

14. The exchange of currency for coin and slot tokens, currency for currency, or coin and slot tokens for currency between slot cashiers upon the preparation of appropriate documentation and in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission; and

15. The exchange with the master coin bank of coin, currency, slot tokens, prize tokens, gaming chips, gaming plaques, coupons, issuance copies of Slot Counter Checks and documentation upon the preparation of a Slot Booth Exchange Slip.

(b) Except for the transactions authorized by (a) above, a slot booth shall not obtain coin, currency, prize tokens or slot tokens, through exchange or otherwise, from any source other than the master coin bank or a coin vault approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(e). An exchange with the master coin bank or coin vault must be accompanied by a Slot Booth Exchange Slip or by a Fill Slip authorizing the distribution of coins, prize tokens or slot tokens to the slot booth. A Slot Booth Exchange Slip shall be a two-part, serially prenumbered form signed by the master coin bank cashier, slot cashier, and each person transporting the funds.

(c) Each slot booth shall be designed and constructed to provide at all times maximum security for the materials housed therein and for the activities performed therein. At a minimum, each slot cashier window shall be equipped with an electrical system, approved by the Commission, which enables a slot cashier or other authorized person in the booth to transmit a signal that is audibly and visually reproduced in each of the following locations whenever an emergency exists:

1. The monitoring rooms required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10; and
2. The casino security department of the casino licensee.

Amended by R.1982 d.171, effective June 7, 1982 (operative July 15, 1982).

See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 14 N.J.R. 582(a).

(a)5 added; (a)5-7 renumbered as 6-8.

Petition for Rulemaking: Request amendment to subsection (a).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1966(a).

Amended by R.1988 d.224, effective May 16, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 516(a), 20 N.J.R. 1099(c).

Subsection (a) substantially amended.

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 August 27, 1990 (expires November 25, 1990).

See: 22 N.J.R. 2542(a).

Temporary Amendment of accounting and internal controls pursuant to the automated coupon redemption machine experiment.

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

Amended by R.1991 d.152, effective March 18, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3708(b), 23 N.J.R. 885(a).

In (a), added 9.

Amended by R.1991 d.229, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3205(a), 23 N.J.R. 1455(a).

In (a): added new paragraph 7, recodifying existing 7.-10. as 8.-11., with no change in text.

Amended by R.1991 d.300, effective June 17, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 397(a), 23 N.J.R. 1964(a).

Added new (a)10, recodifying 10-11 as 11-12.

Administrative Correction.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2165(a).

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

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

In (b): revised text to "... at all times ..." from "during gaming activity ...".

Deleted subsection (c) regarding slot booth construction.

Amended by R.1992 d.233, effective June 1, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3085(a), 24 N.J.R. 2078(a).

In (a)12, added reference to "master coin break" and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(e) regarding an approved coin vault.

Amended by R.1993 d.492, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3107(b), 25 N.J.R. 4618(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.265, effective June 6, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5893(a), 26 N.J.R. 2463(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.1995 d.593, effective November 20, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3312(a), 27 N.J.R. 4730(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.623, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3596(a), 27 N.J.R. 4912(b).

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.1996 d.419, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1615(a), 28 N.J.R. 4113(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.439, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2809(a), 28 N.J.R. 4236(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.125, effective March 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5058(a), 30 N.J.R. 870(a).

In (a)3, added currency for currency as a type of exchange.

19:45-1.35 Accounting controls for slot booths and change machines

(a) The assets for which the slot cashiers are responsible shall be supplied from the main bank or master coin bank. Each slot cashier shall operate with an individual imprest inventory. At the end of each shift, the slot cashier assigned to the outgoing shift shall record on a Slot Cashiers' Count Sheet the face value of each slot booth inventory item counted and the total opening and closing slot booth inventories and shall reconcile the total closing inventory with the total opening inventory.

