based on Federal Law since 1 January 2019.

Funding of the NP (estimated yearly budget, sources)

- ❖ The tasks of the National Platform are carried out by Comlot which is funded by the 26 Cantons of Switzerland.

Other points

- ❖ The National Platform has the role of an information hub in both the national and the international context and focuses on suspected cases of manipulation. The National Platform can assist stakeholders in finding competent contacts if they need to liaise. However, the National Platform does neither have the task nor the expertise to act as a comprehensive actor covering all aspects of the phenomenon of manipulation of sports competitions. Especially all activities regarding training and prevention are in the responsibility of the Swiss Federal Office for Sport, with which Comlot has close and effective relations.