

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) or 848(b).

(b)1vii added and vii and viii renumbered as viii and ix.

Amended by R.1982 d.329, effective October 4, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 708(a), 14 N.J.R. 1101(c).

Added new vi to (b) and recodified old vi-ix as vii-x. Added new ii to (b)3 and recodified old ii as new iii and added disbursement of gaming plaques.

Amended by R.1989 d.233, effective May 1, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 3012(a), 21 N.J.R. 1152(b).

Added new subparagraph x to (b)1 and recodified old x as xi. Added new subparagraph vi to (b)2 and recodified old vi as vii.

Amended by R.1989 d.611, effective December 18, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2953(a), 21 N.J.R. 3931(b).

Added (b)1xii; in (d), added "agreement of transportation reimbursement disbursements . . . documentation".

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

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

Added new (b)1xiii; new (b)5 and (c)5-6. Added references to "Slot Counter Checks" throughout.

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

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

In (d): Stylistic revisions.

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

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

Added new subsection (b), recodifying existing (b) as (c) and adding text as (e)4vii. Recodified existing (c)-(d) as (d)-(e), with no change in text. Added new subsection (f).

Amended by R.1992 d.258, effective June 15, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 932(a), 24 N.J.R. 2296(b).

In (b)1, added new lxiv. In (b)4i, added "original copies of Jackpot Payout Slips" to text. In (b)5, added new 5v.

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

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

Satellite cage added; simulcast provisions added.

Amended by R.1993 d.319, effective July 6, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1673(a), 25 N.J.R. 2911(a).

Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3464(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).

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4445(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.40, effective January 17, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3825(a), 27 N.J.R. 382(b).

Amended by R.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).

In (c)1 added a new xv and recodified the existing xv as xvi; and in (c)5 added a new viii, recodified the existing viii as ix and added a new x.

Amended by R.1995 d.351, effective July 3, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1172(a), 27 N.J.R. 2597(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 receipt of casino checks, and annuity jackpot trust checks to cashier's functions.

Amended by R.1995 d.466, effective August 21, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2113(a), 27 N.J.R. 3219(a).

Added (c)1xvi.

Amended by R.1995 d.469, effective August 21, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1788(a), 27 N.J.R. 3225(a).

Added reference to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(i) in (c) and added (c)4xi and (c)4xii.

Amended by R.1995 d.620, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3307(a), 27 N.J.R. 4909(a).

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

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

Amended by R.1996, d.110, effective February 20, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3923(a), 28 N.J.R. 1224(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.157, effective March 18, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4170(a), 28 N.J.R. 1557(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.269, effective June 17, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1614(a), 28 N.J.R. 3175(a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.1997 d.131, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4572(a), 29 N.J.R. 919(a).

In (c)1i, added reference to redemption receipts and added (c)1xviii.

Amended by R.1997 d.132, effective March 17, 1997.

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

In (c)1vi, (c)3ii, and (c)3iii, amended N.J.A.C. reference.

#### Case Notes

Casino Control Act does not confer private cause of action in favor of losing players. *Miller v. Zoby*, 250 N.J.Super. 568, 595 A.2d 1104 (A.D.1991), certification denied 606 A.2d 366, 127 N.J. 553.

Credit transaction may not be bifurcated with casino personnel receiving payment of counter check at off-site location and counter check then being released when funds are received at cashiers' cage. *Petition of Adamar of New Jersey, Inc.*, 222 N.J.Super. 464, 537 A.2d 704 (A.D.1988).

Regulatory purpose to require all credit transactions be administered through cashier's cage: regulation requiring casino clerk to conduct credit transactions valid. *Playboy-Elsinore Associates v. Strauss*, 189 N.J.Super. 185 (Law Div.1983).

#### 19:45-1.15A Accounting controls within the simulcast counter

(a) Whenever a casino pari-mutuel cashier begins a shift, he or she shall commence with an amount of currency and coin to be known as the "simulcast inventory," and no casino simulcasting facility shall cause or permit currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens or coupons to be added to, or removed from, such simulcast inventory during such shift except:

1. In collection of simulcast wagers;
2. In collection for the issuance of credit vouchers;
3. In payment of winning or properly cancelled or refunded pari-mutuel tickets;
4. In payment for credit vouchers; or
5. In exchanges with the cashiers' cage, a satellite cage or simulcast vault.

(b) A "simulcast count sheet" shall be completed and signed by the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor at the simulcast vault or other designated area as approved by the Commission, and the following information, at a minimum, shall be recorded thereon at the commencement of a shift:

1. The date, time and shift of preparation;
2. The denomination of currency and coin in the simulcast inventory issued to the casino pari-mutuel cashier;
3. The total amount of each denomination of currency and coin in the simulcast inventory issued to the casino pari-mutuel cashier;

4. The pari-mutuel window number to which the casino pari-mutuel cashier is assigned; and

5. The signature of the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor.

(c) The casino pari-mutuel cashier assigned to the pari-mutuel window shall count the simulcast inventory in the presence of the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor at the simulcast vault, or other designated area as approved by the Commission, and shall agree the count to the simulcast count sheet. The casino pari-mutuel cashier shall sign the count sheet attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon.

(d) The simulcast inventory shall be placed in a cashier's drawer and transported directly to the appropriate pari-mutuel window by the casino pari-mutuel cashier.

(e) At the conclusion of a casino pari-mutuel cashier's shift, the cashier's drawer and its contents shall be transported directly to a designated area in the simulcast counter, where the casino pari-mutuel cashier shall count the contents of the drawer and record the following information, at a minimum, on the simulcast count sheet:

1. The date, time and shift of preparation;
2. The denomination of currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens and coupons in the drawer;
3. The total amount of each denomination of currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens and coupons in the drawer;
4. The total of any exchanges;
5. The total amount in the drawer; and
6. The signature of the casino pari-mutuel cashier;

(f) The vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor shall compare the pari-mutuel window net for the shift as generated by the terminal and if it agrees with the simulcast count sheet total plus the simulcast inventory, shall agree the count to the simulcast count sheet and sign the simulcast count sheet attesting to the accuracy.

(g) If the pari-mutuel window net for the shift as generated by the RMC does not agree with the simulcast count sheet total plus the simulcast inventory, the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor shall record any overage or shortage. If the count does not agree, the casino pari-mutuel cashier and the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor shall attempt to determine the cause of the discrepancy in the count. If the discrepancy cannot be resolved by the casino pari-mutuel cashier and the vault cashier or simulcast shift supervisor, such discrepancy shall immediately be reported to the simulcast counter manager, or casino accounting department supervisor in charge at such time, the security department and the Division verbally. If the discrepancy is \$500.00 or more, a security department member will then complete the standard security report in writing, as approved by the Division, and immediately forward a copy to the Commission and the Division.

New Rule, R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

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

Amended by R.1997 d.130, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2807(a), 29 N.J.R. 918(a).

Added references to the vault cashier throughout the section.

