

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Sportsbetting.ag c/o help@sportsbettingcs.ag poker@sportsbettingcs.ag casino@sportsbettingcs.ag

## Re: Unlicensed Online Casino and Sports Betting Operation

## To Whom It May Concern:

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office has become aware that Sportsbetting.ag ("Sportsbetting" or "You") is currently or was recently engaged in the business of offering unlicensed online gambling and betting products in Massachusetts without obtaining the required licensure from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (the "Commission").

It is illegal in Massachusetts to engage in commercial gambling except where expressly authorized by the Commonwealth. Mass. G.L. c. 4, sec. 7 (definition of "illegal gaming"); G. L. c. 23K. Sportsbetting offers an online casino that includes among its games slots, blackjack, roulette, baccarat, and poker, without any license issued by the Commission under Mass. G. L. c. 23K.

Moreover, Mass. G. L. c. 23N, § 5(a) prohibits engagement in "any activity in connection with sports wagering in the commonwealth unless all required licenses have been obtained." Sportsbetting has no such licensure, and yet offers sports betting on its platform. Similarly, Sportsbetting's website permits betting on horse races, but Sportsbetting does not maintain any horse racing licenses under Mass. G. L. c. 128A or under Mass. G. L. c. 128C.

Further, despite its unlicensed status, Sportsbetting holds itself out to Massachusetts residents as a legitimate gambling operator. For example, Sportsbetting almost exclusively depicts U.S. major league teams and players on its webpages and social media platforms and collaborates with U.S. players and U.S. sports-related content creators to promote its platform. The inducement of consumers to participate in illegal and unregulated forms of gambling by posing as a legitimate business is a violation of state consumer protection law. *See* 940 CMR § 30.01; Mass. G.L. c. 93A.

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Accordingly, You are hereby directed to immediately cease and desist offering Your services to Massachusetts residents or to any person located in Massachusetts and to refund all Massachusetts users in the form of U.S. currency. Failure to cooperate with this demand may subject You to the Attorney General seeking injunctive relief, restitution, civil penalties up to \$5,000 per violation, and the costs of the investigation and litigation.

Sincerely,

Louisa Castrucci
Assistant Attorney General

Cc: Justin Stempeck, General Counsel's Office, Mass. Gaming Commission (via email)