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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

19:46-1.1 Gaming chips; physical characteristics applicable to all gaming chips; issuance and use; promotional non-gaming chips

(a) Each gaming chip issued by a casino licensee shall be in the form of a disk and, except as otherwise provided in N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.1A, shall have a uniform diameter of one and 9/16ths inches. Each of the two surfaces of a gaming chip across which the diameter of the chip can be measured shall be known as a "face." The surface of a gaming chip across which its thickness can be measured in a perpendicular line from one face to the other shall be known as its "edge."

(b) No gaming chip shall be issued by a casino licensee or utilized in a casino or casino simulcasting facility unless and until:

1. The design specifications of the proposed gaming chip are, prior to the manufacture of the gaming chip, submitted to and approved by the Commission, which submission shall include a detailed schematic depicting the actual size and, as appropriate, location of the following:

- i. Each face, including any indentations or impressions;
- ii. The edge; and
- iii. Any colors, words, designs, graphics or security measures contained on the gaming chip; and

2. A sample stack of 20 gaming chips of each sample chip, manufactured in accordance with its approved design specifications, is submitted to and approved by the Commission.

(c) Each gaming chip issued by a casino licensee shall be designed and manufactured with sufficient graphics or other security measures, including, at a minimum, those items specifically required to appear on the face or edge of a gaming chip pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.1A or 1.1B, so as to pre-

vent, to the greatest extent possible, the counterfeiting of the gaming chip.

(d) No casino licensee shall issue, use or allow a patron to use in its casino or casino simulcasting facility any gaming chip that it knows, or reasonably should know, is materially different from the sample of that gaming chip approved by the Commission pursuant to this section.

(e) No casino licensee or other person licensed by the Commission shall manufacture for, sell to, distribute to or use in any casino outside of Atlantic City, any gaming chips having the same edge spot and design specifications as those approved for use in Atlantic City casinos and casino simulcasting facilities.

(f) A casino licensee may issue promotional non-gaming chips that are prohibited from use in gaming or simulcast wagering in any casino or casino simulcast facility. The physical characteristics of such chips shall be sufficiently distinguishable from approved design specifications of any gaming chip issued by a casino licensee so as to reasonably ensure that they will not be confused with authorized gaming chips. At a minimum, such chips shall:

1. Be unique in terms of size or color;
2. Have no edge designs unique to gaming chips; and
3. Bear the name of the casino licensee issuing them and language on both faces stating that they have no redeemable value.

Amended by R.1979 d.358, effective September 11, 1979.

See: 11 N.J.R. 419(a), 11 N.J.R. 531(a).

Amended by R.1983 d.539, effective November 21, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1239(a), 15 N.J.R. 1957(c).

Substantially amended and recodified text.

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

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

In subsection (l), recodified 1.i. and 1., deleting 1.ii. regarding the cage cashier; added new subparagraphs 2. and 3., deleting 2.i. Stylistic revisions through (l). Added new text regarding one-half hour prior notice for a roulette table impressment. In (m), deleted (m)5 and added specific signature requirements.

Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).

Added new (h); redesignated existing (h) through (p) as (i) through (q). In (i), (j), and (l), added references to pokette.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast provisions added.

Amended by R.1996 d.13, effective January 2, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3771(b), 28 N.J.R. 180(c).

In (m), deleted provision for notice to the commission prior to impressment.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1997 d.132, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5160(a), 29 N.J.R. 923(a).

Section was "Gaming chips; value and non-value; physical characteristics".

Administrative correction.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2847(a).

Amended by R.1999 d.221, effective July 19, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3171(a), 31 N.J.R. 1943(a).

Added (f).

Amended by R.2000 d.106, effective March 20, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3941(a), 32 N.J.R. 1052(a).

In (f)1., deleted "weight and" following "of size".

printed on the face of the card or that will in any way differentiate the back of that card from any other card in the deck.

(e) The backs of all cards in the deck shall be designed so as to diminish as far as possible the ability of any person to place concealed markings thereon.

