

New Rule, R.2003 d.161, effective April 21, 2003.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 88(a), 35 N.J.R. 1689(b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Whether the slot machine is equipped for tokenization, and if so, the denomination of the slot machine;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. On a slot machine equipped for tokenization pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37C, any credits remaining on the slot machine shall be cancelled in a manner approved by the Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

Added location and movements of slot machines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hopper storage area provisions added.

Administrative Correction to (c)4.

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

Amended by R.1993 d.319, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rewrote (e).

Amended by R.2003 d.161, effective April 21, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 88(a), 35 N.J.R. 1689(b).

In (c), added new 2; recodified existing 2 through 5 as 3 through 6; in (d), added new 5.

### 19:45-1.39 Progressive slot machine jackpots

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) Except as provided in (j) below, each slot machine that is connected to a common progressive meter (“common display unit”) for the purpose of offering the same progressive jackpot on two or more slot machines (a “linked slot machine”) shall:

1. Be of the same denomination and have the same probability of winning the progressive jackpot as every other linked slot machine connected to such common display unit;

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

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

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

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

1. The initial and reset amounts at which the “progressive meter(s)” will be set;

2. The proposed system for controlling the keys and access codes to these machines;

3. The proposed rate of progression for each progressive jackpot; and

4. The calculated probability of winning each progressive jackpot, which probability shall not exceed 50 million to one. For example, a probability of 45 million to one would be permitted, but a probability of 55 million to one would not be permitted. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this paragraph shall not apply to a jackpot with a probability that may exceed 50 million to one during the game cycle due solely to the intervening occurrence of free play awards between the activation of a play and the award of the jackpot.

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

1. The amount indicated has been actually paid to a winning patron;
2. The progressive jackpot amount won by the patron has been recorded in accordance with an approved system of internal controls;
3. The progressive jackpot has, with prior Commission approval, been transferred to another progressive slot machine or slot system in accordance with (n) below; or
4. The change is necessitated by a slot machine or meter(s) malfunction, in which case:
  - i. For progressive jackpots governed by (b) above, an explanation shall be entered on the Progressive Slot Summary required in (k) below and the Commission inspector shall preapprove the resetting in writing; or
  - ii. For progressive jackpots governed by (o) below, an explanation shall be entered on the Machine Entry Authorization Log pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36(j) unless the slot machine automatically addresses the malfunction in a manner approved by the Commission.

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

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

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

1. A casino licensee may, prior to the time that a particular amount is registered on the progressive meter, establish a payout limit for the progressive jackpot that is equal to or greater than that particular amount, by providing notice of the payout limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4.
2. After a progressive jackpot is won, a casino licensee may stop offering the progressive jackpot if:
  - i. Notice to that effect was provided in the manner set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4 prior to the jackpot being won; and
  - ii. Any slot machine that offered the progressive jackpot being terminated is shut down or rendered unplayable as soon as possible after the jackpot is won; provided, however, that if the slot machine or machines

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

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

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

(j) Notwithstanding (c) above:

1. Two or more linked slot machines offering the same progressive jackpot may be of different denominations and/or have different minimum wagers required to win the progressive jackpot, provided that:

i. The probability of winning the progressive jackpot is directly proportional to the minimum wager required to win that jackpot. For example, if on the same link, a nickel slot machine requires 20 coins (a \$1.00 wager), a quarter slot machine requires eight coins (a \$2.00 wager), and a dollar slot machine requires three coins (a \$3.00 wager) to win the progressive jackpot, then the probability of a winning wager must be three times more likely on a linked dollar machine than on the linked nickel machine, and twice more likely on a linked quarter machine than on the linked nickel machine. Similarly, if among three linked quarter denomination slot machine games, the first required two coins (a \$.50 wager), the second required four coins (a \$1.00 wager) and the third required eight coins (a \$2.00 wager) to play for the progressive jackpot, then on each handle pull, the probability of winning the jackpot would be twice more likely on the second machine than on the first machine, and four times more likely on the third machine than on the first machine; and

ii. A notice approved by the Commission indicating the proportional probability of winning the progressive jackpot on such a linked progressive system shall be conspicuously displayed on each linked slot machine; and

2. The probability of winning a progressive jackpot offered on linked slot machines may vary among such machines when necessary to enable a casino licensee to institute a change in the probability which is otherwise permitted by this section, if the change is completed expeditiously in accordance with procedures that have been filed and approved by the Commission.

