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to the Commission**

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Subject: Customer identification and control methods in the context of Directive (EU) 2015/849

Tackling fraud and money laundering in gambling is an essential part of the fight against terrorism and organised crime. That said, sports betting is a major source of funding for the horse-racing industry.

Directive (EU) 2015/849 talks about customer identification and customer due diligence. But the public and people involved in the betting industry are wondering about the nature of the term 'customer', which is not clearly defined in the text.

Does the directive intend to distinguish between people who place bets and those who win, or does it cover both categories?

Furthermore, are specific control methods provided for in the case of customers who play en masse – as may be the case in international betting – and in connection with the multiple transactions described in Article 12 of the Directive?