#### 19:45-1.16 Drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes

(a) Each gaming table in a casino or casino simulcasting facility shall have attached to it a secure metal container known as a "drop box" in which shall be deposited all cash, coupons exchanged at the gaming table for gaming chips and plaques, match play coupons, progressive wager coupons, issuance copies of Counter Checks exchanged at the gaming table for gaming chips and plaques, documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit or debit card chip transactions, duplicate Fill and Credit Slips, Requests for Credit forms, Requests for Fill forms, and Table Inventory forms. Each drop box shall have:

1. Two separate locks securing the contents placed into the drop box, the keys to which shall be different from each other;
2. A separate lock securing the drop box to the gaming table, the key to which shall be different from each of the keys to locks securing the contents of the drop box;
3. A slot opening through which currency, coins, coupons, forms, records, and documents can be inserted into the drop box;
4. A mechanical device that will automatically close and lock the slot opening upon removal of the drop box from the gaming table; and
5. Permanently imprinted or impressed thereon, and clearly visible from a distance of 20 feet, a number corresponding to a permanent number on the gaming table to which it is attached and a marking to indicate game and shift, except that emergency drop boxes may be maintained without such number or marking, provided the word "emergency" is permanently imprinted or impressed thereon and, when put into use, are temporarily marked with the number of the gaming table and identification of the game and shift, and provided further, that the casino licensee obtains the express written approval of the Commission before placing an emergency drop box into use.

(b) Each bill changer in a casino shall have contained in it a secure metal container known as a "slot cash storage box" in which shall be deposited all cash and coupons inserted into the bill changer. Each slot cash storage box shall:

1. Have two separate locks securing the contents of the slot cash storage box, the keys to which shall be different from each other, and shall also comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36;

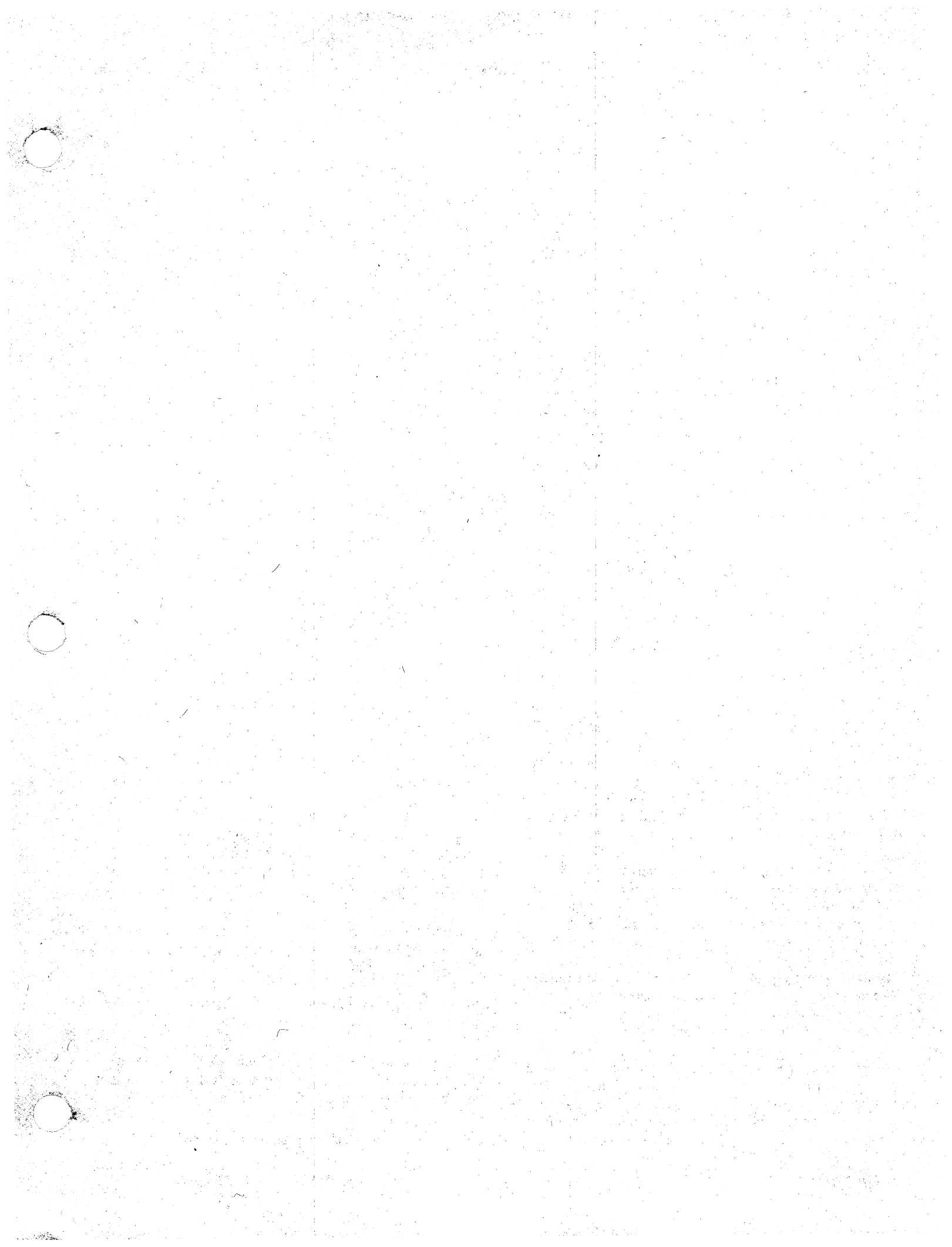
2. Have a slot opening through which currency and coupons can be inserted into the slot cash storage box;

3. Have a mechanical arrangement or device that prohibits removal of currency and coupons from the slot opening whenever the slot cash storage box is removed from the bill changer;

4. Be fully enclosed, except for such openings as may be required for the operation of the bill changer or the slot cash storage box; provided, however, that the location and size of such openings shall not affect the security of the slot cash storage box, its contents or the bill changer, and shall be approved by the Commission and the Division; and

5. Have an asset number that is permanently imprinted, affixed or impressed on the outside of the slot cash storage box which corresponds to the asset number of the slot machine to which the bill changer has been attached. In lieu of the asset number, a casino licensee may develop and maintain, with prior Commission approval, a system for assigning a unique identification number to its slot cash storage boxes, which system ensures that each slot

cash storage box can readily be identified, either manually or by computer, when in use with, attached to, and removed from a particular bill changer. Each such unique identification number shall be permanently imprinted, affixed or impressed on the outside of each slot cash storage box that does not otherwise bear an asset number. The asset number or unique identification number must be conspicuous and clearly visible to persons involved in removing or replacing the slot cash storage box in the bill changer and through the casino licensee's closed circuit camera coverage system. The size and location of the asset number or unique identification number are subject to prior approval by the Commission. In addition, emergency slot cash storage boxes may be maintained without such numbers, provided the word "emergency" is permanently imprinted, affixed or impressed thereon, and when put into use, are temporarily marked with the asset number of the slot machine to which the bill changer is attached, and provided further, that the casino obtains the express written approval of the Commission before placing an emergency slot cash storage box into use.



(c) The key utilized to unlock the drop boxes from the gaming tables shall be maintained and controlled by the security department.

(d) The key to one of the locks securing the contents of a drop box and to one of the locks securing the contents of a slot cash storage box shall be maintained and controlled by the accounting department. The key to the second lock securing the contents of the drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be maintained and controlled by Commission inspectors.

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).

Merged (b) in (a); added new (b) and amended (c) and (d), concerning slot cash storage boxes.

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

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

In (b)4: added "asset" to define 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 compartment for cash box eliminated, under specified circumstances.

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

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

Simulcast provision added.

Amended by R.1993 d.75, effective February 16, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2536(a), 24 N.J.R. 4343(a), 25 N.J.R. 717(a).

In (a), added coupons exchanged at the gaming table for chips and plaques. In (a)3, added coupons. In (a)5 and (b)5, deleted "inspector".

