

iv. Fast flash means the slot machine is in disabled mode and the drop compartment door is open;

3. White light slow flash with colored light:

i. Off means that the slot machine is in tilt mode and the slot machine door is closed;

ii. Slow flash means either:

(1) The slot machine is displaying a hand-paid jackpot combination and the slot machine door is closed; or

(2) The slot machine is displaying a hand-paid jackpot combination while in tilt mode and the slot machine door is closed;

iii. Medium flash means either:

(1) The slot machine is displaying a hand-paid jackpot combination and the slot machine door is open; or

(2) The slot machine is in tilt mode and the slot machine door is open; and

iv. Fast flash means the slot machine is in tilt mode and the drop compartment door is open; and

4. White light fast flash with colored light:

i. Off means the slot machine is in administrative mode and the slot machine door is closed;

ii. Medium flash means the slot machine is in administrative mode and the slot machine door is open; and

iii. Fast flash means the slot machine is in administrative mode and the drop compartment door is open.

(e) Any combination of light states capable of display by a slot machine tower light that is not assigned a particular slot machine operating condition by (d) above may be used by the casino licensee for its own internal signals if such signals are identified in the casino licensee's approved internal control submission; provided, however, that the casino licensee shall be required to conform the light states displayed by its slot machine tower lights with any future modifications to (d) above.

(f) The provisions of this section shall apply to all slot machines submitted for Commission approval after April 2, 2001. Any slot machines approved prior to April 2, 2001 and which do not conform to the above specifications shall either be modified to comply with this section or shall be removed from the casino floor in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.21.

New Rule, R.2000 d.405, effective October 2, 2000.

See: 32 N.J.R. 1154(a), 32 N.J.R. 3582(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.78, effective March 5, 2001 (operative September 5, 2001).

See: 32 N.J.R. 4381(b), 33 N.J.R. 842(b).

In (b)2, added new vi, renumbered existing vi as vii.

19:45-1.38 Slot machines and bill changers; authorized locations; movements

(a) Each slot machine that is on a casino floor shall be:

1. Placed at an authorized location identified on a casino floor plan approved by the Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.3 or 7.6; and

2. Identified on the Slot Machine Master List required by N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.4(b).

(b) No slot machine or bill changer shall be removed from or returned to an authorized slot machine location in the casino or moved from one authorized slot machine location to another except in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.4.

(c) Once a slot machine or bill changer has been placed in the casino, all movements of that machine and/or bill changer from or to a location shall be recorded by a slot department member in a machine movement log which shall include the following:

1. The manufacturer's serial number and the asset number of the moved slot machine and/or bill changer;

2. The date and time of movement of the slot machine and/or bill changer;

3. The location from which the slot machine and/or bill changer was moved;

4. The location to which the slot machine and/or bill changer was moved; and

5. The signatures of the slot shift manager and the lead technician verifying the movement of the slot machine and/or bill changer.

(d) Prior to removing a slot machine from the gaming floor:

1. The machine's slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be removed and transported to the count room;

2. All meters shall be read and recorded in conformity with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42; and

3. Any coins or slot tokens in any of the slot machine's hoppers or in the corresponding hopper storage area shall be removed, transported, and counted with the slot drop bucket or slot drop box; provided, however, that a slot machine may be removed from the casino with coins or slot tokens contained therein so long as:

i. Removal of the coins or the slot tokens, or any combination thereof, is precluded by mechanical or electrical difficulty;

ii. The casino licensee records in a slot machine movement log whether coins or slot tokens remain in the slot machine that is removed from the casino, and also records in that log the nature of the mechanical or electrical difficulty, the date and time that the coins or

slot tokens are removed from the slot machine and transported to the count room, the date and time that the slot machine is removed from the casino, and the date and time that the slot machine is opened; and

iii. The removal and transportation to the count room of the coins or slot tokens is completed immediately after the slot machine is opened; and

4. Any prize tokens in a payout-only hopper, in a reserve hopper or in a corresponding hopper storage area shall be removed, transported and counted in accordance with procedures and internal controls submitted to and approved by the Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.3.

(e) Prior to removing a bill changer from the gaming floor, the slot cash storage box shall be removed and transported to the count room and all meters except the cash box meter shall be read and recorded in conformity with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42. A bill changer may be removed from the casino with currency or coupons contained therein when removal of the slot cash storage box is precluded by mechanical or electrical difficulty. If currency or coupons remain in a bill changer when it is removed from the casino, this fact and the date and time that the slot cash storage box or, if necessary, currency or coupons are removed from the bill changer and transported to the count room shall be recorded in the machine movement log.

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 location and movements of slot machines.

Amended by R.1991 d.230, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3325(a), 23 N.J.R. 1461(a).

In (a)1: added N.J.A.C. reference for location number; in (c)1: added "asset" to define number.

Amended by R.1992 d.121, effective March 16, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2920(a), 24 N.J.R. 974(a).

Rule text amended to eliminate requirement the Commission Inspector sign the machine movement log approving movement of individual slot machines and/or bill changers. Deleted (c)5, recodifying existing 6 as new (c)5, with text changes.

Amended by R.1992 d.360, effective September 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2137(a), 24 N.J.R. 3336(a).

Hopper storage area provisions added.

Administrative Correction to (c)4.

See: 25 N.J.R. April 5, 1993.

Amended by R.1993 d.319, 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.504, effective October 3, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2872(a), 26 N.J.R. 3253(a), 26 N.J.R. 4089(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.122, effective March 4, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1775(a), 28 N.J.R. 1399(a).

Amended by R.2002 d.60, effective March 4, 2002.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2402(b), 34 N.J.R. 1020(b).

In (d)4, inserted ", in a reserve hopper" preceding "or in a corresponding hopper".

19:45-1.39 Progressive slot machine jackpots

(a) This section shall apply to any slot machine jackpot that may increase in value as the machine is played (a "progressive jackpot").

(b) Each slot machine that includes a slot machine game that offers a progressive jackpot which increases in value based upon handle and is adjusted and displayed by a device other than the approved program that controls the operation of the slot machine game shall have the following features:

1. For each progressive jackpot offered by the slot machine game, a mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as a "progressive meter," visible from the front of the machine which increases in value based upon handle, and which advises the player of the amount which can be won if the progressive jackpot combination appears;

2. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as a "progressive jackpot meter" that continuously and automatically records the number of times a progressive jackpot is hit;

i. If a slot machine game offers more than one progressive jackpot, it shall have a separate progressive jackpot meter for each progressive jackpot and a "cumulative progressive jackpot meter" that continuously and automatically records the total number of times that progressive jackpots are hit;

ii. All meters required by (b)2 and (b)2i above shall be capable of being read without opening the slot machine;

3. A separate key and key switch to reset the "progressive meter(s)" or such other separate reset mechanism as may be approved by the Commission;

4. A separate key locking the compartment housing the progressive meter(s) or other means by which to preclude any unauthorized alterations to the progressive meters; and

5. Dual key control by the Commission and the casino licensee, or such other key controls as the Commission may approve, of the compartment housing the microprocessor or other control unit that controls the progressive meter(s), which compartment shall be in a location approved by the Commission.