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

1. Supporting documentation shall be maintained to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the progressive meter(s), which documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date, asset number of the slot machine, the amount of the adjustment and the signature of the slot department member making the adjustment; and
2. The adjustment shall be effectuated within 48 hours of the meter reading.

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

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

(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section except (i)2 above, a casino licensee may, with prior written approval from the Commission and upon 30 days notice to the public provided in the same manner as is required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4iii for the establishment of a payout limit, transfer a progressive jackpot amount, in its entirety, to:

1. The progressive meter for a progressive slot machine or slot system with the same or greater probability of winning the progressive jackpot, the same or lower wager requirement to be eligible to win the progressive jackpot, and the same type of progressive jackpot (cash, annuity, annuity/cash option or a combination/alternate jackpot); provided, however, that if no other progressive slot machine or system meets all of these qualifications, the Commission may authorize a transfer of the jackpot to the progressive meter of the most similar progressive slot machine or system available if the Commission finds such a transfer would be in the public interest; or

2. The progressive meters of two separate progressive slot machines or systems, provided that:

- i. The progressive jackpot being transferred is a progressive annuity jackpot of at least \$3 million or a progressive lump-sum cash jackpot of at least \$1 million;

- ii. No less than 25 percent of the total jackpot being transferred shall be added to the progressive meter of each progressive slot machine or system;

- iii. Each progressive slot machine or system to which the jackpot is transferred shall individually satisfy the requirements of (n)1 above; and

- iv. Neither jackpot to which the transferred jackpot is added shall subsequently be split again.

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

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

2. The approved program for the slot machine shall limit the progressive jackpot to an amount which is less than \$1,200 unless the program is also capable of configuring, storing and recalling, in a secure manner approved by the Commission, the parameters relating to the progressive jackpot, including, but not limited to, the current amount of the progressive jackpot, the progressive reset amount, the maximum progressive amount and the increment amount.

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

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

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

Section substantially amended.

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Correction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Correction to (f)4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Added (e)4 and (n).

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

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

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

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

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

Rewrote section.

Petition for Rulemaking.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2002 d.366, effective November 18, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2415(a), 34 N.J.R. 3976(a).

In (c), substituted "Except as provided in (j) below" for "Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission" in the introductory paragraph; rewrote (j).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1964(a), 2755(c).

Amended by R.2003 d.448, effective November 17, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2618(a), 35 N.J.R. 5267(b).

In (o), rewrote 2 and deleted 3.

Amended by R.2004 d.110, effective March 15, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5227(a), 36 N.J.R. 1364(a).

Rewrote (n).

Amended by R.2005 d.12, effective January 3, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4105(a), 37 N.J.R. 100(a).

Rewrote the section.

### **19:45-1.39A Linked slot machines interconnected in more than one casino; computer monitoring room**

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

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

(c) A casino licensee may, with the prior approval of the Commission, designate one or more casino key employees to represent the interests of the casino licensee in the operation and control of a multi-casino progressive slot system. Any designated representative shall only be permitted to exercise the duties and responsibilities he or she is authorized to perform for the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11; provided, however, a designated representative may also communicate information and directions concerning the operation and control of the system to or from other employees of the casino licensee who are authorized to exercise responsibility for such matters.

(d) Each multi-casino progressive slot system shall maintain the computer system that operates and controls the slot system in a computer monitoring room approved by the Commission. The computer monitoring room for a multi-casino progressive slot system shall:

1. Be under the sole control of, and maintained and operated by, employees of the casino licensee or group of casino licensees approved to operate the slot system (the "slot system operator");

2. Have continuous clandestine closed circuit television (CCTV) coverage of the operation of the slot system and its equipment by the surveillance department of the "host casino" (the casino licensee assigned primary responsibility for the maintenance of the computer monitoring room by the slot system operator);

3. Be accessible only through a locked door, which door shall be equipped with an alarm device that audibly signals the CCTV monitoring room of the surveillance department of the host casino whenever the door to the computer monitoring room is open;

4. Have a Computer Monitoring Room Entry Log, which Log shall be:

- i. Kept in the computer monitoring room;
- ii. Maintained in a book with bound numbered pages that cannot be readily removed;
- iii. Signed by each person whose presence is not expressly authorized and identified in the internal controls of the slot system operator, with each entry containing, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) The date and time of entering into the computer monitoring room;