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

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

In (b)5, added new text regarding a system of assigning unique identification numbers to its slot cash storage boxes, in lieu of asset numbers.

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.137, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5902(a), 26 N.J.R. 1373(b).

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.1996 d.439, effective September 16, 1996.

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

Amended by R.1996 d.562, effective December 2, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3900(a), 28 N.J.R. 5082(a).

**19:45-1.17 Drop boxes, transportation to and from gaming tables; slot cash storage boxes, transportation to and from bill changers; storage**

(a) Each casino licensee shall place on file with the Commission and the Division a schedule setting forth the specific times at which the drop boxes will be brought to or removed from the gaming tables and slot cash storage boxes will be brought to or removed from the bill changers. Each casino licensee shall also maintain and make available to the Commission and the Division upon request, the names and license numbers of all employees participating in the transportation of such drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes. No drop box shall be brought to or removed from any gaming table and no slot cash storage box shall be brought to or removed from any bill changer at other than the time

specified in such schedule except with the express written approval of a Commission inspector.

(b) All drop boxes removed from the gaming tables shall be transported directly to and secured in the count room by one security department member and one casino supervisor, at a minimum.

(c) All slot cash storage boxes removed from bill changers shall be transported directly to and secured in the count room by a Commission inspector, a casino security department member and a member of the casino accounting department or an independent slot machine cage department established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11(b)9, at a minimum; provided, however, that a slot cash storage box removed from a bill changer in order to service the bill changer may be temporarily stored in the corresponding double-locked base of the slot machine (the compartment of the slot machine containing the slot drop bucket or slot drop box) attached to the bill changer, and shall be replaced and relocked in the bill changer when the repairs are completed. If the repairs cannot be completed and the slot cash storage box cannot be replaced in the bill changer by the end of the repair person's shift, or if the bill changer must be removed from the casino floor, the slot cash storage box shall be removed from the locked slot compartment and transported to the count room in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.38.

(d) Except as provided in (f) below, all drop boxes not attached to a gaming table and all slot cash storage boxes not contained in a bill changer, including emergency drop boxes and emergency slot cash storage boxes which are not actively in use, shall be stored in the count room or other secure area outside the count room approved by the Commission, in an enclosed storage cabinet or trolley and secured in such cabinet or trolley by a separately keyed, double locking system. The key to one lock shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department and the key to the second lock shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector. Access to the casino security department's key shall be limited to a supervisor of that department.

(e) Notwithstanding (d) above, the supervisor of the casino security department may, immediately prior to the commencement of the count process, issue the key to the storage cabinet or trolley to a count room supervisor for the purpose of gaining access to the drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes to be counted. Any key removed from the casino security department shall be returned immediately following the conclusion of the count of the drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes and the return of any empty emergency drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes to their respective storage cabinet or trolley, and the casino security department shall establish a sign-out and sign-in procedure approved by the Commission for all such keys removed. Each casino licensee which permits the casino security department key to be issued to a count room supervisor shall

submit for review and approval internal control procedures governing the control over the key when soft count takes a break.

(f) Drop boxes, when not in use during a shift, may be stored on the gaming tables provided that there is adequate security as approved by the Commission. If adequate security is not provided during this time, the drop boxes shall be stored as required in (d) above.

Petition for Rulemaking: To construct and utilize storage cabinets outside of the count room for the purpose of storing empty unused emergency drop boxes.

See: 19 N.J.R. 664(b).

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

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

Amended by R.1987 d.457, effective November 16, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1290(a), 19 N.J.R. 2202(a).

Added text to (c) "except emergency drop boxes which are not actively in use"; and "Emergency drop boxes . . ." and added text in (d) "except that emergency . . .".

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 text referring to slot cash storage boxes and transportation to and from bill changers.

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

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

Employee names and license numbers to be maintained on any transport of drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes.

Petition for Rulemaking: To repeal requirement that a Commission inspector be part of the team of persons who collect slot cash storage boxes from bill changers.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1783(b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.1996 d.418, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2356(a), 28 N.J.R. 4112(a)

### 19:45-1.18 Procedures for accepting cash and coupons at gaming tables

(a) Whenever cash or a coupon is presented by a patron at a gaming table for exchange for gaming chips or plaques:

1. The cash or coupon shall be spread on the top of the gaming table by the dealer or boxperson accepting it in full view of the patron who presented it and the casino supervisor assigned to such gaming table;

2. The amount of the cash or coupon shall be verbalized by the dealer or boxperson accepting it in a tone of voice calculated to be heard by the patron who presented it and the casino supervisor assigned to such gaming table; and

3. Immediately after an equivalent amount of gaming chips or plaques has been given to the patron, the cash or coupon shall be taken from the top of the gaming table and placed by the dealer or boxperson into the drop box attached to the gaming table.

(b) Whenever a match play coupon and an equivalent amount of gaming chips are presented as a wager by a patron, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(j)4, at an authorized game in which a match play coupon may be used:

1. The coupon shall be placed underneath the gaming chips in the patron's betting area, or in craps, underneath the gaming chips for the patron's wager on the Pass or Don't Pass Line, in such a way that the type and value of the coupon is visible at all times;

2. Only one match play coupon may be used with the wager;

3. If the wager wins, it shall be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the coupon; and

4. Whether the wager wins or loses, the coupon shall be deposited by the dealer into the drop box attached to the gaming table at the time the winning wager is paid or the losing wager is collected.

(c) Whenever a progressive wager coupon is presented by a patron, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(j)5, at an authorized game in which a progressive payout wager coupon may be used, the dealer shall:

1. Comply with the procedures set forth in (a)1 and 2 above;

2. Remove from the table inventory container a chip that is equal in value to the value of the progressive wager coupon, place the chip in the progressive wager acceptor device and prohibit the patron from withdrawing such progressive payout wager;

3. Immediately after placing the chip in the progressive wager acceptor device, take the coupon from the top of the gaming table and place it in the drop box attached to the gaming table; and

4. Only permit one progressive wager coupon to be used by a patron during a hand.

(d) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, require a coupon to be cancelled upon acceptance by the dealer or boxperson, in a manner approved by the Commission, so as to preclude its subsequent use.

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

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

(a)3: added "except . . . denominations."

Amended by R.1993 d.75, effective February 16, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2536(a), 24 N.J.R. 4243(a), 25 N.J.R. 717(a).

In (a), added "coupon". Added (b).

Amended by R.1994 d.137, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5902(a), 26 N.J.R. 1373(b).

Amended by R.1994 d.298, effective June 20, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1441(a), 26 N.J.R. 2594(b).

Administrative Correction.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4788(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.562, effective December 2, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3900(a), 28 N.J.R. 5082(a).

**19:45-1.18A Presentation of recognized credit card or debit card in exchange for gaming chips or plaques**

(a) A casino licensee may, in accordance with the provisions of this section, provide gaming chips or plaques to a patron at a gaming table in exchange for a valid charge or cash advance in the amount of gaming chips or plaques

provided the patron against a recognized credit card account or recognized debit card account maintained by the patron, thereby establishing a valid and enforceable debt owed by the patron. For the purposes of the rules of the Commission, each such exchange shall be known, respectively, as a "credit card chip transaction" or a "debit card chip transaction." Each casino licensee shall display in a conspicuous manner in its casino and, if applicable, casino simulcasting facility the name or registered credit or debit card logo of each recognized credit card or recognized debit card that may be accepted by the casino licensee as part of a credit or debit card chip transaction.