(c) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine that is connected to a common progressive meter ("common display unit") for the purpose of offering the same progressive jackpot on two or more slot machines (a "linked slot machine") shall:

1. Be of the same denomination and have the same probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot as every other linked slot machine connected to such common display unit.

2. Require that the same amount of handle be invested to entitle the player to a chance at winning the progressive jackpot and that each increase in handle increment the meter(s) by the same rate of progression as every other linked slot machine connected to such common display unit; and

3. Have its microprocessor or other control unit that controls the common display unit housed in a location approved by the Commission that would allow dual key control by the Commission and the casino licensee, or with such other key controls as the Commission may approve.

(d) Every casino seeking to utilize a linked slot machine shall submit to the Commission for approval the location and manner of installing the common display unit.

(e) No slot machine that includes a slot machine game that offers a progressive jackpot shall be placed on the casino floor until the casino licensee has submitted to the Commission and the Commission has approved the following:

1. The initial and reset amounts at which the "progressive meter(s)" will be set;
2. The proposed system for controlling the keys and access codes to these machines;
3. The proposed rate of progression for each progressive jackpot; and
4. The calculated probability of hitting the combination that shall award each progressive jackpot, which probability shall not exceed 50 million to one. For example, a probability of 45 million to one would be permitted, but a probability of 55 million to one would not be permitted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph shall not apply to a jackpot with a probability that may exceed 50 million to one during the game cycle due solely to the intervening occurrence of free play awards between the activation of a play and the award of the jackpot.

(f) No progressive meter(s) shall be turned back to a lesser amount unless:

1. The amount indicated has been actually paid to a winning patron;
2. The progressive jackpot amount won by the patron has been recorded in accordance with an approved system of internal controls;
3. The progressive jackpot has, with prior Commission approval, been transferred to another progressive slot machine or slot system in accordance with (n) below; or
4. The change is necessitated by a slot machine or meter(s) malfunction, in which case:
 - i. For progressive jackpots governed by (b) above, an explanation shall be entered on the Progressive Slot

Summary required in (k) below and the Commission inspector shall preapprove the resetting in writing; or

ii. For progressive jackpots governed by (o) below, an explanation shall be entered on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j) unless the slot machine automatically addresses the malfunction in a manner approved by the Commission.

(g) Once an amount appears on a progressive meter(s), the probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot may not be decreased unless the progressive jackpot has been won by a patron or the progressive jackpot has been transferred to another progressive machine or slot system in accordance with (n) below.

(h) If the "progressive meter(s)" progresses without a payout until the meter(s) return to zero because of digital limitations on the meter(s), some means must be utilized to clearly advise the patrons of the value of the undisplayed digit.

(i) Except as otherwise provided in (n) below, a casino licensee may limit or terminate a progressive jackpot only in accordance with the following procedures.

1. A casino licensee may, prior to the time that a particular amount is registered on the progressive meter, establish a payout limit for the progressive jackpot that is equal to or greater than that particular amount, by providing notice of the payout limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4.

2. After a progressive jackpot is won, a casino licensee may stop offering the progressive jackpot if:

i. Notice to that effect was provided in the manner set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4 prior to the jackpot being won; and

ii. Any slot machine that offered the progressive jackpot being terminated is shut down or rendered unplayable as soon as possible after the jackpot is won; provided, however, that if the slot machine or machines in question are not shut down or rendered unplayable within 24 hours after the progressive jackpot is won, the notice required by (i)2i above shall be considered void and the progressive jackpot on that slot machine shall continue to be offered until won and terminated or transferred in accordance with this section.

3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the immediate and permanent removal by a casino licensee of one or more linked slot machines from the casino floor, provided that:

i. At least one linked slot machine offering the same progressive jackpot remains on its casino floor, if the progressive jackpot is offered in more than one casino, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39A; and

ii. At least two linked slot machines offering the same progressive jackpot remain on its casino floor, if the progressive jackpot is only offered in that casino.

(j) Notwithstanding (c)1 above, the probability of hitting the combination that will award a progressive jackpot offered on linked slot machines may vary among such machines when necessary to enable a casino licensee to institute a change in the probability which is otherwise permitted by this section, if the change is completed expeditiously in accordance with procedures that have been filed with and approved by the Commission.

(k) The amount indicated on the "progressive meter(s)" and "in meter" on each slot machine governed by (b) above shall be recorded on a Progressive Slot Summary, at a minimum, at least once every seven calendar days and each summary shall be signed by the preparer. If not prepared by the casino accounting department, the Progressive Slot Summary shall be forwarded to casino accounting by the end of the gaming day on which it is prepared. A representative of the casino accounting department shall be responsible for calculating the correct amount that should appear on the progressive meter(s). If an adjustment to the progressive meter(s) is necessary, the adjustment shall be made by a member of the slot department as follows:

1. Supporting documentation shall be maintained to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the progressive meter(s), which documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date, asset number of the slot machine, the amount of the adjustment and the signature of the slot department member making the adjustment; and

2. The adjustment shall be effectuated within 48 hours of the meter reading.

(l) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, a slot machine offering a progressive jackpot that is removed from the casino floor shall be returned to or replaced on the casino floor within five gaming days. The amount on the progressive meter(s) on the returned or replacement machine shall not be less than the amount on the progressive meter(s) at the time of removal. If the slot machine is not returned or replaced, then the progressive meter(s) amount at the time of removal shall, within five days of the slot machine's removal, be added to a slot machine approved by the Commission which machine offers the same or a greater probability of winning the progressive jackpot, and accepts a denomination of coin or slot token the same or less than the denomination accepted by the slot machine which was removed. This subsection shall not apply to the temporary removal by a casino licensee, for a period not to exceed 30 days, of all linked slot machines that are part of a particular multi-casino progressive slot system, provided that the progressive jackpots offered by the temporarily removed slot machines remain available on slot machines that are part of the same multi-casino progressive slot system in another casino.

(m) Slot machines that offer progressive jackpots may have payout-onlyoppers from which prize tokens may be paid as jackpots; provided, however, that prize tokens shall not be available as a payout on a winning progressive jackpot combination.