(2) The entering person's name, his or her department or employer and, if applicable, his or her employee license number;

(3) The reason for entering the computer monitoring room;

(4) The name of the person authorizing the person's entry into the computer monitoring room; and

(5) The date and time of exiting the computer monitoring room;

5. Be readily accessible to Commission and Division of Gaming Enforcement personnel 24 hours a day;

6. Be contained in a secure location approved by the Commission, which shall either be:

- i. In a restricted casino area on the premises of the host casino; or
- ii. In a related facility designed for that purpose off the premises of the host casino but within the city limits of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which facility shall be owned or leased by the slot system operator in a

manner approved by the Commission that assures that the operation of the multi-casino progressive slot systems maintained in the computer monitoring room will not be disrupted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2003 d.314, effective August 4, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 4323(a), 35 N.J.R. 3565(a).

Added (d).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 4332(c), 5171(c).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1135(a).

### 19:45-1.39B Table game progressive payout wagers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) A casino licensee may use a percentage of each progressive payout wager that is accepted at a table to fund a portion of the reset amount for the progressive meter. If a reset fund is established by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection, each table shall have or be connected to a device known as a "reset meter" which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which records the amount which shall be transferred to the progressive meter, inclusive of any reset amount funded by the casino licensee, when the entire amount on the progressive meter is won by a player. Each table shall have the following features in addition to those specified in (b) above:

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

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

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

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

2. The same number of gaming chips shall be wagered to entitle a player to a chance at winning the progressive payout wager, and each gaming chip shall increment the meter by the same rate of progression at all tables connected;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Any merchandise or other thing of value offered as part of a combination or alternative jackpot shall not be included in determining the minimum 83 percent payout of any slot machine pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(h) and shall not be included, when won by a patron, in the total of all sums paid out as winnings for purposes of determining gross revenue.

2. Any cash offered as part of a combination or alternative jackpot shall be included in determining the minimum 83 percent payout of any slot machine pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(h). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the jackpot to be offered is an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option, the jackpot shall be treated like an annuity jackpot when determining whether the slot machine satisfies the minimum 83 percent payout requirement; in other words, only an amount which is equal to the initial or reset amount of the jackpot divided by the number of years over which the jackpot will be paid shall be included in the calculation of the theoretical payout percentage of the slot machine.

3. Any cash offered as part of a combination or alternative jackpot, including an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option as set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, shall be included, when won and paid to a patron, in the total of all sums paid out as winnings for purposes of determining gross revenue; in other words, if the winning patron selects the cash payout option, the present value thereof shall be deductible from gross revenue when actually paid to the patron.

4. If a progressive jackpot is offered as part of a combination jackpot, all elements of the combination jackpot shall continue to be offered until the jackpot is won by a patron or transferred to another progressive slot machine or slot system pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(n).

5. If a progressive jackpot is offered as part of an alternative jackpot, all elements of the alternative jackpot shall continue to be offered until the amount of the progressive jackpot is equal to or greater than the cash equivalent value of the merchandise or other thing of value offered as an alternative jackpot, at which time the merchandise or other thing of value offered as an alternative jackpot may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions of (l) above. The progressive jackpot shall then remain available to be won by a patron unless it is transferred to another progressive slot machine or slot system pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(n).

(n) Any advertising involving slot machine payouts of any merchandise or thing of value by the casino licensee shall include an accurate description of the merchandise or thing of value, the dates the merchandise or thing of value will be offered if the casino licensee establishes a time limit (a time limit shall not be permitted for a progressive annuity jackpot) for offering the merchandise or thing of value pursuant to (l) above, and, except for annuity jackpots, the cash

equivalent value of the merchandise or thing of value. Any advertising concerning annuity jackpots shall also provide clear notice of the following:

1. That the jackpot will be paid over time and not in one lump sum, unless the annuity jackpot includes a cash payout option, in which event the option shall be described; and

2. The number of payments and the time interval between payments.

(o) Until the expiration of any time limit established in accordance with (l) above or, if no such time limit is established by the casino licensee, until the merchandise or thing of value offered as a slot machine payout is won by a patron, a casino licensee shall not decrease the probability of winning the merchandise or thing of value, increase the denomination of the machine, nor in any other way vary the terms upon which the merchandise or thing of value is offered to the public.

(p) Slot machines which are linked to offer the same merchandise jackpot shall have the same probability of winning that jackpot, provided, however, that the probability may vary among such machines when necessary to enable a casino licensee to institute a change in the probability which is otherwise permitted by this section, if the change is completed expeditiously in accordance with procedures that have been filed with and approved by the Commission.