(b) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the Slot Cashiers' Count sheet shall be, at a minimum, of the following cashiers after preparation of the Slot Cashiers' Count sheet:

1. The cashier assigned to the outgoing shift; and
2. The cashier assigned to the incoming shift.

(c) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, a copy of the Slot Cashiers' Count Sheets for the previous gaming day shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement of opening and closing inventories, agreement of amount thereon to other records and documents required by this regulation, and recording of transactions.

(d) The slot booth inventory may be used to supply changepersons with an imprest inventory of coin, currency and slot tokens, provided that such inventory shall only be used to accept any combination of currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens, prize tokens or coupons presented by a patron in exchange for an equivalent amount of any combination of currency, coin or slot tokens. The slot booth inventory may also be used to provide a changeperson with coin, currency and slot tokens in exchange for an equal amount of any combination of coin, currency, coupons, prize tokens or gaming chips. The exchange of coupons shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(j). If a changeperson's inventory is obtained from a location other than a slot booth, the location and the procedures for the issuance and maintenance of the inventory shall be approved by the Commission.

(e) The slot booth inventory may be used to supply automated coupon redemption machines with an imprest inventory of coin or slot tokens.

(f) Change machines shall be governed by the accounting and internal control procedures required by this section, which shall be submitted to the Commission for review and approval.

(g) The slot booth inventory may be used to supply slot attendants with an imprest inventory of currency to be used in the exchange of currency and coupons presented by a patron.

Amended by R.1984 d.623, effective January 21, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 2075(b), 17 N.J.R. 211(b).

(d) amended.

Petition for Rulemaking: Request amendment to subsection (a).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1966(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 August 27, 1990 (expires November 25, 1990).

See: 22 N.J.R. 2542(a).

Temporary Amendment of accounting and internal controls pursuant to the automated coupon redemption machine experiment.

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

Amended by R.1991 d.152, effective March 18, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3708(b), 23 N.J.R. 885(a).

Added (e).

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

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

In (c): revised text to read, "At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum . . ."

Amended by R.1993 d.492, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3107(b), 25 N.J.R. 4618(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.1995 d.623, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3596(a), 27 N.J.R. 4912(b).

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

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

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3223(a), 33 N.J.R. 3696(b).

19:45-1.36 Slot machines and bill changers; coin and slot token containers; slot cash storage boxes; entry authorization logs

(a) Each slot machine located in a casino shall have the following coin, prize token or slot token containers:

1. At least one but no more than two containers, each to be known as a payout reserve container ("hopper"), in which coins, prize tokens or slot tokens are retained by the slot machine to automatically pay jackpots or to dispense change as directed by a bill changer connected to the slot machine; provided, however, that:

i. Coins or slot tokens shall be retained in a separate hopper, known as an "all-purpose hopper," that is designed to accept coin or slot tokens of the same denomination, and only such coin or slot tokens, upon insertion thereof into the slot machine's coin acceptor, and that is capable of paying out or dispensing only coin or slot tokens of the same denomination as jackpots or as change; provided, however, that any coins or slot tokens that are accepted by the coin acceptor and that exceed the capacity of the hopper shall be diverted to the slot drop bucket, and if applicable, the slot drop box;

ii. Prize tokens shall be retained only in a separate hopper, known as a "payout-only hopper," that is capable of retaining and making jackpot payouts only of prize tokens of the same denomination, and that is incapable of making change or of accepting any coin or slot token upon insertion thereof into the slot machine's coin acceptor, which shall divert coins or slot tokens that it has accepted to the slot drop bucket or any applicable slot drop box;

iii. No slot machine shall have more than one all-purpose hopper unless each hopper accepts the same denomination of coin or slot token;

iv. Notwithstanding (a)ii above, coins or slot tokens of the same denomination that are placed in a payout-only hopper exclusively through hopper fills may be retained in that hopper to make payouts to winning patrons, subject to the Division's inspection and the Commission's approval of the machine as part of the review of that machine and of the internal controls therefor;

v. Unless both hoppers on slot machines with multiple hoppers either each contain the same denomination of coin, slot tokens or prize tokens, or are connected to win meters that satisfy the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(b)4i and 19:46-1.26(c)5i or 19:45-1.37(b)4ii and 19:46-1.26(c)5ii, each automatic pay jackpot of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens that is made from a multiple hopper slot machine on a round of play shall be paid out only on the round of play when the winning combination is hit and only from one, but not both, of the machine's hoppers for any winning combination that is hit on that round, and no casino licensee shall offer or provide a jackpot at such slot machine that will be paid out from both hoppers for any winning combination that is hit on the same round; and

vi. Prize tokens shall not be placed in or retained by a payout-only hopper that retains coins or slot tokens pursuant to (a)liv above;