(f) The design to be placed on the backs of cards used by casino licensees shall contain the name or trade name of the casino licensee and shall be submitted to the Commission for approval prior to use of such cards in gaming activity.

(g) Each deck of cards shall be packaged separately or in a set containing the number of decks authorized in N.J.A.C. 19:47 and this chapter and selected by a casino licensee for use in a particular table game. Each package of cards shall be sealed in a manner approved by the Commission so as to provide evidence of any tampering with the package. If multiple decks of cards are packaged and sealed in a set:

1. The package shall have a label affixed thereto that indicates or contains a window that reveals an adequate description of the contents of the package, including without limitation, the name of the casino licensee for which the cards were manufactured, the type of cards, the color(s) of the backs of the cards, the date and time that the cards were manufactured, and the total number of cards in the set; and

2. No deck of cards shall be separated from the set for independent use at a table game.

(h) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a manufacturer from manufacturing decks of cards with one or more jokers contained therein; provided, however, such jokers shall not be used by the casino licensee in the play of any games other than pai gow poker, two card joker poker or asia poker in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.3, 30.5 or 31.3, respectively.

(i) In addition to satisfying the requirements of this section, the cards used by a casino licensee at poker must:

1. Be visually distinguishable from the cards used by that casino licensee to play any other table game; and

2. Be made of plastic.

(j) Each casino licensee which elects to offer the game of poker shall be required to have and use on a daily basis at least six visually distinguishable card backings for the cards to be used at the game of poker. These card backings may be distinguished, without limitation, by different logos, different colors or different design patterns.

Amended by R.1991 d.532, effective November 4, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 2231(a), 23 N.J.R. 3348(a).

Added "red dog" game to subsection (a).
Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Pai gow provisions moved from (a) to (h).
Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).

In (a), added reference to pokette.
Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Revised (f) and (h).
Amended by R.1993 d.38, effective January 19, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2351(a), 25 N.J.R. 367(a).

Additional marking permitted on certain cards, at (c).
Administrative correction to subsection (a).
See: 25 N.J.R. 1778(b).

Amended by R.1994 d.141, effective March 21, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 5906(a), 26 N.J.R. 1380(a).
Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1390(a).
Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.
See: 26 N.J.R. 3464(a).

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4445(b).
Amended by R.1994 d.593, effective December 5, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1323(a), 26 N.J.R. 4790(a).
Amended by R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).

Added caribbean stud poker.
Amended by R.1995 d.534, effective October 2, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 2119(a), 27 N.J.R. 3795(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.134, effective March 17, 1997.
See: 28 N.J.R. 2531(a), 29 N.J.R. 928(a).

In (a), added reference to three card poker.
Amended by R.1998 d.371, effective July 20, 1998.
See: 29 N.J.R. 4672(a), 30 N.J.R. 2639(b).

In (a), inserted a reference to fast action hold 'em.
Amended by R.1999 d.29, effective January 19, 1999.
See: 30 N.J.R. 30(a), 31 N.J.R. 144(a).

In (a), inserted references to casino war and fast action hold 'em.
Amended by R.2000 d.2, effective January 3, 2000.
See: 30 N.J.R. 4149(a), 32 N.J.R. 71(a).

Rewrote (a).
Amended by R.2001 d.288, effective August 20, 2001.
See: 32 N.J.R. 4240(a), 33 N.J.R. 2824(a).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), added reference to colorado hold 'em poker.

Petition for Rulemaking.
See: 34 N.J.R. 2871(b).
Amended by R.2003 d.243, effective June 16, 2003.
See: 35 N.J.R. 1395(a), 35 N.J.R. 2740(a).

In (a), inserted " , boston 5 stud poker" following "colorado hold 'em poker" in the introductory paragraph.

Petition for Rulemaking.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5171(a).

Petition for Rulemaking.
See: 36 N.J.R. 1617(b).
Amended by R.2004 d.326, effective August 16, 2004.
See: 36 N.J.R. 1305(a), 36 N.J.R. 3889(a).