(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a casino licensee may, with prior written approval from the Commission, transfer a progressive jackpot amount, in its entirety, to the progressive meter for a similar progressive slot machine or slot system with the same or greater probability of winning and the same or lower denomination.

(o) Each slot machine that offers a progressive jackpot which increases in value based upon either handle contributions adjusted and displayed by the approved program that controls the slot machine or events dictated by the approved program, shall conform with the following requirements:

1. The slot machine shall include a meter or display, visible from the front of the slot machine, that advises the player of the amount which can be won if the progressive jackpot combination appears;

2. The approved program for the slot machine shall limit the progressive jackpot to an amount which is less than \$1,200; and

3. The progressive jackpot shall be totally and automatically paid by the slot machine.

(p) Any progressive jackpot governed by (o) above shall not be subject to the provisions of (l) or (n) above.

Amended by R.1981 d.437, effective November 16, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 13 N.J.R. 848(b).

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1983 d.300, effective August 1, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 1053(a), 15 N.J.R. 1259(a).

In (f), added requirement that jackpot amount has been recorded with a system of internal controls.

Notice of Receipt of petition for rulemaking: Progressive slot machines.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3638(c).

Administrative Correction.

See: 23 N.J.R. 714(b).

Amended by R.1991 d.230, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3325(a), 23 N.J.R. 1461(a).

In (j): added "asset" to define number.

Amended by R.1992 d.58, effective February 3, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1306(a), 24 N.J.R. 487(a).

Allows casinos to establish time limit of not less than 30 days for offering of a progressive jackpot.

Administrative Correction to (f)4.

See: 24 N.J.R. 649(b).

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

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

In (k) and (l): added "gaming" to describe day.

Amended by R.1994 d.504, effective October 3, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2872(a), 26 N.J.R. 3253(a), 26 N.J.R. 4089(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.440, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2537(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.486, effective October 21, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4992(a), 28 N.J.R. 4601(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.20, effective January 5, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 326(a), 30 N.J.R. 120(a).

Added (e)4 and (n).

Amended by R.1999 d.281, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1171(a), 31 N.J.R. 2372(a).

In (i) and (l), substituted references to the casino floor for references to the gaming floor; in (i), added an exception at the beginning and added the last sentence; in (l), added the last sentence; and in (n), rewrote the last sentence.

Amended by R.2000 d.334, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2525(a), 32 N.J.R. 3075(a).

Rewrote section.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3379(b), 33 N.J.R. 3775(b).

Amended by R.2001 d.451, effective December 3, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 772(a), 33 N.J.R. 4151(b).

Rewrote (b), (e) and (n).

Amended by R.2002 d.246, effective August 5, 2002.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2955(b), 34 N.J.R. 2801(a).

Rewrote (i); in (n), inserted "or remove" preceding "the amount" and deleted ", remove the slot machine that offers the progressive jackpot from the casino floor" following "progressive meter" in the first sentence, and inserted "the progressive meter for one or more" following "in its entirety, to" and deleted "probability" preceding "or reasonably" in the second sentence.

Amended by R.2002 d.284, effective September 3, 2002 (operative October 18, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3879(a), 34 N.J.R. 3130(a).

Rewrote the section.

19:45-1.39A Linked slot machines interconnected in more than one casino

(a) Two or more casino licensees may, with the prior approval of the Commission, operate linked slot machines that are interconnected in the participating casinos (a "multi-casino progressive slot system").

(b) Any multi-casino progressive slot system approved by the Commission shall be operated in accordance with all relevant requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations governing casino licensees and the conduct of gaming. Any casino licensee seeking approval to participate in a multi-casino progressive slot system shall submit for Commission approval a system of accounting and internal controls specifying the manner in which participating casino licensees will satisfy the requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations concerning the operation of slot machines.

(c) A casino licensee may, with the prior approval of the Commission, designate one or more casino key employees to represent the interests of the casino licensee in the operation and control of a multi-casino progressive slot system. Any designated representative shall only be permitted to exercise the duties and responsibilities he or she is authorized to perform for the casino licensee pursuant to

N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11; provided, however, a designated representative may also communicate information and directions concerning the operation and control of the system to or from other employees of the casino licensee who are authorized to exercise responsibility for such matters.

19:45-1.39A: Experimental 90-day implementation of new rule, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), 5:12-70(f), (l) and (m), effective March 23, 1990 (expires June 21, 1990).

See: 22 N.J.R. 841(a).

New Rule, R.1990 d.238, effective May 7, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 624(a), 22 N.J.R. 1381(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.334, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2525(a), 32 N.J.R. 3075(a).

Rewrote (a).

19:45-1.39B Table game progressive payout wagers

(a) This section shall apply to any table game with a progressive payout wager approved by the Commission. If a casino licensee offers a table game with a progressive payout wager, it may be offered individually at each gaming table or the casino licensee may connect the progressive wager among two or more tables so that the progressive amount increments for all wagers at these two or more tables.

(b) Except as provided in this subsection, each table which offers a progressive payout wager shall have the following features:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as an "in-meter" that continuously and automatically counts the number of gaming chips wagered by patrons on the progressive payout;

2. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "progressive meter," visible from the front of the gaming table, which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which prominently displays the amount which can be won if the outcome which awards the entire progressive payout is achieved; provided, however, that more than one gaming table may be connected to a common progressive display unit if:

i. A casino licensee elects to connect two or more tables to the same progressive payout wager pursuant to (d) below; and

ii. The display unit is visible to every player at each of the connected tables;

3. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "progressive payout meter" that continuously and automatically records the number of times each progressive payout wager is won;

4. A separate key and key switch to reset or alter the amount on the "progressive meter" or such other separate mechanism as may be approved by the Commission;

5. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which acknowledges the acceptance of the progressive payout wager and initiates an increase in the progressive meter or some other means by which to preclude any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the progressive meter;

6. Dual key control by the Commission and the casino licensee of the location in which the computer that controls the progressive payout wager system and any related component specified by the Commission is housed, which location shall be approved by the Commission; and

7. Storage of and access to any disks specified by the Commission for the computer that controls the progressive payout wager system shall be in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(c) A casino licensee may use a percentage of each progressive payout wager that is accepted at a table to fund a portion of the reset amount for the progressive meter. If a reset fund is established by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection, each table shall have the following features in addition to those specified in (b) above:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "reset meter" which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which records the amount which shall be transferred to the progressive meter, inclusive of any reset amount funded by the casino licensee, when the entire amount on the progressive meter is won by a player;

2. A separate key and key switch to reset or alter the amount on the reset meter or such other separate mechanism as may be approved by the Commission; and

3. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which operates the reset meter or some other mechanism which precludes any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the reset meter.