2. A container, known as a slot drop bucket or slot drop box, to collect coins or slot tokens that are retained by the slot machine and are not used to make change or automatic jackpot payouts. Each slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be identified by a number which corresponds to the asset number of the slot machine, and which is permanently imprinted on or affixed to the outside of the slot drop bucket or slot drop box in numerals. The number must be conspicuous and clearly visible to persons involved in removing or replacing the slot drop bucket or slot drop box in the slot machine and through the casino licensee's closed circuit camera coverage system. The size and location of the number are subject to prior approval by the Commission. In addition to bearing an asset number, each slot drop bucket or slot drop box may also be identified by a bar code label that is securely affixed thereto. Each bar code label affixed to a slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be:

i. Encoded, at a minimum, with the asset number of the slot machine in which the slot drop bucket or slot drop box is housed; and

ii. Prepared in accordance with a casino licensee's approved internal controls, which controls shall require, without limitation, the completion of a Bar Code Label Request Form that is signed by the requester and the preparer; provided, however, that a bar code label prepared by a member of the count team shall be tested and verified by a count room supervisor or representative of the casino accounting department, other than a member of the count team, prior to the label being attached to the slot drop bucket or slot drop box; and

3. On those slot machines which include a bill changer, a container known as a slot cash storage box, in which currency and coupons accepted by the bill changer are retained. The slot cash storage box shall be accessible only by a dedicated bill changer drop door that can be opened without opening the slot machine's main door or any other compartment of the slot machine.

(b) A slot drop bucket shall be housed in a locked compartment separate from any other compartment of the slot machine. The compartment shall have two locks, the keys to which shall be different from each other and from the keys utilized to secure all other compartments of the slot machine. One key to the compartment shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector. The second key to the compartment shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department in a secure area within that department, access to which may be gained only by a casino security department supervisor.

(c) A slot drop box shall have:

1. A slotted opening through which coins and slot tokens can be deposited;

2. A device that will automatically close and lock the slotted opening upon removal of the slot drop box from the slot machine; and

3. Two separate locks securing the contents of the slot drop box, the keys to which shall be different from each other. The key to one of the locks shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector. The key to the second lock, which shall also be different from the keys utilized to secure the compartments of the slot machine and the slot drop box, shall be maintained and controlled by the accounting department in a secure area within that department, access to which may be gained only by a supervisor in that department.

(d) A slot drop box shall be housed in a locked compartment separate from any other compartment of the slot machine. The area in which the slot drop box is located shall be secured by two separate locks, the design, location and operation of which shall be approved by the Commission, and the keys to which shall be different from each other. The key to one of the locks securing this area shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector. The key to the second lock, which shall also be different from the keys utilized to secure any other compartments of the slot machine and the contents of the slot drop box, shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department in a secure area within that department, and access to the key may be gained only by a supervisor in that department.

(e) Any slot machine equipped to accept slot tokens in denominations of \$25.00 or more shall utilize a slot drop box, rather than a slot drop bucket.

(f) The area in which the slot cash storage box is located shall be:

1. Separate from and accessible independently of any other compartment of the slot machine, the slot drop bucket or the slot drop box; and

2. Secured by two separate locks, the design, location, and operation of which shall be approved by the Commission, and the keys to which shall be different from each other.