(q) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, a slot machine which offers merchandise or some other thing of value as a payout which is removed from the gaming floor shall be returned to or replaced on the gaming floor within five days. If the machine is not returned or replaced, the merchandise or thing of value shall, within five days of the slot machine's removal, be offered as a payout on a slot machine or slot system approved by the Commission which offers the same or a greater probability of winning the merchandise or thing of value, and accepts a denomination of coin or slot token the same or less than the denomination accepted by the slot machine which was removed. Any time limit for offering a jackpot of merchandise or other thing of value shall be extended by the number of days during which the merchandise or thing of value was not offered as the result of any action taken by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection.

New Rule, R.1987 d.302, effective July 20, 1987.

See: 18 N.J.R. 2005(a), 19 N.J.R. 1321(a).

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

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

Amended by R.1990 d.238, effective May 7, 1990.

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

Revised rule to be consistent with new rules in chapter regarding annuity jackpots.

Clarified new procedural and recordkeeping requirements, including stylistic changes.

Added new (a) and relettered old (a) as (b).

In (c): added text "If the payout . . . N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B".

In (d): added language specifying employee accountability for series of numbers of all slips.

In (g)4: added "unless the jackpot is an annuity jackpot . . ." to text. Deleted (l) regarding slot machine payouts of tokens redeemable for any merchandise, and reserved subsection.

In (m): added "Except when the payout is an annuity jackpot . . ." to text.

In (n): added annuity jackpot exception and language describing annuity jackpot advertising in new (n)1 and 2.

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking in (n) and (o).

See: 23 N.J.R. 624(a).

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

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

In (g)1: added "asset" to define number.

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

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

Allows casinos to establish a time limit of not less than 30 days for the offering of merchandise or other thing of value.

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

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

In (j): stylistic revisions.

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.574, effective November 6, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3147(a), 27 N.J.R. 4448(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.424, effective October 6, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3440(a), 29 N.J.R. 4305(a).

In (c), deleted provision for a quarterly report.

Amended by R.1999 d.225, effective July 19, 1999 (operative January 15, 2000).

See: 30 N.J.R. 3175(a), 31 N.J.R. 1947(a).

In (m), changed N.J.A.C. reference in the second sentence.

Amended by R.2000 d.336, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2527(a), 32 N.J.R. 3077(a).

Rewrote (a); in (c), inserted reference to treasury instruments in last sentence; in (g), rewrote 5; rewrote (k) through (m); and in (n)1, inserted reference to annuity jackpot with cash payout option.

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

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

In (l), substituted "progressive" for "certain"; in (m), added 4 and 5; in (n), inserted "(a time limit shall not be permitted for a progressive annuity jackpot)" following "establishes a time limit"; in (q), rewrote the second sentence.

Amended by R.2005 d.12, effective January 3, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4105(a), 37 N.J.R. 100(a).

#### 19:45-1.40B Jackpot payouts in the form of an annuity

(a) For purposes of this section, the phrase "annuity jackpot" refers to any slot machine jackpot offered by a casino licensee or group of casino licensees pursuant to which a patron wins the right to receive cash payments at specified intervals in the future. No annuity jackpot shall be permitted unless it provides for the payment of fixed amounts at fixed intervals. In addition, no annuity jackpot shall be permitted unless it expressly prohibits the winner from encumbering, assigning or otherwise transferring in any way his or her right to receive the future cash payments, except as permitted by (k)2i below, and except for a transfer to the estate of the winner upon his or her death. A casino licensee or group of casino licensees may, with the prior approval of the Commission, terminate all future payments to a winner who attempts to encumber, assign or otherwise transfer the right to receive future payments in violation of this prohibition.

1. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a casino licensee or group of casino licensees that offers an annuity jackpot which is payable over at least 10 years may offer a winning patron the option to be paid a single cash payment, in lieu of the annuity jackpot, in an amount that is equal to the present value of the face amount of the jackpot (a "cash payout option").

i. The present value of a cash payout option shall be determined by applying a discount rate to each of the future annuity jackpot payments, taking into consideration the number of years until each jackpot payment would otherwise have been received, and adding thereto the amount of the first cash payment that would otherwise have been received.

ii. The discount rate shall equal the United States Treasury constant maturity rate for 20-year United States government securities for the week ending prior to the date of the jackpot, as identified in the applicable H.15 Statistical Release issued by the Federal Reserve Board, plus one-half of one percent.