(g) For establishments in which Customer Deposit Forms are computer-prepared, each series of Customer Deposit Forms shall be a two-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a printer that will: simultaneously print an original and duplicate and store, in machine readable form, all information printed on the original and duplicate. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of a Customer Deposit Form.

(h) On the original and duplicate of the Customer Deposit Form, or in stored data, the general cashier shall record, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The name of the patron making the deposit;
2. The total amount being deposited (numerical total and written amount);
3. The date of deposit;
4. The signature of the general cashier or, if computer prepared, the identification code of the general cashier;
5. Nature of the amount received (cash, cash equivalent, casino check, casino affiliate check, annuity jackpot trust check, complimentary cash gift, chips, plaques, slot tokens, prize tokens or wire transfer).

(i) After preparation of the Customer Deposit Form, the general cashier shall obtain the patron's signature on the duplicate copy and shall distribute the copies in the following manner:

1. Original—given to the patron as evidence of the amount placed on deposit with the casino licensee;
2. Duplicate copy—forwarded along with any other necessary documentation to the check cashier who shall maintain the documents.

(j) A patron shall be allowed to use the deposit by supplying information required by the casino to verify his or her identification.

1. The pit clerk, general cashier or slot cashier shall ascertain, from the cashiers' cage, the amount of the patron deposit available and request the amount the patron wishes to use against this balance. The pit clerk shall prepare a Counter Check in compliance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25 or a general cashier or slot cashier shall prepare a Slot Counter Check in compliance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A with the exception that the words "Customer Deposit Withdrawal" shall be recorded on the Counter Check or Slot Counter Check in place of the name of the patron's bank.

2. Distribution of the Counter Checks shall comply with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25, and distribution of Slot Counter Checks shall comply with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A.

(k) The patron's deposit balance shall be immediately reduced by amounts equal to the Counter Checks issued in

the pit or Slot Counter Checks issued in the slot area or at the casino cage.

(l) A patron may obtain a refund of any unused portion of his or her funds on deposit by:

1. Sending the casino licensee a signed written request for a refund together with a signed original Customer Deposit Form; or

2. Appearing personally at the cashiers' cage or a satellite cage, requesting the refund from a general cashier and returning an original Customer Deposit Form. If a duplicate Customer Deposit Form signed by the patron and maintained pursuant to (i)2 above is not located at the cashiers' cage or satellite cage where the patron has requested the refund, the casino licensee may, in its discretion, perform the refund transaction by:

- i. Having a duplicate Customer Deposit Form of the patron transported in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(j) to a check cashier in the cashiers' cage or satellite cage at which the patron is located; or

- ii. Directing the patron to the cashier's cage or satellite cage where at least one of his or her duplicate Customer Deposit Forms is being maintained.

(m) Once the original Customer Deposit Form is presented at a cashiers' cage or satellite cage where at least one of that patron's duplicate forms is located, a general cashier at that location shall:

1. Verify the unused balance with the check cashier;
2. If the patron has presented the request in person, require the patron to sign the original of the Customer Deposit Form; and

3. Prepare necessary documentation evidencing such refund, which documentation may include a counter check or any other document which contains the following information:

- i. Date and shift of preparation;
- ii. Amount refunded;
- iii. Type of refund made (cash, casino check or wire transfer) and whether the refund was requested in person or in writing;
- iv. Patron's name; and
- v. Signature of the general cashier preparing such documentation.

(n) The general cashier shall forward each original Customer Deposit Form tendered by the patron pursuant to (l) above, along with any other necessary documentation, to the check cashier, who shall compare the patron's signature on the original Customer Deposit Form and any attached written signed request required by (l)1 above to the patron's signature on the duplicate Customer Deposit Form

and on the original counter check or slot counter check. The check cashier shall sign the original Customer Deposit Form if the signatures are in agreement, notify the general cashier of the results of the comparison and maintain the original Customer Deposit Form and the documentation supporting the signature verification.

(o) If the patron has requested the return of his or her original Customer Deposit Withdrawals, the check cashier shall, unless an alternate procedure permitted by (o)2i through iii below is employed, return each of the patron's original counter checks or slot counter checks to the general cashier. After the check cashier has notified the general cashier that the signatures contained in (n) above are a match, the general cashier shall then refund the unused balance of the deposit to the patron and, if applicable, return the original counter check or slot counter check to the patron. The general cashier shall maintain any necessary documentation to support the signature verification and to evidence such refund.

1. If the patron has requested the refund in writing, the general cashier shall give the cage supervisor the original checks, to be mailed to the patron in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26(h)2 and refund the unused balance of the deposit, as directed by the patron, either by mailing a casino check to the patron in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26(h)2 or by a wire transfer of the money to the patron in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24B.

2. If the patron has personally requested the return of his or her original Customer Deposit Withdrawals, and one or more of the documents are not located at the cashiers' cage or satellite cage where the patron has requested the refund, the general cashier making the refund shall either have the documents transported in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(j) to the cashiers' cage or satellite cage where the patron made the request, or notify the patron that he or she may:

- i. Have those Customer Deposit Withdrawals returned by mail in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26(h)2;
- ii. Go to the cashiers' cage or satellite cage where the documents are being maintained, and obtain the documents upon presenting identification credentials as specified in the casino licensee's internal controls; or
- iii. Complete the transaction with the casino licensee returning only those Customer Deposit Withdrawals, if any, that are at the cashiers' cage or the satellite cage where the patron made the request.

(p) A log of all customer deposits received and returned, shall be prepared manually or by computer on a daily basis, by check cashiers and such log shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. The balance of the Customer Deposits on hand in the cashiers' cage at the beginning of each shift;

2. For Customer Deposits received and refunded;
  - i. The date of the Customer Deposit or refund;
  - ii. Customer Deposit Number;
  - iii. The name of the patron; and
  - iv. The amount of the Customer Deposit or refund.
3. The balance of the Customer Deposits on hand in the cashiers' cage at the end of each shift.

(q) The balance of the Customer Deposits on hand in the cashiers' cage at the end of each shift shall be recorded as an outstanding liability and accounted for by the check cashier.

Amended by R.1981 d.272, effective August 6, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 47(c), 13 N.J.R. 541(a).

(b): new text substituted for old.

(b)-(p) renumbered as (c)-(q) without change in text.

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

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

Amended by R.1982 d.189, effective June 21, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 381(a), 14 N.J.R. 664(c).

(b)1: deleted "accompanied . . . credentials".

Petition for Rulemaking: Acceptance of cash equivalents.

See: 20 N.J.R. 824(b).

Amended by R.1989 d.233, effective May 1, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 3012(a), 21 N.J.R. 1152(b).

Added "wire transfer" to (h)5 and (m)3.

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

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

In subsections (j) and (k), added references to "Slot Counter Checks in compliance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A." In (l), added text regarding issuance of Slot Counter Checks.

Amended by R.1992 d.234, effective June 1, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 933(a), 24 N.J.R. 2079(a).

At (m)3: added new text qualifying that documentation may include "a counter check or any other document which contains the following information . . ."

Amended by R.1994 d.471, effective September 19, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2212(a), 26 N.J.R. 3891(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.466, effective August 21, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2113(a), 27 N.J.R. 3219(a).

Added casino checks and annuity jackpot trust checks in (a) and (h)5.

