

reading the slot machine meters for gaming vouchers and coupons, or if the slot machine commingles gaming voucher and coupon data on a single meter, a casino licensee may, for a period ending on December 31, 2009, and with the prior approval of the Commission, obtain the required gaming voucher and coupon data from its gaming voucher system and coupon acceptance system, as described in its approved internal control procedures.

(q) The computer system approved pursuant to (o) above shall provide a report to the accounting department for comparison of meter information to the Slot Win Sheet and the calculation of slot machine statistics.

(r) Whenever there is a variance of more than two percent and more than \$100.00 between the value of cash, gaming vouchers, or coupons removed from a bill changer's slot cash storage box and the corresponding cash box meter reading and, if applicable, the value coupon meter, the value non-cashable coupon meter and the value voucher-in meter reading as recorded on a report generated by a computer system pursuant to (o) and (q) above, or whenever there is a variance of more than \$50.00 between the value of gaming vouchers or coupons removed from a bill changer's slot cash storage box and the corresponding value as recorded on a report generated by the gaming voucher system and coupon acceptance system pursuant to (p) above, the casino accounting department shall perform the following procedures:

1. If such a variance exists in the value of cash, confirm the variance by comparing the number of bills removed from the slot cash storage box to the bill meter readings. Such comparison shall be made by using, as applicable, the reports generated pursuant to (q) or (p) above and shall compare the meter readings to the total number of bills and value of cash removed from the slot cash storage boxes.

2. If such a variance exists in the value of either gaming vouchers or coupons, confirm the variance by comparing the number of gaming vouchers or coupons removed from the slot cash storage box to the readings recorded by the computer system or generated by the gaming voucher system and coupon acceptance system in accordance with the requirements of (o) or (p) above, as applicable. Such comparison shall be made by using a report generated pursuant to (q) or (p) above, which shall compare the meter readings or gaming voucher and coupon data to the total number and value of gaming vouchers and coupons removed from the slot cash storage boxes.

3. The casino licensee shall be required to have its slot department, in cooperation with its casino accounting department, investigate the cause of each variance identified pursuant to (r)1 and (2) above and prepare and file an incident report documenting such variance with the casino controller, the director of surveillance, Commission and Division. The casino licensee shall report the actual cause of the variance unless such cause cannot be definitively determined after a diligent investigation, in which case the prob-

able cause of the variance shall be reported. The incident report shall be a report of all bill changers with reportable variances and shall be filed within three weeks from the completion of the weekly slot cash storage box pickup, provided, however, that the Commission may direct a shorter time frame for the filing of the report, if an expedited filing is considered necessary to protect the integrity of casino operations. The incident report shall include, at a minimum, the following for each bill changer with a reportable variance as well as the specified cumulative data:

- i. The date of the meter reading;
- ii. The date the report was filed;
- iii. The amount of the variance, by denomination, with the exception of gaming vouchers, which shall be by total value;
- iv. The asset number of the bill changer involved;
- v. The amount of the variance by currency, gaming vouchers, and/or coupons;
- vi. An indication as to the cause of the variance pursuant to r(1) and (r)2 above, with any documentation attached to support the given explanation (for example, Unsecured Currency/Coupon/Voucher Report);
- vii. An indication as to whether the bill meters, numerical voucher in meter, numerical non-cashable coupon meter or numerical coupon meter compared in accordance with the requirements of (r)1 or 2 above confirmed the variance, if applicable;
- viii. The manufacturer and model number of the slot machine to which the bill changer is attached or embedded;
- ix. The manufacturer of the bill changer involved;
- x. The total number of reported variances by manufacturer and model number of the slot machine;
- xi. The total number of reported variances by manufacturer of the bill changer;
- xii. The total number of reported variances compared to the total number of slot cash storage boxes counted; and
- xiii. The signature and license number of the preparer.

(s) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, a casino licensee shall be required to conduct an appropriate investigation and take any necessary corrective action, including any remedial action required by the Commission, if 10 percent or more of the bill changers counted during the week have reported variances pursuant to (r) above for a period of three consecutive weeks.

(t) Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the contrary, nothing shall preclude the Commission from requiring a

casino licensee to read slot machine meters manually as a condition of prototype approval, as a remedial measure in the event of a malfunction, or as it may otherwise deem necessary to insure the integrity of gaming and the accurate reporting of gross revenue.

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See: 19 N.J.R. 1110(a).

Experimental 90-day implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), (P.L. 1987 c.354), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective April 11, 1988 (expires July 10, 1988).

See: 20 N.J.R. 769(a).

Amended by R.1988 d.387, effective August 15, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 765(a), 20 N.J.R. 769(a), 20 N.J.R. 2090(a).

Added the removal of slot storage boxes.

Amended by R.1992 d.110, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3243(a), 24 N.J.R. 858(c).

In (a): revised text and added final phrase regarding the emptying or removing of any slot drop bucket or slot cash storage box. In (b): added new (b)lii, revising old (b)lii deleted (b)2ii, recodifying (b)2i into text of subparagraph (b)2. Revised text at (b)li, adding phrase "When the casino is not open to the public, the ..." to beginning of subparagraph and adding "accounting department members" to identify employees. In (c): stylistic revisions; added new subsection (d), recodifying (d)-(e) as (e)-(f).