(d) If a casino licensee elects to connect two or more tables for a progressive payout wager, the following shall be required:

1. The same denomination gaming chip shall be wagered at all gaming tables connected;

2. The same number of gaming chips shall be wagered to entitle a player to a chance at winning the progressive payout wager, and each gaming chip shall increment the

meter by the same rate of progression at all tables connected;

3. The same progressive payouts shall be offered and the probability of hitting those payouts be the same at the connected tables; and

4. A device which shall either automatically or manually lockout all progressive meters if a patron has won a progressive payout wager.

(e) No table game with a progressive payout wager shall be placed in a casino or casino simulcasting facility until the casino licensee has submitted and obtained Commission approval of the following:

1. The authorized game and outcome which will award the progressive payout wager;

2. The initial and reset amounts at which the progressive meter will be set;

3. The proposed rate of progression for each progressive meter and reset meter, if applicable, and the procedure by which any change to the rate of progression will be made, which shall include, at a minimum, prior notice to, and approval by, the Commission;

4. The procedures governing the reset switch or mechanism referenced in (b) and, if applicable, (c) above which shall, at a minimum, preclude the dealer from resetting or altering the amount on the progressive or reset meter;

5. The procedures for operating all the equipment associated with the table games progressive wager including the lockout feature referenced in (d) above;

6. The installation of the computer system that controls the progressive payout wager system, which installation shall occur only after advance written notice of at least three business days to the MIS department of the casino licensee and to designated representatives of the Commission and Division, and which notice shall:

i. Be provided by an authorized representative of the casino games department of the casino licensee or manufacturer or servicing vendor other than the person who will perform the actual installation; and

ii. Include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) A list of each computer program (software or firmware) to be installed including the version number and version date, if applicable, and the date each program was approved by the Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20;

(2) The date of and estimated time needed to complete the installation; and

(3) The name of the person authorized to perform the installation.

7. The procedures for assigning access to the computer installed pursuant to (e)6 above and completing or modifying the progressive payout wager system set up, as applicable;

8. The procedures utilized by any computer that controls the progressive payout wager system to provide complete and prompt recovery of all system information in the event of any malfunction, which data recovery capability shall, unless otherwise determined by the Commission, include:

i. The recording of all system information as it occurs and in a redundant manner as approved by the Commission; and

ii. The immediate notification of the casino licensee of any malfunction in a manner approved by the Commission and consistent with the provisions of (a) below; and

9. Such other procedures or features that may be required by the Commission as a result of the operation of the specific table game progressive wager.

(f) No progressive meter shall be turned back to a lesser amount unless:

1. The amount has been actually paid to a winning patron;

2. The progressive payout amount won by the patron has been recorded in accordance with an approved system of internal controls;

3. The time limit for the progressive payout established pursuant to (g) below has expired; or

4. The change is necessitated by an equipment or meter malfunction, in which case an explanation must be entered on the Table Game Progressive Summary required in (i) below and the Commission shall preapprove the resetting in writing.

(g) When a casino licensee decides to permanently remove the offer of a table game progressive payout, with approval from the Commission, a time limit of not less than 30 days shall be established and notice of the time limit shall be provided at each table. Upon the expiration of such time limit, the casino licensee may remove the table game progressive payout from the casino or casino simulcasting facility or establish another time limit of not less than 30 days. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the immediate and permanent removal by a casino licensee of a table game progressive payout from a gaming table provided that one or more table games offering the progressive payout remain on the casino floor or in the casino simulcasting facility.

(h) Once the time limit in accordance with (g) above has expired, the amount on any progressive meters shall be documented in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission. The initial or reset amount may be retained by the casino licensee and deducted from the ending amount on any meters and the remaining portion shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund. If a reset meter is utilized in accordance with (c) above, the entire amount on the reset meter, less the reset amount funded by the casino licensee, shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund.

(i) The amount indicated on the "progressive payout meter," "progressive meter," "in-meter" and, if applicable, "reset meter" on each gaming table offering a progressive payout wager shall be recorded on a Table Game Progressive Summary, at a minimum, at least once every seven calendar days and each summary shall be signed by the preparer. If not prepared by the casino accounting department, the Table Game Progressive Summary shall be forwarded to casino accounting by the end of the gaming day on which it is prepared. A representative of the casino accounting department shall be responsible for calculating the correct amount that should appear on the progressive meter. If an adjustment to the progressive meter is necessary, the adjustment shall be made by a member of the table games department as follows:

1. Supporting documentation shall be maintained to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the progressive meter, which documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date, the number of the table, the amount of the adjustment, the reason for the adjustment and the signature of the table games department member making the adjustment; and

2. The adjustment shall be effectuated within 48 hours of the meter reading.

(j) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, any gaming table offering a progressive payout wager may only be removed from the casino or casino simulcasting facility for a period not to exceed five gaming days. The amount on the progressive meter and, if applicable, reset meter upon the return or replacement of the gaming table shall not be less than the amount at the time of removal. Any time limit for the offering of a progressive payout pursuant to (g) above shall be extended by the number of days during which the progressive payout was not offered as the result of any action by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection.

(k) Each gaming table offering a progressive payout wager shall have such other devices, equipment, features and capabilities as may be required by the Commission for the game after the prototype model is examined by the Commission.

(l) Following any malfunction of a computer that controls the progressive payout wager system, the casino licensee shall immediately notify the Commission and Division and shall not utilize the system until the malfunction has been successfully repaired. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commission may permit a casino licensee to utilize the system prior to it being successfully repaired, for a period not to exceed 48 hours, provided that:

1. The malfunction is limited to a single storage media device;

2. In addition to the malfunctioning storage media device, the system contains a backup storage media device not utilized in the normal operation of the system, which backup device shall immediately and automatically replace the malfunctioning device, to permit a complete and prompt recovery of all information in the event of an additional malfunction; and

3. Continued use of the malfunctioning system would not limit the ability to perform a complete and prompt recovery of all information and would not otherwise harm or affect the normal operation of the progressive payout wager.

(m) Whenever a casino licensee seeks to install a modification to any computer that controls a progressive payout wager system, including, but not limited to, a new or modified computer program (software or firmware) or hardware design, the installation shall occur only after advance written notice of at least three business days to the MIS department of the casino licensee and to designated representatives of the Commission and Division. The written notice shall:

1. Be provided by an authorized representative of the casino games department of the casino licensee or manufacturer or servicing vendor other than the person who will perform the actual installation; and

2. Include, at a minimum, the following:

i. If the modification involves computer programs:

(1) A list of each computer program (software or firmware) to be modified or replaced, including the version number and version date, if applicable, and the date each modification was approved by the Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20; and

(2) A list of each new computer program to be installed, if any, including the version number and version date, if applicable, and the date each new program was approved by the Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20;

ii. If the modification involves hardware design, a list of each type of hardware being modified or replaced, including the date that each modified or new type of hardware was approved by the Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20;

iii. The date of and estimated time needed to complete the installation; and

iv. The name of the person authorized to perform the installation.