Amended by R.1995 d.620, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3307(a), 27 N.J.R. 4909(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.131, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4572(a), 29 N.J.R. 919(a).

Substantially amended the section.

#### Case Notes

Taxpayer did not realize income when gambling debt was forgiven. *Zarin v. C.I.R.*, 1990, 916 F.2d 110.

Casino Control Act does not confer private cause of action in favor of losing players. *Miller v. Zoby*, 250 N.J.Super. 568, 595 A.2d 1104 (A.D.1991), certification denied 606 A.2d 366, 127 N.J. 553.

#### 19:45-1.24A Procedures for accepting, verifying and accounting for wire transfers; wire transfer fees

(a) A casino licensee may, in accordance with the rules of the Commission, accept a wire transfer of funds to enable the following:

1. Establishment of a cash deposit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-101b and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24;

2. Redemption of an outstanding Counter Check or Slot Counter Check pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-101c and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26 and 1.27; or

3. Payment of a returned Counter Check or Slot Counter Check pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-101e and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.29.

(b) Any wire transfer of funds authorized by this section shall be transferred to and deposited in the casino licensee's approved operating account in a New Jersey bank. The casino licensee shall require its bank to notify the casino licensee of the receipt and deposit of the wire transfer by transmitting the information required in (c)2 through 6 below by one or more of the following methods:

1. Direct telephone notification between the casino licensee's bank and a cage employee, which notification shall be recorded in the Wire Transfer Log in accordance with (c)6 below;

2. Direct hard copy (printed) communication sent by the casino licensee's bank to the casino licensee, which document shall be dated, time-stamped and signed by the cage employee receiving the notification, and forwarded to the accounting department as supporting documentation in accordance with (g) below; or

3. Direct computer access by the casino licensee to the wire transfer transaction as it is credited to its operating account at its bank, which transaction shall be printed from the computer screen and dated, time-stamped and signed by the cage employee receiving the notification, and forwarded to the accounting department as supporting documentation in accordance with (g) below.

(c) Upon notification in accordance with (b) above that a wire transfer of funds has been credited to the casino licensee's operating account, the cage employee who received the notice shall record, at a minimum, the following information in the notification section of a Wire Transfer Log maintained in the main bank of the cashiers' cage:

1. A sequential wire transfer number which shall be generated by the casino licensee;

2. The date and time of the notification;

3. The name of the casino licensee's bank to which the funds were transferred;

4. The actual amount of funds transferred to the operating account of the casino licensee, stated in numbers and words;

5. The name of the patron for whose benefit the funds were transferred;

6. The method authorized under (b) above by which the casino licensee was notified of the receipt of the wire transfer and, if by telephone, the name and title of the

person at the casino licensee's bank who made the telephone call; and

7. The signature of the cage employee receiving and recording the information required by this subsection.

(d) Upon completion of the notification section of the Wire Transfer Log required by (c) above, a cage supervisor other than the cage employee who received and recorded notification of the wire transfer shall:

1. Verify receipt of the wire transfer and confirm the information recorded in the Wire Transfer Log pursuant to (c)2 through 6 above by:

i. If the notification occurred solely by telephone in accordance with (b)1 above, making telephone contact with a previously identified authorized employee of the casino licensee's bank; or

ii. If the notification occurred by direct hard copy communication or by direct computer access in accordance with (b)2 or 3 above, reviewing the hard copy communication or printout of the computer screen; and

2. Record the following in the verification section of the Wire Transfer Log:

i. The method of verification, and if verification was accomplished by telephone contact, the name and title of the authorized employee at the casino licensee's bank who confirmed the information;

ii. The date and time of verification; and

iii. The signature of the cage supervisor verifying receipt of the wire transfer and the information recorded pursuant to (c) above.

(e) Upon verification of the wire transfer and completion of the Wire Transfer Log, the general cashier of the casino licensee shall be deemed, for purposes of compliance with the Commission's rules, to have received cash at the general cashiers' cage in an amount equal to the actual amount of funds transferred to the operating account of the casino licensee.

(f) Upon determining the purpose for the wire transfer, a cage supervisor shall prepare a Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Form, a two-part form containing, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The wire transfer number;

2. The date of the wire transfer;

3. The actual amount of funds received pursuant to the wire transfer, stated in numbers and words;

4. The name of the patron;

5. The purpose for the wire transfer (cash deposit; redemption; payment of returned Counter Check or Slot Counter Check);

6. The signature of the preparer; and

## 7. The signature of either:

- i. The check bank cashier, if the funds are to be used for Counter Check or Slot Counter Check redemption or the payment of a returned Counter Check or Slot Counter Check; or
- ii. The general cashier, if the funds are to be used for a cash deposit.

(g) Upon completion of the information required by (f)1 through 6 above, the cage supervisor who prepared the form shall obtain the signature required by (f)7 above on both copies of the Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Form, transmit the duplicate copy and any supporting documentation to the accounting department, and forward the original Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Form to:

1. The check bank cashier, if the funds are to be used for Counter Check or Slot Counter Check redemption or the payment of a returned Counter Check or Slot Counter Check, who shall:

- i. Post the amount of the funds to the patron's credit account;
- ii. If appropriate, return the redeemed Counter Check or Slot Counter Check to the patron;
- iii. Forward to the accounting department the original Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Form for comparison to the duplicate; and
- iv. Forward to the accounting department the redemption copy of any Counter Check redeemed, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25 or Slot Counter Check redeemed, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A; or

2. The general cashier, if the funds are to be used to establish a cash deposit, who shall:

- i. Prepare a customer deposit file in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24;
- ii. Prepare a Customer Deposit Form in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24, except that prior to the release to the patron of any funds credited to a cash deposit file by means of a wire transfer, the general cashier shall examine the patron's identification credentials or verify that the patron's signature on the Customer Deposit Form and the patron's physical description agree with the information recorded in the patron's credit file pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.27, to insure that the patron is the patron recorded on the Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Form, and shall maintain documentation supporting that examination; and
- iii. Forward to the accounting department the original Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Form for comparison to the duplicate.

(h) At the end of the month, a copy of the Wire Transfer Log shall be forwarded to the accounting department and reconciled with all Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Forms prepared during that month.

(i) Upon the receipt and processing of a wire transfer of funds in accordance with the provisions of this section, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, credit to the patron's account the amount of any wire transfer fees charged against the original amount of the wire transfer, provided that:

1. The credit shall be limited to the lesser of \$250.00 or the actual amount of the wire transfer fees charged by any financial institution involved in the wiring of the funds;

2. The purpose of the wire transfer is to enable a transaction identified in (a)2 or 3 above and the credit is applied toward the completion of that transaction;

3. The credit is authorized and recorded by the casino licensee pursuant to internal controls approved by the Commission, which internal controls shall, at a minimum, include:

- i. The creation of a record identifying the date and the amount of the credit and the sequential wire transfer number of the wire transfer for which the credit is being issued; and
- ii. The recording of the credit as a balancing item on the main bank summary.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the amount of a credit of wire transfer fees authorized by (i) above need not be included in determining the amount of cash complimentary which may be issued to a patron pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9B.

New Rule, R.1989 d.233, effective May 1, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 3012(a), 21 N.J.R. 1152(b).

Petition for Rulemaking: requesting amendment to permit casino licensee to accept a transfer which specifies either patron's name or patron's casino identification number.

See: 22 N.J.R. 565(d).

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

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

Added references to "Slot Counter Checks" throughout section.