In (a), inserted "double cross poker" following "5 stud poker," in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2004 d.340, effective September 7, 2004.
See: 36 N.J.R. 2310(a), 36 N.J.R. 4166(a).

In (a), inserted "double attack blackjack" following "spanish 21" in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2004 d.465, effective December 20, 2004.
See: 36 N.J.R. 3639(a), 36 N.J.R. 5704(a).
Amended by R.2005 d.356, effective October 17, 2005.
See: 37 N.J.R. 2301(a), 37 N.J.R. 4034(a).

In introductory paragraph of (a), added " , texas hold 'em bonus poker".

Amended by R.2006 d.276, effective July 17, 2006.
See: 38 N.J.R. 1413(a), 38 N.J.R. 3067(a).

In (a), inserted " , flop poker".
Amended by R.2006 d.341, effective September 18, 2006.
See: 38 N.J.R. 2404(a), 38 N.J.R. 3920(a).

In (a), inserted " , two card joker poker"; in (a)2, inserted "and double attack blackjack" and substituted " ; and" for the period at the end; and added (a)3.

Amended by R.2007 d.246, effective August 20, 2007.
See: 39 N.J.R. 1652(a), 39 N.J.R. 3551(d).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), inserted “, asia poker”; in (a)1, inserted “and asia poker”; and in (h), inserted “, two card joker poker or asia poker” and substituted “N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.3, 30.5 or 31.3, respectively” for “N.J.A.C. 19:47-11”.

Amended by R.2008 d.95, effective April 21, 2008.

See: 39 N.J.R. 5192(a), 40 N.J.R. 2132(a).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), inserted “ultimate texas hold ‘em”.

Amended by R.2008 d.263, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 2422(a), 40 N.J.R. 5064(a).

In (a), inserted “, winner’s pot poker”.

Amended by R.2008 d.264, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 39 N.J.R. 5199(a), 40 N.J.R. 5069(a).

Rewrote (g).

19:46-1.18 Cards; receipt, storage, inspections, and removal from use

(a) When decks of cards are received for use in the casino or casino simulcasting facility from the manufacturer or distributor thereof, they shall be placed for storage in a locked cabinet in the cashiers’ cage or within a primary or secondary storage area by at least two individuals, one of whom shall be from the casino department and the other from the casino security department or casino accounting department. The cabinet or primary storage area shall be located in the cashiers’ cage or in another secure place, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Secondary storage areas shall be used for the storage of surplus decks of cards. Decks of cards maintained in secondary storage areas shall not be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming until the decks have been moved to a primary storage area. All secondary storage areas shall be located in secure areas, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Nothing herein shall preclude a casino licensee from having a separate storage area for decks of cards to be used at the game of poker; provided, however, the location and physical characteristics of the separate storage area shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) All primary, secondary and poker storage areas, other than the cashiers’ cage, shall have two separate locks. The casino security department shall maintain one key and the casino department or cashiers’ cage shall maintain the other key; provided, however, that no person employed by the casino department below the table games shift manager in the organizational hierarchy shall have access to the casino department key for the primary and secondary storage areas and no person below the poker shift supervisor in the organizational hierarchy shall have access to the casino department key to the poker storage area. Decks of cards stored in a cabinet within the cashiers’ cage shall be secured by a lock, the key to which shall be maintained by a table games shift manager or casino supervisor thereof.

(c) Immediately prior to the commencement of each gaming day and at such other times as may be necessary, a representative of the table games department, in the presence of a casino security officer, shall remove the appropriate number of decks of cards for that gaming day from a primary storage area. The representative of the table games depart-

ment shall be the table games shift manager or a casino supervisor thereof, or an employee of the table games department who reports directly to the shift manager, is required to be licensed as a casino key employee, and has no direct supervisory responsibilities over the operation and conduct of the table games in a pit during that gaming day. The table games shift manager or casino supervisor thereof or the designated casino key employee and the casino security officer who removed the decks shall distribute sufficient decks to the pit boss and, if applicable, to the poker shift supervisor. The number of decks distributed shall include extra decks that shall be placed in the pit stand for card reserve. Decks of cards in the pit stand shall be placed in a locked compartment, the keys to which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or casino supervisor thereof or the poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof.