(g) The key to one of the locks securing the area where the slot cash storage box is located shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector. The key to the second lock to such area, which key shall also be different from the keys securing the contents of the slot cash storage box, shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department or the slot department in a secure area within that department. Access to the key may be gained only by a supervisor in that department, provided, however, that if the slot department controls the key, the supervisor of the slot department may issue the key to a casino security department supervisor, who may give it to appropriate casino security department personnel only for the purpose of participating in the transportation of slot cash storage boxes, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17.

(h) Keys to each slot machine, or any device connected thereto which may affect the operation of the slot machine, with the exception of the keys to the compartments housing the slot drop bucket and to the locks securing the areas where the slot cash storage box and slot drop box are located, shall be maintained in a secure place and controlled by the slot department.

(i) Any key removed from a department's secure area pursuant to (b), (c), (d), (g) or (h) above, shall be returned no later than the end of the shift of the department member to whom the key was issued, and the department shall establish a sign-out and sign-in procedure approved by the Commission for all such keys removed.

(j) Unless a computer which automatically records the information specified in (j)1, 2, and 3 below is connected to the slot machines in the casino, the following entry authorization logs shall be maintained by the casino licensee:

1. Whenever it is required that a slot machine or any device connected thereto which may affect the operation of the slot machine be opened, with the exception of a bill changer, certain information shall be recorded on a form to be entitled "Machine Entry Authorization Log." The information shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, purpose of opening the machine or device, and the signature of the authorized employee opening the machine or device. The Machine Entry Authorization Log shall be maintained in the slot machine and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and a manufacturer's serial number or the asset number of that slot machine.

2. Whenever it is required that a progressive controller not housed within the cabinet of a slot machine be opened, the information specified in (j)1 above shall be recorded on a form to be entitled "Progressive Entry Authorization Log." The Progressive Entry Authorization Log shall be maintained in the progressive unit and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and serial number of the progressive controller.

3. With the exception of the transportation of slot cash storage boxes, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17(a), whenever it is required that a bill changer, other than a separate slot cash storage box compartment, be opened, certain information shall be recorded on a form to be entitled "Bill Changer Log." The information shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, purpose of opening the bill changer, and the signature of the authorized employee opening the bill changer. The Bill Changer Log shall be maintained in the bill changer and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and the serial number or asset number of the bill changer. If the bill changer is contained completely within the cabinet of a slot machine and there is no separate access to the bill changer unit, the information may be recorded on the Machine Entry Authorization Log required by (j)1 above, provided that any information that concerns the opening of the bill changer may be distinguished from any other information that concerns the opening of the slot machine or any other device connected thereto.

Amended by R.1983 d.239, effective June 30, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 1052(a), 15 N.J.R. 1040(b).

Deleted requirements in (d)1, that only slot machines or attendants had to sign the Machine Entry Authorization Log.

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

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

Amended by R.1988 d.224, effective May 16, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 516(a), 20 N.J.R. 1099(c).

Substantially amended.

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 bill changers and slot token containers and keys for slot storage box compartments.

Amended by R.1988 d.468, effective October 3, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 1069(a), 20 N.J.R. 2468(a).

Sequentially number "machine entry authorization logs" and require preparation and maintenance of "progressive entry authorization logs".

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)2 and (g)1, 3: revised text to read "asset" and "manufacturer's serial" number.

Amended by R.1992 d.359, effective September 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 1472(b), 24 N.J.R. 3335(b).

Requirement for separate locked compartment for slot cash storage box eliminated, under specified circumstances.

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.474, effective September 19, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2217(a), 26 N.J.R. 3894(a).

Administrative Correction.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4788(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.161, effective March 18, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 77(a), 28 N.J.R. 1560(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.358, effective August 5, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1946(a), 28 N.J.R. 3822(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.163, effective April 6, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 4260(a), 30 N.J.R. 1309(a).

In (a)2, added the last two sentences in the introduction, and added i and ii.

Amended by R.2001 d.401, effective November 5, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2632(a), 33 N.J.R. 3761(a).

Rewrote (a)3; rewrote (f).