Amended by R.1994 d.472, effective September 19, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2215(a), 26 N.J.R. 3892(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.472, effective September 19, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2215(a), 26 N.J.R. 3892(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.542, effective November 7, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3140(a), 26 N.J.R. 4445(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.131, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4572(a), 29 N.J.R. 919(a).

Inserted new (d)1 and 2; and recodified existing (d)2 and 3 as (d)2ii and iii.

**19:45-1.24B Procedure for sending funds by wire transfer**

(a) Whenever a patron requests a casino licensee to send funds by wire transfer to a financial institution on behalf of the patron, the patron shall present to the general cashier the cash, cash equivalents, casino check, chips, plaques, slot tokens or prize tokens representing the amount sought to be transferred, or, in the case of a cash deposit, request that the unused balance of the cash deposit be transferred. In the case of a cash deposit, the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24 for redemption of a cash deposit shall be observed.

(d) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the Table Inventory Slips at the time of closing gaming tables shall be of the dealer or boxman and the casino supervisor assigned to the gaming table who observed the dealer or boxman count the contents of the Table Inventory.

(e) Upon meeting the signature requirements described in (d) above, the Closer shall be deposited in the drop box attached to the gaming table immediately prior to the closing of the table.

(f) Upon meeting the signature requirements described in (d) above, the Opener and the gaming chips and plaques remaining at the table shall be placed in the container specified in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20, after which the container shall be locked and either transported directly to the cashiers' cage by a security department member or secured to the gaming table provided that there is adequate security, as approved by the Commission. If the locked containers are transported to the cashiers' cage, a cage cashier shall determine that all locked containers have been returned, or if the locked containers are secured to the gaming table, a casino representative shall account for all the locked containers.

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

(f): "commission" was "chairman".

Amended by R.1992 d.110, effective March 2, 1992.  
See: 23 N.J.R. 3243(a), 24 N.J.R. 858(c).

In (a): stylistic revisions; In (f): recodified subsection (g) as part of subsection (f), deleting phrase "At the end of each gaming day . . .".

### 19:45-1.32 Count room; characteristics

(a) Except as provided in (d) below, each casino licensee shall have immediately adjacent to the cashier's cage a room, to be known as the "count room," specifically designated, designed and used for counting the contents of drop boxes, slot cash storage boxes, slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes.

(b) The count room shall be designed and constructed to provide maximum security for the materials housed therein and for the activities conducted therein. Each casino licensee shall design and construct a count room with, at a minimum, the following security measures:

1. A metal door installed on each entrance and exit;
2. Each entrance and exit door shall be equipped with:

- i. Two separate locks;

- ii. An alarm device, approved by the Commission, which audibly signals the monitoring rooms required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10 and the casino security department whenever a door to the count room is opened at times other than those times for which the casino licensee has provided prior notice pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33(b) or 1.43(b); and

- iii. A light system, approved by the Commission, which illuminates one or more lights in the monitoring rooms required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10, at each count room door, and at such other locations as the Commission may require, for purposes of maintaining constant surveillance on whether each count room door is open or closed;

3. Each lock required by (b)2i above shall be controlled by a key which is different from:

- i. The key to the other lock on that door;

- ii. The keys to the locks securing the contents of each drop box, slot cash storage box, and slot drop box; and

- iii. The keys to the locks of each slot drop bucket compartment;

4. The key to one of the locks required by (b)2i above shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department in a secure area within the casino security department, access to which may be gained only by a security supervisor, and the key to the other lock shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector; and

5. The casino security department shall establish a sign-out procedure for all keys removed from the security department.

(c) Located within the count room shall be:

1. A table constructed of clear glass or similar material for the emptying, counting, and recording of the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes which shall be known as the "count table";

2. Closed circuit television cameras and microphone wired to monitoring rooms capable of, but not limited to, the following:

- i. Effective and detailed audio-video monitoring of the entire count process;

- ii. Effective, detailed video-monitoring of the interior of the count room, including storage cabinets or trolleys used to store drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes; and

- iii. Audio-video taping of the entire count process and any other activities in the count room.

(d) Each casino licensee may count the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes in a different room, to be known as the "hard count room," from that used for counting the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes, in which event the latter room shall be known as the "soft count room." In all other respects the hard count room shall comply with the requirements of this section, except that the hard count room need not contain the audio equipment required by (c)2i and (c)2iii above. In addition, the hard count room shall contain a fixed-door type or

hand-held metal detector to inspect all persons exiting the hard count room.

(e) In addition to the light system required by (b)2iii above, each hard count room shall contain a separate light system or other device approved by the Commission which shall provide a continuous visual signal at the count room door, the Commission booth and such other locations as the Commission may require whenever any access door to the count room is open while the system is activated. The light system or device shall:

1. Maintain the visual signal until the system is reset or deactivated; and
2. Be designed so as to permit its activation, deactivation or resetting only by the Commission.

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

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

Amended by R.1987 d.277, effective July 6, 1987 (operative November 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1929(a), 19 N.J.R. 1237(a), 19 N.J.R. 1656(a).

Added text in (d) "In addition, the ... the count room." Correction deferred operative date from September 1, 1987 to November 1, 1987). 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 slot cash storage boxes.

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

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

"Casino" changed to "casino licensee."

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.1993 d.493, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2855(a), 25 N.J.R. 4622(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.1996 d.122, effective March 4, 1996.

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

### **19:45-1.33 Procedure for opening, counting and recording contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes and the recording of keno revenue**

(a) The contents of the drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be counted and recorded in the count room in conformity with this section.

(b) Each casino licensee shall place on file with the Commission and the Division the specific times during which the contents of drop boxes removed from gaming tables and contents of slot cash storage boxes are to be counted and recorded, which, at a minimum, shall be once each gaming day for drop boxes. Slot cash storage boxes shall be removed from bill changers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42(a) and shall be counted and recorded, at a minimum, once a week.

(c) The opening, counting and recording of the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be performed in the presence of a Commission inspector by at least three employees with no incompatible functions ("count team"). To gain entrance to the count room, the Commission inspector shall present an official identification card containing his or her photograph issued by the Commission.

(d) All persons present in the count room during the counting process, except representatives of the Commission and the Division, shall wear as outer garments, only a full-length, one-piece pocketless garment with openings only for the arms, feet, and neck.

(e) No person present shall:

1. Carry a pocketbook or other container unless it is transparent; or

2. Remove his or her hands from or return them to a position on or above the count table unless the backs and palms of his or her hands are first held straight out and exposed to the view of other members of the count team and the closed circuit television camera.

(f) Immediately prior to the commencement of the count:

1. The doors to the count room shall be securely locked;

2. A count team member shall notify a person assigned to the closed circuit television monitoring station in the establishment that the count is about to begin, after which such person shall make an audio-video recording, with the time and date inserted thereon, of the entire counting process, which recording shall be retained by the surveillance department for at least five days from the date of recordation unless otherwise directed by the Commission or the Division; and

3. The count room supervisor shall notify the Commission inspector, in writing, of the name and Commission license number of each person who shall participate in the counting process and whether each such individual is scheduled to:

i. Be present in the count room during the entire counting process;

ii. Enter the count room during the counting process; or

iii. Leave the count room prior to the conclusion of the counting process.

(g) No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the count room during the counting process, except in an emergency, unless his or her name is on the written notice required by (f) above.

1. If a casino licensee permits a member of the count team to enter or leave the count room during the counting process, any employee remaining in the count room shall be required to display his or her hands in accordance with (e) above and to step away from the count table until the count team member has entered or left the count room.