1. If the decks are to be inspected at open gaming tables pursuant to (e)1 below, the pit boss shall distribute the decks to the dealer at each table or the poker shift supervisor shall transport the decks to the poker pit stand for subsequent distribution to the dealer at each poker table either directly or through the floorperson assigned to supervise the dealer. The distribution of the decks to the poker tables shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.2.

i. Prior to distributing decks to each poker table, the poker shift supervisor or floorperson shall examine each deck to determine if any replacement cards are necessary pursuant to (n) below. If needed, the poker shift supervisor or floorperson shall place the appropriate replacement cards into the deck from the cards held in reserve at the pit stand. Upon insertion of the replacement cards into the deck, the poker shift supervisor or floorperson shall re-examine the front of each card and the back of each card to ensure a consistent shading pattern and to ensure that the condition of the deck with the inclusion of the replacement cards has sufficient quality in order to maintain the integrity of gaming at poker.

ii. If the integrity of gaming at poker would in any way be compromised by the use of the deck with the replacement cards, the entire deck of cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, identified with the date and time and shall be signed by the poker shift supervisor. The poker shift supervisor shall maintain the envelope or container in a secure place within the pit stand until collection by a casino security officer.

2. If the decks are to be pre-inspected and pre-shuffled at a closed gaming table pursuant to (e)2 and (r) below, the pit boss or poker shift supervisor shall deliver the decks to the dealer, floorperson or pit boss at the closed gaming table where the pre-inspection and pre-shuffling shall be performed.

3. If the decks have already been pre-inspected, pre-shuffled, sealed in containers and placed in the card storage area pursuant to (r)8ii below, the table games shift super-

visor or supervisor thereof or the designated casino key employee and a casino security representative shall transport the number of sealed containers of cards needed for that gaming day to the gaming pits where the cards will be utilized and either lock the containers in the pit stand or place the containers in an alternative locked cabinet in accordance with (r)8i below. A record of the removal of the sealed containers of cards from the card storage area and their distribution to the gaming pits shall be maintained by the casino security department in a manner approved by the Commission.

(d) Notwithstanding (c) above, if the decks of cards to be used at poker for that gaming day shall be removed from the poker storage area, the poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof and a casino security officer shall, prior to the commencement of each gaming day and at such other times as may be necessary, remove the appropriate number of decks from the poker storage area and distribute the decks in accordance with the provisions of (c)1, 2 or 3 above. The number of decks distributed shall include extra decks that shall be placed in the pit stand for card reserve. Decks of cards in the pit stand shall be placed in a locked compartment, the keys to which shall be in the possession of the poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof.

(e) With the exception of cards used to game at pokette, which are governed by the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:47-12.3, each deck of cards shall be inspected by a dealer and the inspection verified by a floorperson or pit boss in accordance with the provisions of (e)1 or 2 below prior to the use of the cards on a gaming table. The purpose of the inspection is to assure that the cards specified in N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.17 are actually contained in the deck and that the back of each card is not flawed, scratched or marked in any way that might compromise the integrity or fairness of the game.

1. Card inspection at an open gaming table shall require each deck of cards to be sorted into sequence and into suit and a visual inspection of the back of each card. If, after inspecting the cards, the dealer finds that a card is unsuitable for use or an extra card is found, the following procedures shall be observed:

i. If a card is unsuitable for use:

(1) A poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall bring a substitute card from the card reserve in the pit stand;

(2) The unsuitable card shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, identified by table number, date, and time and shall be signed by the dealer and floorperson assigned to that table; and

(3) The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelope or container in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer; or

ii. If an extra card is found:

(1) The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall place the extra card in a sealed envelope or container, identified by table number, date and time and signed by the dealer and floorperson assigned to that table; and

(2) The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelope or container in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

2. Card inspection at a closed gaming table as part of the pre-inspection and pre-shuffling procedure authorized pursuant to (r) below shall comply with the requirements of that subsection.

