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DATES AHEAD

22 Oct

Denmark first debate

25 Oct

Brazil licences end

28 Oct

Spain payment checks start

1 Dec

New Zealand unlicensed operators must stop

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SPAIN

Spain: payments must match the account holder

WEEKLY BRIEF #1

THE ACCOUNT HOLDER

**Gambling
account**

THE HOLDER OF

**Every payment
method****Spain, Royal Decree 813/2026****CHECKS START 28 OCT**

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Royal Decree 813/2026 requires the holder of every deposit or withdrawal method to be the holder of the gambling account. The checks start on 28 October. Existing players get six months but cannot withdraw until their method is verified.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

Use a card, bank account or e-wallet in your own name, and expect a verification step before your first withdrawal.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/spain-gambling-payment-ownership-rule

BRAZIL

Brazil: Stake reprieve lasted a day

WEEKLY BRIEF #1

Stake in Brazil: a one-day reprieve

**8 OCT**

Court lets Stake keep its authorisation until 25 Oct

**9 OCT**

Appeals court president suspends that order

**10 OCT**

Stake offline again

**25 OCT**

Every federal licence ends

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A São Paulo judge let Stake keep its authorisation until 25 October on 8 October; the president of the TRF-3 appeals court suspended that order on 9 October. Stake has been offline again since 10 October, and every federal licence still ends on 25 October.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

Do not assume a court win means a site is back. Check the operator's own notice before depositing anywhere.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/stake-brazil-injunction-suspended

DENMARK

Denmark: bill L37 gets its first debate on 22 October

WEEKLY BRIEF #1

L37

Denmark

PROPOSAL

Whistle-to-whistle ad ban

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Criminal liability for marketing unlicensed gambling

FIRST DEBATE

22 October · ad rules from July 2027

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The re-tabled reform brings a whistle-to-whistle ad ban and criminal liability for marketing unlicensed gambling. If it passes, the advertising rules apply from July 2027.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

Nothing changes today. We will update the Denmark guide when the vote is in.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/denmark-gambling-reform-2027

UNITED STATES

Prediction markets: the fight heads to the Supreme Court

WEEKLY BRIEF #1

Prediction markets: one week in October

8 OCT NFL files a brief backing state regulation

9 OCT CFTC releases two rulemakings on what counts as a swap

10 OCT Coinbase stops sports contracts in Michigan

Courts disagree, so rules may differ by state

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The NFL filed a brief on 8 October backing state regulation; Coinbase agreed to stop sports contracts in Michigan from 10 October; the CFTC released two rulemakings on what counts as a swap on 9 October.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

Courts disagree, so rules may differ by state for some time. Check your state before trading sports contracts.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/prediction-markets-supreme-court-2026

ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia: relaunch planned, no date

WEEKLY BRIEF #1

Br27.5bn

Shortfall in payments owed to the state, per a draft audit

Relaunch planned · no date published

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A draft audit reports a Br27.5bn shortfall in payments owed to the state. The regulator plans a relaunch with central digital monitoring, but no rules or date are published.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

There is no licensed sports betting operator in Ethiopia today.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/ethiopia-betting-relaunch-2026

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