19:45-1.36A Slot machines; hopper storage areas

(a) A hopper storage area may be used in connection with the operation of a slot machine, for the purpose of temporarily storing coins, prize tokens or slot tokens that are to be deposited only into the slot machine's hopper that corresponds with the coin or type of token stored in the hopper storage area.

(b) A hopper storage area shall be a separate secure compartment located within or adjacent to its corresponding slot machine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a single hopper storage area may be used to store hopper fills for two or more slot machines. A hopper storage area used to supply two or more slot machines shall:

1. Be located on the casino floor in close proximity to its corresponding slot machines, which location shall be approved by the Commission; and

13. The manner in which cash complimentarys in the form of electronic credits shall be issued, and how the recipients of those credits shall be identified.

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 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).

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 time limit for the progressive jackpot established pursuant to (i) below has expired; 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.

2. Failure of the Division to object to the payment of the jackpot prior to or upon completion of its inspection shall not constitute waiver or estoppel of any charge, issue or claim raised in any criminal or regulatory complaint subsequently filed against any person in connection with the winning or payment of that jackpot.

(b) Nothing in (a) above shall be deemed to limit the obligation of a casino licensee under the Act and the Commission's rules to cooperate with the Division or Commission in any inquiry or investigation concerning slot machine jackpots.

New Rule, R.1989 d.72, effective February 6, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2648(a), 21 N.J.R. 314(a).

New Rule—19:45-1.40B.

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).

Current N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B redesignated as 1.40D.

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

Recodified from N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, R.1990 d.238, effective May 7, 1990.

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

Temporary Amendment.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3226(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.575, effective November 6, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3148(a), 27 N.J.R. 4448(b).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2351(b), 33 N.J.R. 2920(b).

Amended by R.2001 d.449, effective December 3, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2745(a), 33 N.J.R. 4155(a).

In (a), substituted "greater than \$45,000" for "\$35,000 or more" throughout the introductory paragraph, rewrote 1 and inserted "prior to or" following "jackpot" in 2.

19:45-1.41 Procedure for filling payout reserve containers of slot machines and hopper storage areas

(a) Each hopper of a slot machine may be filled by a slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor by requesting coin, slot tokens or prize tokens that are compatible with the hopper to be filled from a slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier or by obtaining coin, slot tokens or prize tokens that are compatible with the hopper to be filled from its corresponding hopper storage area.

1. A slot hopper may be refilled at any time, provided however, that:

- i. An entire sealed bag of coin or tokens is used for the hopper fill and placed into the hopper;
- ii. The hopper cannot be filled beyond its operational capacity;
- iii. The hopper cannot be filled beyond its present inventory level; and
- iv. The procedures for ensuring (a)1i through iii above have been approved by the Commission.

(b) The filling of a hopper or a hopper storage area with coin, slot tokens or prize tokens obtained from a slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier shall be accomplished as follows:

1. Whenever a slot supervisor, attendant or mechanic requests coins, slot tokens or prize tokens to fill a hopper or a hopper storage area of a slot machine, he or she shall obtain a properly completed and signed Hopper Fill Slip ("Hopper Fills") from a slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier.

2. Hopper Fills shall be serially prenumbered forms, each series of Hopper Fills shall be used in sequential order, and the series numbers of all Hopper Fills received by a casino licensee shall be accounted for by employees independent of the cashiers' cage and the slot department. All original and duplicate void Hopper Fills 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. 19:45-1.40(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.

3. For establishments in which Hopper Fills are manually prepared, the following procedures and requirements shall be observed:

- i. Each series of Hopper Fills 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
- ii. Access to the triplicates shall be maintained and controlled at all times by employees responsible for controlling and accounting for the unused supply of Hopper Fills, placing Hopper Fills in the dispensers, and removing from the dispensers the triplicates remaining therein.

4. For establishments in which Hopper Fills are computer prepared, each series of Hopper Fills 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; and discharge the original and duplicate. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of a Hopper Fill.