(f) All envelopes and containers used to hold or transport cards collected by security shall be transparent.

1. The envelopes or containers and the method used to seal them shall be designed or constructed so that any tampering shall be evident.

2. The envelopes or containers and seals shall be approved by the Commission.

(g) Any cards, which have been opened and placed on a gaming table shall be changed at least every 24 hours. In addition:

1. Except as otherwise provided for in (g)5 below for baccarat and in N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.12(c) for minibaccarat, cards opened for use on a baccarat, minibaccarat or fast action hold 'em table shall be changed at least once during the gaming day;

2. Cards opened for use on a pai gow poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four card poker, texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate texas hold 'em, two card joker poker, flop poker, asia poker, winner's pot poker or three card poker table and dealt from a dealing shoe and cards opened for use on a double down stud table and dealt from the hand shall be changed at least every eight hours;

3. Cards opened for use on a pai gow poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, four card poker, double cross poker, texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate texas hold 'em, flop poker, two card joker poker, asia poker, winner's pot poker or three card poker table and dealt from the dealer's hand shall be changed at least every four hours;

4. Cards opened for use on a blackjack table offering the 6 to 5 blackjack variation shall be changed at least every four hours;

5. Cards opened for use on a baccarat table using the alternative dealing procedure set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.7(d) shall be changed after each shoe; and

6. Cards opened for use on a poker table shall be changed at least every six hours.

(h) Cards damaged during course of play shall be replaced by the dealer who shall request a floorperson or supervisor thereof for the game of poker or casino supervisor for all other games to bring cards in substitution from the pit stand.

1. The damaged cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope, identified by table number, date and time and shall be signed by the dealer and the individual who brought the replacement card to the table.

2. The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelopes or containers in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(i) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, the floorperson or supervisor thereof for the game of poker or casino supervisor for all other games shall collect all used cards.

1. These cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container. A label shall be attached to each envelope or container which shall identify the table number, date and time and shall be signed by the dealer and floorperson assigned to the table.

2. The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelopes or containers in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(j) The casino licensee shall remove any cards at any time during the day if there is any indication of tampering, flaws, scratches, marks or other defects that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game, or at the request of the Commission or Division.

(k) Except for decks that have been pre-shuffled and pre-inspected pursuant to (r) below, all extra decks or packaged sets of multiple decks in card reserve with broken seals shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, with a label attached to each envelope or container that contains the number of decks or packaged sets of multiple decks, as applicable, included therein, the date and time and the signature of the floorperson or supervisor thereof for poker and the pit boss for all other games.

(l) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, a casino security officer shall collect and sign all envelopes or containers with damaged cards, cards used during the gaming day, and all extra decks in card reserve with broken seals, except those that have been pre-shuffled and pre-inspected pursuant to (r) below, and shall return the envelopes or containers to the casino security department.

(m) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Com-

mission, and at such other times as may be necessary, a table games shift manager or casino supervisor thereof may collect all extra decks in card reserve. If the casino maintains a separate storage area for poker cards, a poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof may collect all extra decks in card reserve for the game of poker. If collected, all sealed decks shall either be canceled or destroyed or returned to the storage area.

(n) When the envelopes or containers of used cards and reserve cards with broken seals are returned to the casino security department, they shall be inspected for tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or anything that might indicate unfair play.

1. For cards used in blackjack, spanish 21, double attack blackjack, red dog, casino war, fast action hold 'em or minibaccarat using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)1 or 2, the casino licensee shall cause to be inspected either:

i. All decks used during the day; or

ii. A sample of decks selected at random or in accordance with an approved stratification plan, provided that the procedures for selecting the sample size and for assuring a proper selection of the sample are submitted to and approved by the Commission. This sample shall be collected, stored and inspected separately from the sample required by (n)2ii below, and shall not be commingled with any cards from that sample.

2. For cards used in baccarat, or cards used in minibaccarat using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)3, the casino licensee shall cause to be inspected all decks used during the day.