(n) If an installation notice contains all the required elements set forth in (e)6 or (m) above, the Commission shall approve the installation. Any installation authorized pursuant to this section shall be performed in the presence of a representative of the MIS department of the casino licensee and a Commission inspector. Following the completion of the installation, the computer that controls the

progressive payout wager system shall generate a record of the installation or, if the computer does not have the capability to generate such a record, the casino licensee shall otherwise create such record of the installation as the Commission may require. In the event the Commission determines that testing by the casino licensee is required, the Commission shall also approve the scope and results of such testing.

New Rule, R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.315, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1947(a), 28 N.J.R. 3623(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.440, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2537(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(b).

Administrative correction.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2184(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.281, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1171(a), 31 N.J.R. 2372(a).

In (g), substituted a reference to table game progressive payouts for gaming tables in the second sentence, and added the last sentence.

Amended by R.2001 d.402, effective November 5, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2633(a), 33 N.J.R. 3762(a).

Rewrote the section.

19:45-1.40 Jackpot payouts of cash, slot tokens or gaming chips that are not paid directly from the slot machine

(a) Whenever a patron wins a jackpot of coins or slot tokens that is not totally and automatically paid directly from the slot machine, a Request for Jackpot Payout Slip ("Request") shall be prepared after the preparer observes the combinations on the slot machine and determines the appropriate amount of the payout, based on the winning combinations. If the manual jackpot is less than \$10,000, the preparer of the Request shall be a slot attendant or a slot attendant supervisor. If the manual jackpot is \$10,000 or more, the preparer of the Request shall be a slot attendant supervisor. The Request shall be, at a minimum, a one-part form or the information required on it maintained in stored data, access to which, prior to use or input, shall be restricted to slot attendants and slot attendant supervisors.

1. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this section, a slot attendant may complete a Pouch Payout Slip instead of a Request and pay the winning patron the manual jackpot from imprest funds in a pouch or wallet in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40E, if the total amount of the slot machine jackpot is less than \$1,200 and the slot machine is connected to an approved computerized slot monitoring system.

2. Any casino licensee that chooses to use the pouch payout procedures authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40E may request the approval of the Commission to use a combined Request/Pouch Payout Slip that satisfies the requirements of (b) below and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40E(b)2.

(b) The following information, at a minimum, shall be on the Request or maintained in stored data:

1. The date and time of the jackpot;

2. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;

3. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;

4. The amount of the jackpot payout awarded pursuant to (b)3 above that was not paid to the winning patron directly by the slot machine;

5. The method of payment requested by the patron (cash, slot tokens, casino check or, if available, gaming chips);

6. The signature or identification code of the preparer; and

7. The following additional signatures or identification codes shall be required if the slot machine or the progressive meter is reset prior to the patron being paid or if payment is made directly to the patron by a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier:

i. The signature or identification code of the casino security department member attesting to the characters constituting the jackpot and the amount of the jackpot payout that was not paid to the winning patron directly by the slot machine; and

ii. The signature or identification code of the slot shift manager attesting to the characters constituting the jackpot and the amount of the jackpot payout that was not paid to the winning patron directly by the slot machine when the jackpot amount is \$25,000 or more.

(c) Following preparation, the Request shall be immediately transported by the preparer or the information maintained in stored data shall be available to a slot booth, the master coin bank or the cashiers' cage where it will serve to authorize the preparation of a Jackpot Payout Slip ("Payout") by a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier.

(d) If the winning patron will not be paid before the slot machine or progressive meter is reset, the preparer of the Request required by (a) above shall also prepare a Jackpot Payout Receipt ("Receipt"). The Receipt shall be, at a minimum, a two-part form, and shall contain the following information:

1. The date and time of the jackpot;

2. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;

3. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;

4. The amount of the jackpot payout that was not paid to the winning patron directly by the slot machine or, if the jackpot is an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option offered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, the face amount of the jackpot displayed on the slot machine or progressive meter or provided by the slot system operator pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40C, stated in numbers and in words;

5. The signature of the winning patron on the original form only; and

6. The signature of the preparer indicating that the information on the Receipt is correct and agrees with the information on the Request or as maintained in the stored data required by (a) above.

(e) Upon preparation, the Receipt shall be distributed as follows:

1. The original shall be immediately delivered to the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier by the preparer or a casino security department member along with the Request if manually generated in accordance with (c) above; and

2. The duplicate shall be immediately presented to the winning patron who shall be required to present the duplicate Receipt before being paid the jackpot in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.

(f) Payouts shall be serially prenumbered forms, each series of which shall be used in sequential order, and the series of numbers of all Payouts received by a casino shall be accounted for by employees independent of the cashiers' cage and the slot department. All original and duplicate void Payouts shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer. Notwithstanding the above, a serially prenumbered combined jackpot payout hopper fill form may be utilized in conjunction with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41(b), as approved by the Commission, provided that the combined form shall be used in a manner which otherwise complies with the procedures and requirements established by this section.

(g) For establishments in which Payouts are manually prepared, the following procedures and requirements shall be observed:

1. Each series of Payouts shall be a three-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a locked dispenser that will permit an individual slip in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously while still locked in the dispenser, and that will discharge the original and duplicate while the triplicate remains in a continuous, unbroken form in the dispenser; and

2. Access to the triplicates shall be maintained and controlled at all times by employees responsible for controlling and accounting for the unused supply of Payouts, placing Payouts in the dispensers, and removing from the dispensers each day the triplicates remaining therein. These employees shall have no incompatible functions.

(h) For establishments in which Payouts are computer prepared, each series of Payouts shall be a two-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a printer that will: simultaneously print an original and a duplicate and store, in a machine-readable form, all information printed on the original and duplicate, other than the serial number of any casino check issued to the patron who won the jackpot for which the slip was prepared; and discharge the original and duplicate. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of a Payout.

(b) If a slot machine malfunctions during a payout and the slot machine cannot be repaired in a timely manner, coin and slot tokens may be removed from a slot machine's hopper in order to complete the slot machine paid jackpot. The coin or slot tokens shall be removed from the slot machine hopper by a slot attendant, slot mechanic or supervisor thereof. The removal of the coin or slot tokens shall be documented on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j). Nothing in this section shall preclude a casino licensee from preparing a Jackpot Payout Slip for the amount of coin or slot token owed the patron provided that the payout is completed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40 and a notation is made on the Jackpot Payout Slip indicating the reason for the slip.