5. On originals, duplicates and triplicates, or in stored data, the Hopper Fill shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- i. The asset number of the slot machine to which the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens are to be distributed;
- ii. The date and shift during which the coins, slot tokens or prize token are distributed;
- iii. The denomination of the coin, slot tokens or prize tokens that are to be distributed;
- iv. The amount of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens that are to be distributed;
- v. The location from which the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens are distributed;
- vi. The signature and, if computer prepared, the identification code of the preparer;

vii. The signature or identification code of the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor requesting coins, slot tokens or prize tokens to fill the hopper (on the original and the duplicate only);

viii. Whether the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens are to be placed in the slot machine's all-purpose hopper or payout-only hopper, or in its corresponding hopper storage area; and

ix. Whether the Hopper Fill is to be witnessed and verified by a casino security department member pursuant to (b)8 below or by a second casino employee pursuant to (b)9 below.

6. The time of preparation of the Hopper Fill shall be recorded at a minimum, on the original and duplicate upon preparation.

7. All coins, slot tokens or prize tokens distributed from a slot booth, master coin bank or the cashiers' cage to a slot machine or its corresponding hopper storage area shall, during their transportation to the machine or hopper storage area and until their deposit into the appropriate hopper or storage compartment, remain in pre-wrapped secured bags; provided, however, that the secured bags in which prize tokens are transported shall have sufficient identifying features, approved by the Commission, to distinguish those bags and their contents from the secured bags in which coins or slot tokens are transported.

8. Except as otherwise provided in (b)9 below, the pre-wrapped secure coin, slot tokens or prized tokens shall be transported directly to the slot machine or its corresponding hopper storage area, along with the duplicate Hopper Fill, by a casino security department member who shall observe the deposit of the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens in the appropriate slot machine hopper or the slot machine's corresponding hopper storage area, and the closing and locking of the slot machine or its corresponding hopper storage area by the slot mechanic, slot attendant or slot supervisor before obtaining the signature of the slot mechanic, slot attendant or slot supervisor on the duplicate copy of the Hopper Fill.

9. Notwithstanding the provisions of (b)8 above, if the pre-wrapped, secured bags of coin, slot tokens or prize tokens are being distributed by a slot booth, master coin bank or the cashiers' cage to a slot machine with a denomination of \$1.00 or less, the coin, slot tokens or prize tokens may be transported, along with the duplicate copy of the Hopper Fill, directly to the slot machine by a slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor who shall, in the presence of a second casino employee, open the slot machine and deposit the coin or tokens in the appropriate hopper of the slot machine. The casino employee who witnesses the fill shall sign the duplicate Hopper Fill attesting to the fact that the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor opened the slot machine, deposited all the coins or tokens in the appropriate hopper of the slot machine and closed and locked the slot machine in his or her presence.

i. The casino employee who witnesses the fill and signs the duplicate Hopper Fill shall hold a casino employee license or casino key employee license and shall be employed in a position requiring his or her presence on the casino floor and, at a minimum, a casino employee license.

ii. Any casino employee position authorized to witness and verify a Hopper Fill shall be identified in the casino licensee's approved internal controls; provided, however, that the following positions shall be prohibited from witnessing and verifying a Hopper Fill pursuant to (b)9 above:

(1) Any surveillance department, internal audit department or casino accounting department employee;

(2) A slot cashier or slot cashier supervisor in any department, other than a slot cashier who is prohibited from issuing Hopper Fills or Jackpot Payouts pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11(e)1; or

(3) Any other employee for whom it would be an incompatible function pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11(a)2 to witness and verify a Hopper Fill.

10. A slot mechanic who participates in filling a slot machine hopper shall inspect the slot machine and, if the hopper is empty, determine if the empty hopper resulted from a slot machine malfunction. A slot attendant or slot supervisor participating in a Hopper Fill shall review the Machine Entry Authorization Log and alert a slot mechanic to inspect the slot machine if the entries in the log indicate a consistent malfunction problem.

11. Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the Hopper Fill shall be, at a minimum, the following personnel at the following times:

i. For Hopper Fills witnessed and verified by a casino security department member in accordance with (b)8 above:

(1) The original shall be signed by the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier upon preparation of the Hopper Fill and by the casino security department member transporting the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens to the slot machine upon receipt from the cashier of the coins or tokens to be transported; and

(2) The duplicate shall be signed by the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier upon preparation of the Hopper Fill in accordance with (b)11i(1) above, by the casino security department member transporting the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens to the slot machine upon receipt from the cashier of the coins or tokens to be transported in accordance with (b)11i(1) above, and by the slot mechanic, slot attendant or slot supervisor after completing the fill procedures required in (b)8 above in the presence of the casino security department member.

ii. For Hopper Fills witnessed and verified by a second casino employee in accordance with (b)9 above:

(1) The original shall be signed by the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier upon preparation of the Hopper Fill and prior to the separation of the original and duplicate copy, and by the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor transporting the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens to the slot machine upon receipt from the cashier of the coins or tokens to be transported, but after the separation of the original and duplicate copy; and

(2) The duplicate shall be signed by the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier upon preparation of the Hopper Fill in accordance with (b)11ii(1) above, by the slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor after completing the fill procedures required in (b)9 above in the presence of the second casino employee, and by the casino employee verifying the fill after witnessing the completion of the fill procedures required in (b)9 above.

12. Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in (b)11 above, the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier shall maintain and control the original Hopper Fill and the following employee shall maintain and control the duplicate copy and, as soon as is reasonably possible, deposit it in a secure, locked box controlled by the casino accounting department at the security podium or other location approved by the Commission:

i. For Hopper Fills witnessed and verified in accordance with (b)8 above, the casino security department member who witnessed and verified the fill procedures; and

ii. For Hopper Fills witnessed and verified in accordance with (b)9 above either:

(1) The casino employee who witnessed and verified the fill procedures; or

(2) The slot attendant, slot mechanic or slot supervisor who deposited the coin or tokens in the slot machine;

iii. A casino licensee shall state in its internal controls whether the duplicate copy of the Hopper Fill will be deposited pursuant to (b)12i or ii above, and if it will be deposited pursuant to (b)12ii, the casino employee who witnesses and verifies the fill procedures shall make an entry on the Machine Entry Authorization Log that shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, Hopper Fill serial number and his or her signature.

13. At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, the original and duplicate Hopper Fill Slip shall be forwarded as follows:

i. The original Hopper Fill Slip shall be forwarded, in exchange for coin, currency or credit, to the master

coin bank if prepared by a slot cashier or to the main bank if prepared by a general cashier. All original Hopper Fill Slips received or prepared by the master coin bank or received by the main bank shall then be forwarded to the accounting department, which, as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall confirm that the information on the original Hopper Fill agrees with the information on the triplicate or in stored data.

ii. The duplicate Hopper Fill Slip shall be forwarded directly to the accounting department, which, as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall record the information from the Hopper Fill Slip on the Slot Win Sheet, and shall confirm that the information recorded on the Hopper Fill Slip agrees with the meter readings recorded on the Slot Meter Sheet and with the information on the triplicates or in stored data.

14. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a casino licensee may use one Hopper Fill Slip to document fills to more than one hopper storage area or to a hopper storage area that supplies more than one slot machine, if:

i. All of the fills are the same denomination and are accomplished at the same time;

ii. The Hopper Fill Slip contains:

(1) The amount to be distributed to each hopper storage area or, if applicable, each compartment in a hopper storage area that supplies more than one slot machine;

(2) Spaces for slot and casino security department personnel to initial after each individual fill; and

(3) The total amount of all hopper fills that are documented by the Hopper Fill Slip; and

iii. The Hopper Fill Slip complies in all other respects with the requirements of this section.