3. The casino licensee shall also inspect:

i. Any cards which the Commission or Division requests the casino licensee to remove for the purpose of inspection;

ii. Any cards the casino licensee removed for indication of tampering;

iii. All cards used for pai gow poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four card poker, texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate texas hold 'em, flop poker, two card joker poker, asia poker, winner's pot poker or three card poker;

iv. All cards used for pokette, which must be inspected by sorting the cards sequentially by suit; and

v. All cards used for poker.

4. The procedures for inspecting all decks required to be inspected under this subsection, with the exception of pokette cards, shall, at a minimum, include:

i. The sorting of cards sequentially by suit or utilizing a machine approved by the Commission capable of

pre-inspected and pre-shuffled in accordance with this subsection;

v. The signature of the floorperson or pit boss who witnessed and verified the pre-inspection and pre-shuffling;

vi. The time, date and gaming table to which the sealed container of cards is subsequently delivered; and

vii. The signature of the floorperson or pit boss who delivers the sealed container of cards to the gaming table pursuant to (r)9 below.

7. The dealer shall then place the pre-inspected and pre-shuffled batch of cards, together with the Form or such other documentation and the attached card inspection machine receipt required by (r)4 above, in a clear container that conforms to the requirements of (f) above and seal the container with a pre-numbered label unique to such container. Procedures for maintenance and security of unused seals, and the distribution, return and reconciliation of seals used on containers holding pre-inspected and pre-shuffled cards shall be subject to internal controls approved by the Commission.

8. The sealed containers of cards shall be transported by:

i. A pit boss or poker shift supervisor to the gaming pit of the gaming tables where they will be utilized and either locked in the pit stand in accordance with (c) or (d) above or, with the approval of the Commission, placed in an alternative locked cabinet in the gaming pit, the keys to which shall be available only to floorpersons and pit bosses and subject to sign-out and sign-in procedures approved by the Commission; or

ii. A table games shift manager or supervisor thereof or a casino key employee designated in accordance with the provisions of (c) above and a casino security officer to a primary card storage or poker storage area where they shall be placed back into card inventory and segregated from cards that have not been pre-inspected and pre-shuffled. A record of the transport of the sealed containers of cards to the card storage area shall be maintained by the casino security department in a manner approved by the Commission.

9. When they are needed for play, each container of cards shall be delivered by a floorperson or pit boss to an open gaming table. Upon delivery, the floorperson or pit boss shall unseal the container, place the decks of cards on the gaming table in front of the dealer, complete and sign the Pre-shuffled/Pre-inspected Form, drop the original Form and attached card inspection machine receipt in a locked box in the gaming pit for the casino manager and forward the copy of the Form to the casino security department.

10. The dealer at the gaming table shall perform a strip shuffle or riffle shuffle of the cards and then cut the cards

in the manner prescribed by the rules governing the particular table game.

11. The dealer shall then proceed to deal the cards in accordance with the rules governing the particular table game.

Amended by R.1983 d.308, effective August 1, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 829(a), 15 N.J.R. 1259(a).

Text substantially amended.

Amended by R.1983 d.538, effective November 21, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1370(a), 15 N.J.R. 1958(b).

Substantially amended text.

Amended by R.1987 d.336, effective August 17, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 2121(a), 19 N.J.R. 1570(b).

Added "immediately" and "and delivery" to (l).

Experimental 90-day implementation (N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(k) and (n)), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective March 12, 1990 (expired June 10, 1990).

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

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

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

Revised text to modify procedures for handling extra cards in card reserve. Stylistic revisions throughout text. Restructured section through (g)-(p).

Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Added text, throughout section, regarding games of pai gow poker and pokette.

Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).

In (e) and (n), added text regarding cards used in pokette.

Experimental implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), effective on or after November 24, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4283(a).

Dealing pai gow poker from the hand.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Revised (a).

Amended by R.1993 d.86, effective February 16, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4339(a), 25 N.J.R. 719(a).

