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Via Email: ***support@sweepshark.com***

Sweepshark
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RE: Suspected Illegal Online Casino Operation by Sweepshark

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois Gaming Board (the "IGB") has reason to believe that Sweepshark is engaged in the operation of an illegal online casino in violation of the Illinois Criminal Code. 720 ILCS 5/28-1(a)(12). On January 15, 2026, the IGB observed that you offered Illinois users the ability to play slots ("Games") through the internet. The Games gave users the opportunity to win cash, gift cards, and other prizes in violation of Illinois law.

Illinois has only authorized gambling at riverboats or casinos holding an owners license, a racetrack holding an organization gaming license, an Illinois sportsbook holding a license under the Sports Wagering Act, or at an establishment licensed under the Video Gaming Act. 230 ILCS 10/3; 230 ILCS 40/1 *et seq*. It is unlawful to knowingly establish, maintain, or operate an Internet site that permits a person to play a game of chance or skill for money or other thing of value via the Internet, or that permits a person to make a wager upon the result of any sport, game, contest, political nomination, appointment, or election via the Internet, without an IGB-issued license. 720 ILCS 5/28-1(a)(12); 230 ILCS 10/18(a)(1); 730 ILCS 5/5-4.5-55. Under Illinois law no exceptions are permitted under the Illinois Prizes and Gifts Act. 815 ILCS 525/1 *et seq*.

The IGB has neither licensed nor authorized Sweepshark to engage in online gambling activity. Consequently, Sweepshark's activity constitutes illegal gambling in violation of Illinois law. **Accordingly, the IGB demands that you block Illinois residents from accessing your services or discontinue offering cash, gift cards, and other prizes through your service. Failure to do so may subject you, your affiliates, and business partners to civil or criminal penalties.**

Please contact the IGB Legal Division at IGB.Legal@illinois.gov should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Marcus D. Fruchter
Administrator

cc: IGB Legal Division
IGB Field Operations Division
Illinois State Police – Statewide Gaming Command
Office of the Illinois Attorney General