2. The counting and recording process shall be discontinued whenever less than three count team members are present in the count room.

3. Once the counting process has been started, the count room supervisor shall be required to notify the closed circuit television monitoring room whenever a count room door will be opened.

(h) Procedures and requirements for conducting the count shall be as follows:

1. As each drop box or slot cash storage box is placed on the count table, one count team member shall verbalize, in a tone of voice to be heard by all persons present and to be recorded by the audio recording device, the game, table number, and shift marked thereon for drop boxes, or the asset or unique identification number marked thereon for slot cash storage boxes;

2. In full view of the closed circuit television cameras located in the count room, the contents of each drop box or slot cash storage box shall be emptied on the count table and either manually counted separately on the count table or counted on a currency or coupon counting machine which has been approved by the Commission and is located in a conspicuous location on, near or adjacent to the count table;

3. Immediately after the contents of a drop box or slot cash storage box are emptied onto the count table, the inside of the drop box or slot cash storage box shall be held up to the full view of a closed circuit television camera and shall be shown to the Commission inspector to assure all contents of the drop box or slot cash storage box have been removed, after which the drop box or slot cash storage box shall be locked and placed in the storage area for drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes;

4. The contents of each drop box or slot cash storage box shall be segregated by a count team member into separate stacks on the count table by each denomination of coin, currency and coupon, and by type of form, record or document, except that the Commission may permit the utilization of a machine to sort currency or coupons automatically by denomination;

5. Each denomination of coin, currency and coupon shall be counted separately by one count team member who shall place individual bills, coins and coupons of the same denomination on the count table in full view of a closed circuit television camera, after which the coin, currency and coupons shall be counted by a second count team member who is unaware of the result of the original

count and who, after completing this count, shall confirm the accuracy of the total, either verbally or in writing, with that reached by the first count team member, except that the Commission may permit a casino licensee to perform aggregate counts by denomination of all currency and coupons collected in substitution of the second count by drop box or slot cash storage box, if the Commission is satisfied that the original counts are being performed automatically by a machine that counts and automatically records the amount of currency or coupons, and that the accuracy of the machine has been suitably tested and proven. The Commission will permit the utilization of currency and coupon counting machines if prior to the start of the first use of the counting machine each gaming day, except for (h)5i and ii below, which shall be performed prior to each count, and except when a Commission inspector may direct the testing of an automatic counting machine prior to each count, in the presence of a Commission inspector, the count room supervisor shall:

i. Verify that the counting machine has a zero balance on its terminal unit display panel and has a receipt printed which denotes “-0- cash or coupons on hand” and “-0- notes or coupons in machine,” or some other means to indicate that the machine has been cleared of all currency and coupons.

ii. Visually check the counting machine to be sure there are no bills or coupons remaining in the various compartments of the machine.

iii. Supervise a count team member who shall randomly select a drop box or slot cash storage box and place the entire contents of the drop box or slot cash storage box into the first counting machine, which shall count the currency or coupons by denomination and produce a print out of the total amount of currency or coupons by denomination. Any soiled or off-sorted bills or coupons shall be re-fed into the machine and manual adjustments made to the total. Coins or tokens shall also cause manual adjustments to be made to the total. The total as recorded on the counting machine and any adjustments thereto shall not be shown to anyone until completion of the final verification process.

iv. Supervise a second count team member, independent of the team member performing the initial count by machine, who shall manually count and summarize the currency and coupons of the drop box or slot cash storage box counted in (h)5iii above. The total shall be posted and maintained separately from the total posted in (h)5iii above. This total shall not be shown to anyone until completion of the final verification process.

v. Supervise the second count team member passing the currency or coupons to a count team member, who is unaware of the results of the manual count. The count team member shall count the contents of the drop box slot cash storage box counted in (h)5iii above

using a second counting machine. Such machine shall produce a printout of the total amount of currency or coupons contained in the drop box or slot cash storage box. Any soiled or off-sorted bills or coupons shall be re-fed into the machine and manual adjustments made to the total. Coins or tokens shall also cause manual adjustments to be made to the total. The total as recorded on the counting machine and any adjustments thereto shall not be shown to anyone until completion of the final verification process.

vi. Following the completion of the test procedures, compare the totals from the test receipts of both counting machines, as computed in (h)5iii and (h)5v, to the manual total computed in (h)5iv. If the three totals compared above are in agreement, the count room supervisor will sign and date the test receipts and forward them to the Accounting Department at the end of the count process.

vii. If the three totals do not agree, appropriate repairs shall be made to the counting machine and the procedures in (h)5i through (h)5vi shall be repeated until all totals are in agreement. The Commission shall not permit the counting machine to be used until these totals are in agreement.

6. Any coupon deposited in a drop box or a slot cash storage box shall be counted and included in the calculation of table game win or loss in accordance with (h)8 below or on the slot win report, without regard to the validity of the coupon.

7. Any coupon which has not already been cancelled upon acceptance or during the count shall be cancelled prior to the conclusion of the count, in a manner approved by the Commission.

8. As the contents of each drop box are counted, a count team member shall manually record or cause a computer system to record, in a manner approved by the Commission, the following information on the Master Game Report or other supporting documentation by game and table number:

- i. The amount of each denomination of currency counted;
- ii. The amount of all denominations of currency counted;
- iii. The amount of coin counted;
- iv. The total amount of currency and coin counted;
- v. The total amount of each denomination of coupons other than match play coupons;
- vi. The total amount of all denominations of coupons other than match play coupons;
- vii. The total amount of each denomination of match play coupons;

viii. 50 percent of the total amount of all denominations of match play coupons;

ix. The amount recorded on each document evidencing a credit card chip transaction;

x. The total of the amounts recorded on all documents evidencing credit card chip transactions;

xi. The amount recorded on each document evidencing a debit card chip transaction;

xii. The total of the amounts recorded on all documents evidencing debit card chip transactions;

xiii. The amount of the Opener;

xiv. The amount of the Closer;

xv. The serial number and amount of each Counter Check;

xvi. The amount of all Counter Checks counted;

xvii. The serial number and amount of each Fill;

xviii. The amount of all Fills;

xix. The serial number and amount of each Credit;

xx. The amount of all Credits;

xxi. The table game win or loss or, for poker, the poker revenue; and

xxii. The gaming date of the items being recorded and the date the Master Gaming Report is being prepared or generated.

9. After the contents of each drop box are counted and recorded, a member of the count team shall manually record or cause the computer to record on the Master Game Report, by game, the total amount of currency, coin and coupons, Table Inventory Slips, Counter Checks, Fills, and Credits counted, and win or loss, together with such additional information as may be required on the Master Game Report by the Commission or the casino licensee.

10. Notwithstanding the requirements of (h)8 and (h)9 above, if the casino licensee's system of internal controls provides for the recording on the Master Game Report or supporting documents of Fills, Credits, Counter Checks, documents that evidence credit card or debit card chip transactions, and Table Inventory Slips by cage cashiers prior to commencement of the count or includes a computerized system whereby all Fills, Credits, Counter Checks and Table Inventory Slips are entered into the system at the time of preparation, a count team member shall compare for agreement the totals of the amounts previously recorded or entered to the Fills, Credits, Counter Checks, the documents that evidence credit card or debit card chip transactions, and Table Inventory Slips removed from the drop boxes.