(c) If coin or slot tokens are inserted by a patron and are neither registered nor returned to the patron by the slot machine, a member of the slot department in accordance with (b) above may remove the coin or slot tokens from the slot machine hopper and return them to the patron. The removal of the coin or slot tokens shall be documented on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j). Under no circumstances shall a casino licensee remove more coin or slot tokens than the maximum number of coin or slot tokens which can be wagered on one handle pull of the slot machine.

(d) Whenever slugs are found in a slot machine's hopper the following procedures and requirements shall be followed:

1. A slot attendant, slot mechanic or supervisor thereof shall immediately remove the slugs from the slot machine hopper and place the slugs into an envelope or container. The individual who found the slugs shall record the asset number and the denomination of the slot machine, the quantity of slugs found, the date the slugs were found, and his or her signature on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j). The envelope or container may be maintained inside the slot machine until the number of slugs in the envelope or container is nine. When the number of slugs in the envelope or container reaches nine or at such other times as may be necessary, the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor shall complete a three-part Slug Report which contains, at a minimum, the following:

- i. The date and time;
- ii. The asset number of the slot machine from which the slugs were removed;
- iii. The denomination of the slot machine;
- iv. The denomination and quantity of slugs;
- v. A brief description of the slugs; and
- vi. The signature of the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot department supervisor completing the Slug Report.

2. Upon completion of the Slug Report required by (d)1 above, the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot department supervisor shall remove the envelope or container and transport it with the Slug Report to the Master Coin Bank or other location as approved by the Commission. The individual accepting receipt of the slugs shall sign all three parts of the Slug Report. The original Slug Report shall be delivered to the Commission and the triplicate shall be delivered to the Division's in-house office by the end of each gaming day. The duplicate Slug Report shall remain with the slugs until their destruction.

3. If more than nine slugs are found at any one time in a slot machine's hopper, the slot department member shall place the slugs into the envelope or container and immediately complete the Slug Report required by (d)1 above. The slugs shall be immediately transported in accordance with (d)2 above. The slot department member shall inspect the slot machine and coin mechanism to determine if there is a malfunction. The results of this inspection shall be documented on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j).

4. All slugs shall be destroyed in accordance with procedures submitted to and approved by the Commission which procedures shall include a written notification to the Division as to the date, time and location of destruction.

New Rule, R.1994 d.423, effective August 15, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1620(a), 26 N.J.R. 3465(c).

Amended by R.1994 d.504, effective October 3, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4089(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.417, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1498(a), 28 N.J.R. 4111(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.459, effective November 3, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 858(b), 29 N.J.R. 4715(a).

In (b), and (d)1, deleted all references to slot machine denominations less than \$25.00.

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.

19:45-1.42 Removal of slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes; unsecured currency; meter readings

(a) For each slot machine and attached bill changer on the gaming floor, the slot drop bucket, slot drop box and slot cash storage box shall be removed at least once a week on specified days and at times designated by the casino licensee on a schedule which shall be filed with the Commission and the Division. In the case of slot cash storage boxes, the schedule shall include the total number of slot cash storage boxes to be removed on a particular day in total and by zone. No slot drop bucket, slot drop box or slot cash storage box shall be emptied or removed from its compartment at other than the times specified on such schedule except with the express approval of the Commission. Prior to the start of the scheduled slot cash storage box collection process, a casino key employee who shall be referred to

herein as a drop team supervisor shall perform a physical count of the slot cash storage boxes removed from storage to replace those boxes scheduled to be collected. Such count shall include emergency slot cash storage boxes and be documented in the presence of a Commission inspector on at least a two-part form. Any discrepancy between the number of slot cash storage boxes physically counted and the number indicated on the collection schedule shall be explained in writing to a Commission inspector. Prior to emptying or removing any slot drop bucket, slot drop box or slot cash storage box, a casino licensee shall notify the Commission and the surveillance department of the transportation route that will be utilized.

1. Notwithstanding (a) above, a casino licensee may submit a written application to the Commission at least 48 hours prior to a scheduled time for removal requesting an extension of time for removal of some or all of its slot drop buckets or slot drop boxes. The application shall specify the length of the extension sought, the reason therefor, and identify the particular slot machines included in such request (by slot zone and/or slot machine denomination). The Commission shall, if it determines that expected business conditions during the requested extension would neither compromise the removal process nor otherwise adversely affect the operation of the casino licensee's slot machines, extend the time to complete the removal of the affected slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes up to seven days. Upon expiration of the extension, the casino licensee shall resume its regular schedule as filed with the Commission and the Division. Whenever an extension does not encompass all slot drop buckets or slot drop boxes scheduled to be removed, the casino licensee shall ensure, through internal control procedures approved by the Commission, that the casino security department knows which slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes are to be removed and the count room supervisor knows which slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes contents should be counted.

2. All slot drop boxes which are not attached to a slot machine or temporarily stored in the base of a slot machine pursuant to (c)2ii below, including emergency slot drop boxes which are not actively in use, shall be stored in the count room or other secure area outside the count room approved by the Commission, in an enclosed storage cabinet or trolley and secured in such cabinet or trolley by a separately keyed, double locking system. The key to one lock shall be maintained and controlled by the security department and the key to the second lock shall be maintained and controlled by the Commission.

(b) Slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be removed from their compartments in a slot machine or bill changer, in the presence of a Commission inspector, by at least three employees, two of whom shall be members of the casino security department, and one of whom shall be a member of the casino accounting department or an independent slot machine cage department established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11(b)9.