(c) Each slot machine hopper may be filled from its corresponding hopper storage area by one of the following methods:

1. Whenever a slot machine's hopper requires coin, slot tokens or prize tokens, a slot attendant or mechanic, after confirming that the hopper storage area contains the necessary coin, slot tokens or prize tokens to replenish the hopper to be filled, may, in the presence of a member of the security department, transfer the necessary coin, slot tokens or prize tokens from that slot machine's hopper storage area directly to the appropriate hopper of the corresponding slot machine. The security department member shall observe the deposit of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens in the appropriate slot machine hopper and the closing and locking of the slot machine and its corresponding hopper storage area by the slot mechanic or attendant; or

2. Upon a signal that a hopper is empty or has reached a predetermined level, a hopper storage area may automatically release coins, slot tokens or prize tokens into its corresponding hopper, as approved by the Commission.

(d) After transferring the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens to the slot machine's appropriate hopper from a corresponding storage area pursuant to (c)1 above or upon completing a fill pursuant to (b) above of a slot machine's hopper or its corresponding hopper storage area which had previously automatically refilled the hopper, the slot attendant or mechanic shall make the entries required on the slot machine's log, which, at a minimum and in addition to the entries required in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j), shall include the following:

1. The date and time of the transfer;
2. The type of hopper in the slot machine to which the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens were transferred;
3. The separate amounts of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens that were placed in that hopper and, if applicable, its corresponding hopper storage area; and
4. The name and license number of the slot attendant or slot mechanic who made the transfer or fill.

(e) Hopper storage areas shall be filled by using Hopper Fill Slips, in accordance with the procedures in (b) above.

(f) Each casino licensee shall submit and have approved internal controls for detecting and removing prize tokens from the all-purpose hoppers of its slot machines. Each casino licensee so removing a prize token shall count it, for purposes of calculating its gross revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24, as cash received from gaming operations for the face amount of the prize token.

Amended by R.1981 d.437, effective November 16, 1981.
See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 13 N.J.R. 848(b).

(e)2: deleted "time of distribution" and substituted "shift during which coins are distributed" therefor. (f) added. Renumbered (f) as (g). (h) added. Renumbered (g)-(i) as (i)-(k) without change in text.
Amended by R.1989 d.34, effective January 17, 1989.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2050(b), 21 N.J.R. 175(b).

Added text in (b) "Notwithstanding the above ...".

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

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

In (e)1: added "asset" to number.

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): stylistic revisions.

Amended by R.1992 d.255, effective June 15, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2921(a), 24 N.J.R. 2297(a).

Stylistic revisions throughout. In (a): revised to read that Hopper Fill Slips "shall be prepared, in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission." In (b): added text to specify that the slot booth cashier is the preparer of the Hopper Fill Slips. Added new (e)7. In (j), deleted reference to "cage" cashier maintaining and controlling the original.

Amended by R.1992 d.361, effective September 21, 1992.

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

Revised to meet statutory changes regarding records retention, storage and destruction. Eliminates current petition process for records destruction and off-site record generation or storage. Revised section. Administrative correction to (c).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1230(a).

Amended by R.1993 d.631, effective December 6, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4474(a), 25 N.J.R. 5522(a).

Administrative Correction.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1538(c).

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.1995 d.351, effective July 3, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1172(a), 27 N.J.R. 2597(a).

Extended the section to general cashiers and master coin bank cashiers; substituted "preparer" for "slot cashier" throughout; and rewrote (b)11.

Amended by R.1996 d.561, effective December 2, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4183(a), 28 N.J.R. 5081(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.489, effective November 17, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 1289(a), 29 N.J.R. 4862(b).

Added (b)12.

Amended by R.1999 d.223, effective July 19, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 934(a), 31 N.J.R. 1946(a).

Rewrote former (c) as (c) and (d); and recodified former (d) and (e) as (e) and (f).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3223(a), 33 N.J.R. 3696(b).

Amended by R.2001 d.404, effective November 5, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2636(a), 33 N.J.R. 3765(a).

Rewrote the section.

19:45-1.41A Procedures governing the removal of coin, slot tokens and slugs from a slot machine hopper

(a) Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.38(d), and (b) through (d) below, no coin, slot tokens, or slugs shall be removed from a slot machine hopper.