11. As the contents of each slot cash storage box are counted, a count team member shall manually record or cause a computer system to record, in a manner approved by the Commission, the following information on the Slot Cash Storage Box Report or supporting documentation:

- i. The asset number of the bill changer to which the slot cash storage box contents correspond or, if a casino licensee utilizes slot cash storage boxes with a unique identification number, the number shall be recorded along with the asset number of the slot machine;
- ii. The amount of each denomination of currency counted;
- iii. The amount of all denominations of currency counted;
- iv. The total amount of currency counted for each slot machine denomination;
- v. The total dollar amount of each denomination of coupon;
- vi. The total dollar amount of all denominations of coupons; and
- vii. Any additional information as may be required on the Slot Cash Storage Box Report by the Commission.

12. Notwithstanding the requirements of (h)8, 9 and 11 above, if the casino licensee's system of internal controls provides for the count team functions to be comprised only of counting and recording currency, coin and coupons, accounting department employees shall perform all other counting, recording and comparing duties required by this section;

13. After preparation of the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report, the count team members performing the banking functions and the count room supervisor shall sign the reports attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon. All other count team members shall either sign the Master Game Report or such other document as approved by the Commission as evidence of their participation in the counting of the drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes. Any person who, in accordance with (f) above, is scheduled to leave the count room prior to the completion of the entire count process, shall also record the time that he or she exited the count room. Any person who enters or leaves the count room due to an emergency shall sign, and record the time of the entry or exit on, the Master Game Report or such other document as approved by the Commission; except that, if the person exiting the count room is unable to sign the document due to the emergency, the count room supervisor shall record the person's name and time of exit and a notation describing the emergency on the document.

14. The amount recorded on each document evidencing a credit or debit card chip transaction that is deposit-

ed in a drop box shall be treated, for purposes of calculating gross revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24, as cash received by the casino licensee from gaming operations, and no adjustment to that amount shall be allowed in the event that the document is invalid for any reason whatsoever.

(i) After the contents of all drop boxes and all slot cash storage boxes have been counted:

1. All cash and coupons shall be presented in the count room by a count team member to a main bank cashier or cage supervisor who, prior to having access to the information recorded on the Master Game Report or the Slot Cash Storage Box Report and in the presence of a count team member and the Commission inspector, shall recount, either manually or mechanically, the cash and coupons presented and attest by signature on the Master Game Report and Slot Cash Storage Box Report, if applicable, the amounts of cash and coupons counted, after which the Commission inspector shall sign the report evidencing his or her presence during the count and the fact that both the cashier or cage supervisor and count team have agreed on the total amounts of cash and coupon counted. A casino licensee may, in its discretion, present the main bank cashier or cage supervisor with the cash and coupons obtained from the count of the drop boxes and the count of the slot cash storage boxes either:

i. At the same time, in which event the cash and coupons shall be presented immediately after both counts have been concluded; provided, however, that the casino licensee shall set forth in its approved system of internal controls the procedures for segregating and securing the cash and coupons from the first count that is concluded until presented to the main bank cashier or cage supervisor after the conclusion of the second count; or

ii. Separately, in which event the cash and coupons from each count shall be presented immediately after the conclusion of the count; provided, however, that if the cash and coupons from the first count that is concluded are presented while the second count is in progress:

(1) There shall be no cash or coupons on the count table from a box that has not already been counted at least once; and

(2) All count room employees shall be required to step away from the count table until the presentation is completed and the cash and coupons from the first count are removed from the count room.

2. The Master Game Report, after signing, and the Requests for Fills, the Fills, the Request for Credits, the Credits, the issuance copies of the Counter Checks, the Table Inventory Slips, the documents evidencing a credit or debit card chip transaction and the coupons removed from drop boxes shall be transported directly to the

accounting department and shall not be available to any cashiers' cage personnel. All coupons shall be received and processed by the accounting department in the manner set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(l).

3. The Slot Cash Storage Box Report, after signing, and any coupons removed from the slot cash storage boxes shall be transported directly to the accounting department and shall not be available to any cashiers' cage personnel. The Accounting Department shall record the figures from the Slot Cash Storage Box Report on the Slot Win Report and calculate the total drop for that gaming day. All coupons shall be received and processed by the accounting department in the manner set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(l).

4. If the casino licensee's system of internal control does not provide for the forwarding from the cashiers' cage of the originals of the Fills, Credits, Requests for Credits, and the Requests for Fills, and the issuance copies of the Counter Checks, directly to the accounting department, the originals of all such slips recorded, or to be recorded, on the Master Game Report shall be transported from the count room directly to the accounting department.

(j) In addition to the procedures for conducting the count by the count team set forth under (h)4, 5 and 13 above, and the procedures for conducting the recount by a main bank cashier or cage supervisor set forth under (i)1 above, in the event of a variance attributable to intermixed denominations of cash or coupons, an adjustment shall be made to the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report which shall reflect the amount, type (cash or coupon) and source (identified to a gaming table or slot machine) of such variance; however:

1. If the source of the variance is a gaming table and the gaming table to which the adjustment should be made can not be identified, the adjustment shall be deemed to be from the drop box of a predesignated blackjack table(s); or

2. If the source of the variance is a slot machine and the slot machine to which the adjustment should be made can not be identified, the adjustment shall be deemed to be from the slot cash storage box of a predesignated \$.25 slot machine(s) or a predesignated slot machine(s) with the lowest denomination counted that day.

(k) The originals and copies of the Master Game Report, the Slot Cash Storage Box Report, Counter Checks, the documents that evidence credit or debit card chip transactions, Requests for Fills, Fills, Request for Credits, Credits, Table Inventory Slips and the test receipts from the currency counting equipment shall, on a daily basis, in the accounting department be:

1. Compared for agreement with each other, on a test basis if the originals are received from the count room, by persons with no recording responsibilities and, if applicable, to triplicates or stored data;

2. Reviewed for the appropriate number and propriety of signatures on a tests basis;

3. Accounted for by series numbers, if applicable;

4. Tested for proper calculation, summarization, and recording;

5. Subsequently recorded; and

6. Maintained and controlled by the accounting department as a permanent accounting record.

(l) The keno computer system shall have the capability of generating a report which lists, by keno work station, the keno drop, total amount won by patrons and keno win or loss for each gaming day. This report shall be audited by a casino accounting department employee. Once the audit procedures have been completed, the casino accounting department employee shall sign the report and either attach the report to the Master Game Report for that gaming day or record the appropriate figures from the report onto the Master Game Report.

(m) If there is a difference between the keno win or loss as represented in the report referenced in (k) above and the figures reported as a result of the reconciliation of the keno drawer pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.48(l), the casino licensee shall be required to pay gross revenue tax pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24 on the larger figure unless the casino licensee can adequately explain and document the reason for said difference. No adjustments to gross revenue shall be permitted without approval from the Commission.

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

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

(j)1: added "if the originals . . . room."

Amended by R.1985 d.495, effective October 7, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1752(a), 17 N.J.R. 2457(a).

Subsection (h) substantially amended.

Petition for Rulemaking. Request amendment to subsection (b).

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

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

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

Amended by R.1987 d.428, effective November 2, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 923(a), 19 N.J.R. 2065(a).

Added text to (h)5; and added text to (j) "and the test receipts from the currency counting equipment".

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).

Substantially amended to include procedure for opening slot cash storage boxes.

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

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

In (h)1: changed "casino" number to "asset" 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 (i)3: added "gaming" to describe day.