(c) Procedures and requirements for removing slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes from the casino shall be as follows:

1. The slot drop bucket, slot drop box or slot cash storage box shall be removed from its compartment and an empty slot drop bucket, slot drop box, or slot cash storage box shall be placed into the compartment, and if applicable, a unique identification number shall be assigned and recorded for the slot cash storage box, either upon its insertion or removal, after which the compartment shall be closed and locked;

2. All slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes removed from compartments shall be transported directly to, and secured in the count room by, at a minimum, a Commission inspector, a casino security department member and a member of the casino accounting department or an independent slot machine cage department, for the counting of their contents; provided, however, that:
 - i. Prior to their placement in the soft count room, a drop team supervisor, in the presence of a Commission inspector, shall count the total number of slot cash storage boxes collected and verify that the number of boxes collected agrees with the number indicated on the removal schedule and sent for replacement pursuant to (a) above. Any discrepancies shall be immediately reported to the security and surveillance departments and explained in writing to a Commission inspector. Procedures for the immediate investigation of unresolved discrepancies must be approved by the Commission;
 - ii. A slot cash storage box removed from a bill changer in order to service the bill changer may be temporarily stored in the corresponding double-locked base of the slot machine (the compartment of the slot machine containing the slot drop bucket or slot drop box) attached to the bill changer, and shall be replaced and relocked in the bill changer when the repairs are completed. If the repairs cannot be completed and the slot cash storage box cannot be replaced in the bill changer by the end of the repair person's shift, or if the bill changer must be removed from the casino floor, the slot cash storage box shall be removed from the locked slot compartment and transported to the count room in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.38; and
 - iii. A full or inoperable slot drop box shall be replaced with an empty emergency slot drop box, and may be stored in its corresponding double-locked slot machine base until no later than the next scheduled slot drop box pickup;

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or this chapter to the contrary, a casino licensee may, in lieu of transporting all slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes directly to the count room prior to the start of the count, utilize either or both of the following alternative procedures:

i. A casino licensee may create a secure staging area outside of the count room where slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes may be temporarily stored for a maximum of one hour before being transferred to the count room; provided, however, that the location of the staging area and the security measures used by the casino licensee shall be approved by the Commission, which security measures shall require, at a minimum, that the staging area be videotaped by the surveillance department and guarded by at least one casino security department representative whenever slot drop buckets or slot drop boxes are temporarily stored in the area; or

ii. A casino licensee may, prior to collecting and transporting all slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes on the casino floor to the count room or a secure staging area, begin to count, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.43, the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes that have been collected and transported from a particular portion of the casino floor, provided that the casino licensee shall thereafter continue to collect and transfer to the count room, during the counting process, the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes from the remaining portions of the casino floor until all slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes have been collected and counted; and

4. Except for members of the casino accounting department or independent slot machine cage department participating in the emergency removal of a slot cash storage box or slot drop box, casino security department employees and representatives of the Commission and Division, all persons participating in the removal of slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall wear as outer garments only a full-length, one-piece pocketless garment with openings only for the hands, feet and neck.

(d) In addition to complying with the procedures included in (b) and (c) above, a casino licensee shall submit to the Commission for approval its procedures detailing how the slot drop bucket, slot drop box and slot cash storage box for each slot machine and attached bill changer on the gaming floor will be emptied or removed from its compartment when the casino is open to the public for 24 hours. Such submission shall include at least the following:

1. How patrons will be notified that a slot machine will be closed for emptying or removing slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes;
2. How patrons will be removed from slot aisles;
3. How the area will be secured while the slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes are emptied or removed; and
4. How the compartments in which the full slot drop buckets, slot drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes are transported, will be secured while they are in the casino.

(e) Whenever currency or a coupon is found inside a bill changer but outside the slot cash storage box ("unsecured currency" or "unsecured coupon"), a slot department representative or casino accounting department representative shall complete a form which includes the asset number or, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16(b), other unique identification number of the slot cash storage box in the bill changer in which the unsecured currency or unsecured coupon was found, the date the unsecured currency or unsecured coupon was found and the total dollar amount of the unsecured currency or dollar value of the unsecured coupon. The slot department representative or casino accounting department representative and a member of the casino security department shall then sign the form as evidence of the total dollar amount or dollar value being transported; place the form and the unsecured currency or unsecured coupon into an envelope or container, unless the form is printed on the front of the envelope in which the currency or coupon is being placed; and transport the envelope or container directly to the cashiers' cage.

(f) Upon receipt of the envelope or container from the slot department representative or casino accounting department representative, a main bank cashier or cage supervisor shall immediately prepare an Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report. If the unsecured currency or unsecured coupon was not transported by a slot supervisor or casino accounting supervisor, the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report must be prepared by a cage supervisor pursuant to (j) below.

(g) Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports shall be serially prenumbered forms. Each series of Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports shall be used in sequential order and shall be accounted for by employees independent of the cashiers' cage and slot department. All original and duplicate void Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer. All copies of void Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports shall be forwarded to the accounting department at the end of the gaming day.

(h) For establishments in which Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports are manually prepared, the following procedures and requirements shall be observed:

1. Each series of Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports shall be a three-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted into a locked dispenser that will permit an individual slip in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously while still locked in the dispenser, and that will discharge the original and duplicate while the triplicate remains in a continuous, unbroken form in the dispenser; and
2. Access to the triplicates shall be maintained and controlled at all times by employees responsible for controlling and accounting for the unused supply of Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports, placing

Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports in the dispensers, and removing from the dispensers the triplicates remaining therein.

(i) For establishments in which Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports are computer prepared, each series of Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports shall be a two-part form, at a minimum, and shall be generated by a computer system that will: simultaneously print an original and duplicate and store, in machine-readable form, all information printed on the original and duplicate; and discharge the original and duplicate. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report.

(j) On the original, duplicate and triplicate or, if applicable, in stored data, the main bank cashier or cage supervisor shall record, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The date and time of preparation;
2. The asset number or, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16(b), other unique identification number of the slot cash storage box in the bill changer from which the unsecured currency or unsecured coupon was removed;
3. The denomination(s) of unsecured currency;
4. The total dollar amount of the unsecured currency;
5. The denomination(s) of unsecured coupons;
6. The total dollar value of the unsecured coupons; and
7. The signature or, if computer prepared, identification code of the preparer.

(k) The original and duplicate copies of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report shall be presented to the slot department representative or casino accounting department representative and the casino security representative for signature.

1. Upon meeting the signature requirements, the main bank cashier or cage supervisor shall transport the unsecured currency and unsecured coupons along with the original and duplicate copies of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report to the main bank.

i. If the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report was prepared by a cage supervisor, the main bank cashier shall:

- (1) Sign the original and duplicate copies of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report;
- (2) Retain the original Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report and the unsecured currency and unsecured coupons; and

(3) Return the duplicate Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report to the cage supervisor who shall attach the form referenced in (e) above to the duplicate and expeditiously deposit the duplicate with the attached form into the locked accounting box located in the cashiers' cage.

ii. If the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report was prepared by the main bank cashier, the main bank cashier shall:

(1) Retain the original Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report and the unsecured currency and unsecured coupons;

(2) Attach the form referenced in (e) above to the duplicate Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report; and

(3) Return the duplicate Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report and attached form to the casino security representative who shall expeditiously deposit the duplicate with the attached form into a locked accounting box maintained in a location approved by the Commission.