In (a), deleted language stipulating that primary storage area be located "in or immediately adjacent to the casino floor". In (i), (l) and (m), added alternative provision for collection of cards.

Amended by R.1993 d.192, effective May 3, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4247(a), 25 N.J.R. 1887(b).

Revised (g)2 and added (g)3.

Amended by R.1994 d.141, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5906(a), 26 N.J.R. 1380(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.

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

Added caribbean stud poker.

Amended by R.1995 d.534, effective October 2, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2119(a), 27 N.J.R. 3795(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.317, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1362(a), 28 N.J.R. 3627(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.134, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2531(a), 29 N.J.R. 928(a).

In (g)2, (g)3 and (n)2iii, added reference to three card poker.

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See: 29 N.J.R. 2571(d).

Amended by R.1998 d.18, effective January 5, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3432(b), 30 N.J.R. 112(b).

Amended by R.1998 d.371, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 4672(a), 30 N.J.R. 2639(b).

In (g)1 and (n)1, inserted references to fast action hold 'em.

Amended by R.1999 d.29, effective January 19, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 30(a), 31 N.J.R. 144(a).

In (n)1, inserted references to casino war and fast action hold 'em.

Amended by R.1999 d.42, effective February 1, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4034(a), 31 N.J.R. 454(a).

In (n), inserted a reference to casino war, deleted "baccarat" preceding "fast action" and inserted "using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C.

19:47-7.7(c) 1 or (c)2” in the introductory paragraph of 1, added a new last sentence in Iii, added a new 2, and recodified former 2 through 9 as 3 through 10.

Amended by R.2000 d.2, effective January 3, 2000.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4149(a), 32 N.J.R. 71(a).

In (n)1, rewrote the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2001 d.288, effective August 20, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4240(a), 33 N.J.R. 2824(a).

In (g)2, (g)3 and (n)3iii, added references to colorado hold 'em poker. Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2871(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.243, effective June 16, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1395(a), 35 N.J.R. 2740(a).

In (g)2 and 3 and (n)3iii, inserted “, boston 5 stud poker” following “colorado hold 'em poker”.

Amended by R.2004 d.326, effective August 16, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1305(a), 36 N.J.R. 3889(a).

Inserted “double cross poker” following “5 stud poker,” throughout.

Amended by R.2004 d.340, effective September 7, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 2310(a), 36 N.J.R. 4166(a).

In (n), inserted “double attack blackjack” in 1 and “double cross poker” in 3iii.

Amended by R.2004 d.465, effective December 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3639(a), 36 N.J.R. 5704(a).

Inserted “four card poker” following “boston 5 stud poker” throughout.

Amended by R.2005 d.102, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4699(a), 37 N.J.R. 1087(a).

Rewrote (g).

Amended by R.2005 d.241, effective July 18, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3246(a), 37 N.J.R. 2691(a).

In (n), rewrote 4i.

Amended by R.2005 d.356, effective October 17, 2005.

See: 37 N.J.R. 2301(a), 37 N.J.R. 4034(a).

In (g)2 and 3 and (n)3iii, added “, texas hold 'em bonus poker”; deleted “,” following “boston 5” in (g)3.

Amended by R.2006 d.36, effective January 17, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 2159(a), 38 N.J.R. 842(b).

In (g)4, added “and on a blackjack table offering the 6 to 5 blackjack variation”; rewrote (n)2; added (n)11.

Amended by R.2006 d.69, effective February 21, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 4210(a) 38 N.J.R. 1228(a).

In (g)4, deleted “poker table and on a” and decreased the frequency of changing cards from four hours to six hours; added (g)6.

Amended by R.2006 d.70, effective February 21, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 4214(a) 38 N.J.R. 1228(b).

In introductory paragraph (p), extended destruction or cancellation time of cards from 48 hours to 72 hours.

Amended by R.2006 d.276, effective July 17, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 1413(a), 38 N.J.R. 3067(a).

In (g)2, (g)3 and (n)3iii, inserted “, flop poker”.

