

# Press release

## Online gambling companies keep youngsters out

**Amsterdam, 22 November 2019. Fourteen renowned internationally operating online gambling companies with licences in several European countries, guarantee that they apply strict age verification at the gate, so at registration of new players, excluding minors from participating in online gambling.**

Under this initiative, organised by Dutch trade organisation for online gambling operators Speel Verantwoord, the affiliated providers guarantee that they strictly apply age verification at registration, in order to prohibit the participation of minors in online gambling. In addition, these providers will refund the full stake if customers can prove that they have participated in online gambling whilst being a minor.

The joining parties herewith endorse the letter of Minister Dekker of November 15 2019 to the Dutch Parliament on this subject matter and thus actively promote ensuring optimum protection of minors in the run-up to the Remote gambling bill coming into force.

Speel Verantwoord Managing Director Peter-Paul de Goeij: "The operators in this initiative do not want to earn any money from minors. We will do everything we can to protect children against the risks associated with gambling. In addition, we fully endorse the Dutch gambling policy and are and remain fully committed to a strict and justly regulated, healthy and safe online gambling market in the Netherlands, in which the participation of minors in gambling is prevented."

### **About Speel Verantwoord**

Stichting Speel Verantwoord is the trade association and advocacy of online gambling providers that are committed to a safe and responsible online gambling offering in the Netherlands.

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