2. The main bank cashier shall then either:

i. Add the value of the unsecured currency and unsecured coupons to the main bank's accountability and retain the original of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report until the end of the gaming day; or

ii. Maintain the unsecured currency, the unsecured coupons and the original Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report until collected by a count room supervisor and immediately transported to the count room where:

(1) The currency and coupons shall be counted with the contents removed from the corresponding slot cash storage box and recorded on the Slot Cash Storage Box Report; and

(2) The original Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report shall be forwarded to the accounting department in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33(i).

(l) At the end of the gaming day, at a minimum, the original and duplicate copy of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report shall be forwarded as follows:

1. If, pursuant to (k)1 above, the main bank cashier has retained possession of the original, the cashier shall forward the original directly to the accounting department for agreement with the triplicate or stored data; and

2. The duplicate with the attached form shall be forwarded directly to the accounting department for recording on the Slot Cash Storage Box Report and Slot Win Sheet, and agreement with the triplicate or stored data; provided, however, that no additional recording of the unsecured currency and unsecured coupons shall be required if the currency and coupons have been transported to the count room, counted and recorded pursuant to (k)2 above.

(m) The duplicate copy of the Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report shall be attached to the Slot Cash Storage Box Report as supporting documentation. A notation shall be made on the duplicate Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Report indicating whether the dollar amount of the unsecured currency and the dollar value of the unsecured coupons have been added to the Slot Cash Storage Box Report and Slot Win Sheet in accordance with (k)2 above or (l)2 above.

(n) Notwithstanding the requirements of (e) through (m) above, when unsecured currency and unsecured coupons are found during the collection of slot cash storage boxes, a casino licensee shall transport the unsecured currency and unsecured coupons directly to the soft count room. The completion of the form required by (e) above shall be performed by a count team member and a member of the casino security department. The envelope or container shall be transported with the slot cash storage boxes to the count room pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17(c). A listing of all unsecured currency by asset number or, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16(b), other unique identification number shall be completed by the Commission Inspector prior to the transportation of the trolley to the count room. The unsecured currency and unsecured coupons shall be counted and recorded with the contents removed from the corresponding slot cash storage box. The form prepared pursuant to (e) above shall be forwarded to the accounting department with the Slot Cash Storage Box Report pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33(i).

(o) Accounting department employees with no incompatible functions shall, at least once a week on the same schedule filed pursuant to (a) above for the removal of slot drop buckets, or slot drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes, read and record on a Slot Meter Sheet the numbers on the in-meter, drop meter, jackpot meter, manual jackpot meter, cash box meter, if applicable, and coupon meters in accordance with internal controls approved by the Commission. In lieu of manual meter readings, a casino licensee may have a computer system, as approved by the Commission, record any of the required meter readings. The computer shall store in machine readable form all information required by this section and such stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel. If a bill changer does not contain a cash box meter pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(e)1, a casino licensee shall be required to read and record or have a computer system record the bill meter readings each time the slot cash storage box is

removed. Accounting department employees shall periodically read and record on a Slot Meter Sheet the numbers on the bill meters in accordance with a schedule established by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, but in no event shall the casino licensee be required to read and record the bill meters more than once a week. These procedures shall be performed in conjunction with the removal and replacement of the slot drop box buckets, slot drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes prior to opening the slot machines for patron play. If a casino licensee is granted an extension to remove slot drop buckets or slot drop boxes pursuant to (a)1 above, the required meter readings for slot machines housing affected slot drop buckets or slot drop boxes shall be similarly extended. Upon expiration of the extension, the casino licensee shall resume its regular schedule for required meter readings.

(p) After preparation of the Slot Meter Sheet each employee involved with its preparation shall sign the Slot Meter Sheet attesting to the accuracy of the information contained thereon after which the sheet shall be forwarded directly to the accounting department for comparison to the Slot Win Sheet and calculation of slot machine statistics.

(q) Whenever there is a variance of more than two percent and more than \$25.00 between the total amount of cash and coupons removed from a bill changer's slot cash storage box and either the cash box meter reading and, if applicable, the value coupon meter reading that is recorded on the Slot Meter Sheet pursuant to (o) above or a reading from a computer system approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(e)1 and, if applicable, (o) above, the casino licensee's casino accounting department shall be required to initiate an incident report and comply with the following procedures.

1. If the casino licensee uses casino accounting department employees to read and record meter readings manually and, pursuant to (o) above, the bill meters were not read when the slot cash storage box was removed for counting, a representative of the casino accounting department shall, either prior to or during the next scheduled removal of the slot cash storage box, read and record on the Slot Meter Sheet each of the bill meters and value coupon meter, and shall remove the slot cash storage box and count the contents in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33. The meter readings from the bill meters and value coupon meter shall be compared to the total amount of cash and coupons removed from the slot cash storage boxes for the period from the last date the meters were read.

2. If a variance exists, the casino licensee shall be required to have its slot department investigate the cause of the variance, if appropriate, and prepare and file an incident report documenting the variance with the casino controller, the director of surveillance, Commission and Division. 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;
- iv. The asset number of the bill changer involved;
- v. An indication as to the cause of the variance with any documentation attached to support the given explanation (for example, Unsecured Currency/Coupon Report);
- vi. An indication as to whether the bill meters or numerical coupon meter confirmed the variance, if applicable;
- vii. The manufacturer and model number of the slot machine to which the bill changer is attached or embedded;
- viii. The manufacturer of the bill changer involved;
- ix. The total number of reported variances by manufacturer and model number of the slot machine;
- x. The total number of reported variances by manufacturer of the bill changer;
- xi. The total number of reported variances compared to the total number of slot cash storage boxes counted; and
- xii. The signature and license number of the preparer.

(r) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, a casino licensee which has approval to read and record a bill changer's meter readings with an approved computer system shall be required to read the bill changer's meter and coupon meters manually if 10 percent or more of the bill changers counted during the week have reported variances pursuant to (q) above for a period of three consecutive weeks. The manual meter readings shall continue until the Commission is satisfied that the computer system can accurately read and record the bill changer's meter readings.

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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)1ii, revising old (b)1ii deleted (b)2ii, recodifying (b)2i into text of subparagraph (b)2. Revised text at (b)1i, 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)1iii, 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)1ii.

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.

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.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42(c)3, the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes shall be counted and recorded immediately after removal from their slot machine compartments. If a casino licensee uses the phased collection and transfer procedures authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42(c)3, the counting process set forth in (i) below may begin as soon as the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes from any portion of the casino floor have been secured in the count room. Each casino licensee shall file with the Commission and the Division the specific times during which the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes shall be counted and recorded.

(c) All members of the count team present in the count room during the counting process shall be required to wear a full-length, one-piece, pocketless outer garment with no openings other than for the hands, feet and neck.