Amended by R.1992 d.154, effective April 6, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 57(a), 24 N.J.R. 1379(a).

In (b)-(c), added "casino" to define "security department member". In (c)liii, added reference to "casino security department employees".

Amended by R.1992 d.432, effective November 2, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2695(a), 24 N.J.R. 4068(c).

Staffing requirements for removal changed in (b).

Amended by R.1993 d.36, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4026(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Meters to be read by casino accountants; (g) added procedure for variation of \$25.00 or more.

Administrative correction to (b)lii.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1519(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.143, effective April 5, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 279(a), 25 N.J.R. 1523(a).

In (c)i: added text regarding the utilization of a unique identification number.

Amended by R.1993 d.318, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1503(b), 25 N.J.R. 2908(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.69, effective February 7, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4471(a), 26 N.J.R. 829(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.79, effective February 22, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4873(a), 26 N.J.R. 1110(b).

Amended by R.1994 d.297, effective June 20, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1440(a), 26 N.J.R. 2594(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.344, effective July 5, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1621(a), 26 N.J.R. 2804(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.422, effective August 15, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2213(a), 26 N.J.R. 3464(b).

Amended by R.1994 d.574, effective November 21, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3606(b), 26 N.J.R. 4639(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.624, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1789(a), 27 N.J.R. 4915(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.653, effective December 18, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3598(a), 27 N.J.R. 5044(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.357, effective August 5, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2355(a), 28 N.J.R. 3821(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.476, effective October 7, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3521(a), 28 N.J.R. 4517(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.249, effective June 16, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 746(a), 29 N.J.R. 2676(a).

Inserted new (a)1; recodified former (a)1 as (a)2; and in (o), inserted "on the same schedule ...cash storage boxes," and added the last two sentences.

Amended by R.1997 d.425, effective October 6, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 859(a), 29 N.J.R. 4306(a).

Substantially amended (q) and added (r).

Amended by R.1998 d.149, effective March 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 37(a), 30 N.J.R. 1059(b).

In (c)2, added language regarding required count room personnel; added a new (c)3; and recodified former (c)3 as (c)4.

Amended by R.1998 d.235, effective May 18, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 810(a), 30 N.J.R. 1851(a).

Inserted references to unsecured coupons and substituted references to Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports for references to Unsecured Bill Changer Currency Reports throughout; in (e), inserted references to the dollar value of unsecured coupons throughout; in (j), inserted a new 5 and 6, and recodified former 5 as 7; in (m), inserted a reference to the dollar value of unsecured coupons; and in (q)2v, substituted a reference to Unsecured Currency/Coupon Reports for references to Unsecured Currency Reports.

Amended by R.1998 d.493, effective October 5, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2370(a), 30 N.J.R. 3669(a).

In (q), inserted "the director of surveillance," following "casino controller," in 2.

Amended by R.2000 d.422, effective October 16, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 4245(a), 32 N.J.R. 3863(c).

Rewrote (a); in (c)2, added new i and recodified existing i and ii as ii and iii; and in (n), inserted a new fourth sentence.

Amended by R.2002 d.367, effective November 18, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2548(a), 34 N.J.R. 3977(b).

In (q), substituted "\$100" for "25.00" in the introductory paragraph, rewrote the first sentence and added the second sentence in the introductory paragraph of 2, and inserted "pursuant to (q)2 above," in 2v.

Amended by R.2002 d.4, effective January 6, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2012(a), 34 N.J.R. 3977(b), 35 N.J.R. 259(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2004 d.52, effective February 2, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 4184(a), 36 N.J.R. 661(b).

In (a), inserted the second sentence in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2005 d.267, effective August 15, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4431(a), 37 N.J.R. 3069(a).

Rewrote (o) and (q).

Amended by R.2006 d.122, effective April 3, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 4904(a), 38 N.J.R. 1583(b).

In introductory paragraph (a), decreased the frequency of drop slot occurrences from once per month to once every two months; in introductory paragraph (o) and (o)3, deleted "slot drop box buckets, slot drop boxes".

Amended by R.2007 d.116, effective April 16, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3289(a), 39 N.J.R. 1519(a).

Rewrote introductory paragraph of (o) and (o)3; added new (p); recodified former (p) through (r) as (q) through (s); rewrote (r) and (s); and added (t).

Cross References

Accounting controls for the cashiers' cage, satellite cages, master coin bank and coin vaults, see N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.15.

19:45-1.43 Procedure for counting and recording contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes

(a) The opening, counting and recording of the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes (the "hard count") shall be performed in the count room required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.32 in the presence of a casino key employee who shall be referred to herein as a count room supervisor. The hard count shall be performed by at least three employees (the "count team"), which may include the count room supervisor. Except as otherwise provided in (i) below, the hard count shall be performed in the presence of a Commission inspector. To gain entrance to the count room, a Commission inspector shall present an official identification card issued by the Commission which contains his or her photograph.