Amended by R.2006 d.341, effective September 18, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 2404(a), 38 N.J.R. 3920(a).

In (g)2, (g)3, and (n)3iii, inserted “two card joker poker”.

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See: 38 N.J.R. 4510(b), 5423(b).

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See: 39 N.J.R. 805(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.86, effective March 19, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3149(a), 39 N.J.R. 940(a).

Rewrote (c) through (e); in (g)2, inserted “and cards opened for use on a double down stud table and dealt from the hand”; in (k), substituted “Except for decks that have been pre-shuffled and pre-inspected pursuant to (r) below, all” for “All”; in (l), inserted “, except those that have been pre-shuffled and pre-inspected pursuant to (r) below,”; and added (r).

Administrative correction.

See: 39 N.J.R. 1803(a).

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See: 39 N.J.R. 805(a), 39 N.J.R. 1828(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.246, effective August 20, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 1652(a), 39 N.J.R. 3551(d).

In (g)2, (g)3, and (n)3iii, inserted “, asia poker” and in (g)3, deleted “and” from the end.

Amended by R.2008 d.95, effective April 21, 2008.

See: 39 N.J.R. 5192(a), 40 N.J.R. 2132(a).

In the introductory paragraph of (g), inserted a comma following “cards”; in (g)2, (g)3, and (n)3iii, inserted “ultimate texas hold 'em,”; and in (n)9, substituted a period for a semicolon at the end.

Amended by R.2008 d.263, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 40 N.J.R. 2422(a), 40 N.J.R. 5064(a).

In (g)2, (g)3, and (n)3iii, inserted “, winner’s pot poker”.

Amended by R.2008 d.264, effective September 2, 2008.

See: 39 N.J.R. 5199(a), 40 N.J.R. 5069(a).

In the third sentence of (a), inserted “decks of”, in the fourth sentence of (a), substituted “Decks of cards” for “Cards” and “decks” for “cards”, and in the last sentence of (a), substituted “decks of cards” for “the cards”; in (b), the introductory paragraph of (c), and (d), substituted “Decks of cards” for “Cards”; in (d), inserted “decks of”; in (k), inserted “or packaged sets of multiple decks”, and substituted “that contains the number of decks or packaged sets of multiple decks, as applicable, included therein,” for “which identifies” and “the signature of” for “is signed by”; in the introductory paragraph of (o), substituted “separately account for decks of cards packaged individually and in sets of multiple decks in accordance with Commission approved” for “submit to the Commission for approval”; in (o)1 and (o)3, inserted “decks of” throughout; in the introductory paragraph of (o)1, inserted a comma following “system”; and in (o)2, inserted “decks of” and deleted “the cards” preceding “destroyed”, “returned” and “in card reserve”.

19:46-1.19 Dealing shoes; automated shuffling devices

(a) The following words and terms when used in this section shall have the following meanings:

“Base plate” means the interior shelf of the dealing shoe on which the cards rest.

“Face plate” means the front wall of the dealing shoe against which the next card to be dealt rests and which typically contains a cutout.

(b) Cards used to game at blackjack, spanish 21, double attack blackjack, pai gow poker, minibaccarat, red dog, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker, fast action hold 'em, colorado hold 'em poker, casino war, boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four card poker, texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate texas hold 'em poker, flop poker, two card joker poker, asia poker, winner’s pot poker and double down stud shall be dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe, which shall be secured to the gaming table when the table is open for gaming activity and secured in a locked compartment when the table is not open for gaming activity. Cards used to game at baccarat shall be dealt from a dealing shoe, which shall be secured in a locked compartment when the table is not open for gaming activity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, cards used to game at:

1. Pai gow poker, double down stud, caribbean stud poker, three card poker, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, flop poker, four card poker, texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate texas hold 'em poker, asia poker, winner’s pot poker and two card joker poker may be dealt from the dealer’s hand in accordance with the rules for each game in N.J.A.C. 19:47; and

2. The 6 to 5 blackjack variation shall be dealt from the dealer’s hand in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.6A.