

Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act (UIGEA) of 2006

The UIGEA, signed into law in 2006, prohibits any person engaged in the business of betting or wagering (as defined in the Act) from knowingly accepting payments in connection with the participation of another person in unlawful internet gambling. The Dept of Treasury and the Federal Reserve Board have issued a joint final rule, Regulation GG, to implement this Act.

As defined in Regulation GG, unlawful Internet gambling means to “place, receive or otherwise knowingly transmit a bet or wager by any means which involves the use, at least in part, of the internet where such bet or wager is unlawful under any applicable Federal or State law in the State or Tribal lands in which the bet or wager is initiated, received or otherwise made”.

As a valued customer of Cowlitz Bank and/or Bay Bank, these restricted transactions are prohibited from being processed through your account or banking relationship with us. If you do engage in an Internet gambling business and open a new account with us, we will ask that you provide evidence of your legal capacity to do so.

Our goal in providing this information is to keep you informed on this important Act. If you would like additional information on UIGEA or Regulation GG, please let us know by visiting any of our local Bank offices in Oregon and Washington. You are also welcome to contact us at: TalkToUs@cowlitzbank.com or TalkToUs@bay-bank.com.

Thanks for taking time to familiarize yourself with Regulation GG.