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JUST PASSED

25 Oct · Brazil: every federal betting licence ended

28 Oct · Spain: payment-ownership rule took effect

DATES AHEAD

9–13 Nov IAGR awareness week · 1 Dec New Zealand · 18 Jan 2027 GENIUS Act · Apr 2027 Spain

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BRAZIL

Brazil: the licences are gone and the vote is over

WEEKLY BRIEF #3



PRESIDENTIAL RUNOFF

Lula 51.79%

Bolsonaro 48.21%

No licensed betting in Brazil now

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Every federal betting licence in Brazil expired on 25 October under Provisional Measure 1.394, which bans operating, brokering and advertising fixed-odds betting, online casino included. The presidential runoff is decided too: Lula won with 51.79% of valid votes against 48.21% for Flávio Bolsonaro. The Supreme Court judge handling the cases had not ruled by election day.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

There is no licensed betting in Brazil today. A return would need a vote in Congress or a court order and then a new licensing process, so a site that still takes bets from Brazil is doing so without a Brazilian licence.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/brazil-betting-licences-end-lula-reelected

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CANADA

Alberta: the grey-market grace period is over

WEEKLY BRIEF #3

MARKET OPENS

13 Jul

regulated iGaming in Alberta

GRACE PERIOD ENDS

13 Oct

unlicensed sites must stop

Approved sites: 48 to 51, by outlet

Regulator list is the reference

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Alberta opened its regulated iGaming market on 13 July, and the transition period for unregulated operators ended on 13 October. Operators that did not finish approval must stop taking wagers from people in Alberta. Outlets count between 48 and 51 approved sites, so the regulator's own list is the one to trust.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

If you play from Alberta, check the regulator's list before you deposit. A site that is not on it should not be taking your bets, even if it did a week ago.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/alberta-igaming-grace-period-ends-unlicensed-sites

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GLOBAL

Regulators plan a week to warn players about unlicensed sites

WEEKLY BRIEF #3



First Illegal Gambling Awareness Week

CheckBeforeYouPlay.org opens on day one

Free lookup tool. Which regulators take part has not been published.

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The International Association of Gaming Regulators will run its first Illegal Gambling Awareness Week from 9 to 13 November. A free tool, CheckBeforeYouPlay.org, launches on 9 November: you enter a site's address and see whether it is authorised in the jurisdictions of the regulators taking part. Reports do not say which regulators those are.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

Try the tool on launch day, but treat a result as one input, not a verdict, until the list of participating regulators is public.

Full story and sources: cocktailspins.org/iagr-illegal-gambling-awareness-week-9-13-november

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UNITED STATES

United States: the Trump family's crypto business, in numbers

WEEKLY BRIEF #3

Reported crypto-related income, Trump 2025 disclosure

\$580M+**\$1.4B+**

Outlets differ, so we show the range instead of picking one

USD1 stablecoin · **GENIUS Act** takes effect 18 Jan 2027

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World Liberty Financial, a crypto company linked to the Trump family, issues the USD1 stablecoin, and on 14 August the OCC gave preliminary conditional approval to a trust bank application from one of its units. Outlets put the crypto-related income in Trump's 2025 disclosure anywhere from more than \$580 million to at least \$1.4 billion. The GENIUS Act, the US stablecoin law, takes effect on 18 January 2027.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

US stablecoin rules are still being written. If you pay casinos in stablecoins, know which one you hold and who issues it. Critics say the law does not stop the President profiting; the White House rejects that.

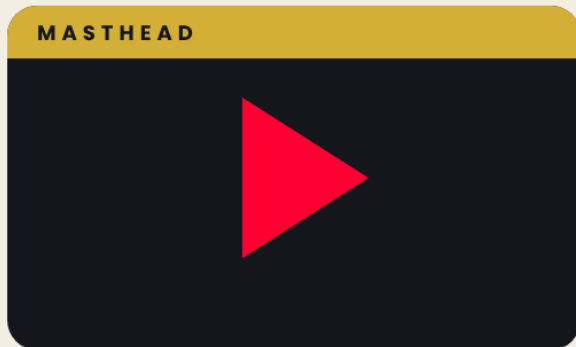
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ADVERTISING

YouTube opens its Masthead ads to gambling

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Affiliates appear to be excluded

FROM 21 OCTOBER

Open to certified gambling advertisers

ALREADY ALLOWED

Sports betting ads

LIMITS

Depends on country and local licence

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From 21 October, certified online gambling advertisers can buy YouTube's Masthead placement, which already accepted sports betting. Approval depends on the country, the gambling product and local licensing. Google's wording excludes promoters that are not subject to mandatory gambling registration, which appears to rule out affiliates and comparison sites.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR PLAYERS

A casino ad in that slot tells you the advertiser passed Google's certification. It does not tell you the site suits you, so check the licence number and operator name yourself.

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