2. When a patron wins an annuity jackpot which includes a cash payout option, the casino licensee or group of casino licensees shall:

i. Complete the appropriate documentation required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40, 1.40A and 1.40C, as applicable;

ii. Within three business days, either personally deliver or mail to the winner (by certified mail, return receipt requested) the original of a Jackpot Declaration, a two-part form, at a minimum, on which the winning patron shall indicate his or her decision to receive either the annuity jackpot or the cash payout option, which form shall include, without limitation, the following information:

(1) The face amount of the annuity jackpot, the number of years over which the annuity would be paid and the amount of the initial cash payment and each annual annuity payment;

(2) A summary of the restrictions on alienation of annuity jackpots as set forth in (a) above;

(3) The present cash value of the face amount of the jackpot, the method used to calculate the present cash value, and the discount rate used to calculate that value;

(4) A statement that the winning patron is under no obligation to accept the cash payout option in lieu of the annuity jackpot;

(5) A statement that the winning patron shall have until 5:00 P.M. of the 21st day following the date of the winning jackpot, expressed as a date certain, within which to select or decline the cash payout option and to inform the casino licensee or group of casino licensees of his or her decision by returning the original signed Jackpot Declaration in a manner specified on the form;

(6) A statement that once a method of payment has been selected through the return of the Jackpot Declaration, the method of payment cannot be changed; and

(7) A statement that if the patron fails to return the completed Jackpot Declaration by the time set forth therein, the patron shall receive the annuity jackpot rather than the cash payout option; and

iii. Forward the duplicate Jackpot Declaration to the casino accounting department or such other location designated by approved internal controls where it shall be retained with the Jackpot Payout Slip and, if applicable, the original Jackpot Payout Receipt until the patron returns the original Jackpot Declaration or the time period for selecting the cash payout option expires.

3. Upon receipt of a completed Jackpot Declaration from a winning patron or the expiration of the time period for selecting the cash payout option, a casino licensee or group of casino licensees shall complete the awarding of the jackpot as follows:

i. If a winning patron selects the cash payout option, the casino licensee or the trust shall, within five business days of its receipt of the Jackpot Declaration, issue a check to the winning patron in an amount equal to the present value of the annuity jackpot at the time the jackpot was won; or

ii. If a winning patron either declines the cash payout option or fails to return the Jackpot Declaration in a timely manner, the casino licensee or trust shall, within five business days of the triggering event, issue a check to the winning patron in an amount equal to the first installment of the annuity jackpot and pay the remainder of the annuity jackpot in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(b) Any casino licensee or group of casino licensees planning to offer an annuity jackpot shall establish a trust fund which shall be used to make future cash payments. The trust fund shall be administered in accordance with a written trust agreement which shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission prior to the offering of the jackpot. The trust agreement shall, at a minimum, require that:

1. Any casino licensee participating in offering the annuity jackpot serve as trustee for the trust fund;

2. The monies in the trust fund be used to purchase annuity contracts or United States treasury bonds, treasury notes, or treasury bills in accordance with (c) or (d) below to assure that the trust will have sufficient monies available in each year to make all annuity jackpot payments which are required under the terms of the annuity jackpots which are won;

3. A reserve be established and maintained within the trust fund which is sufficient to purchase the annuity contracts, treasury bonds, treasury notes or treasury bills required under (b)2 above as annuity jackpots are won;

4. The trust continue to be maintained until all payments owed to winners of the annuity jackpots have been made; and

5. The trustees obtain and file with the Commission and the Division within 30 days of receipt an annual audit by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State of New Jersey attesting to:

i. The financial position of the trust fund, including whether the trust will be able to pay all of its obligations when due; and

ii. Disclosing whether the records and control procedures examined are maintained in accordance with the Act, the Commission's regulations, and generally accepted accounting principles.

(c) If the trustee or trustees purchase annuity contracts in satisfaction of (b)2 above, a separate annuity contract shall be purchased for each annuity jackpot won. The annuity contract shall name the trust fund as beneficiary, shall provide for annuity payments which are equal to or greater than the payments required under the annuity jackpot, and shall provide for each annuity contract payment to be made to the trust fund prior to the date the payment is required to be made under the annuity jackpot. The annuity contract shall be purchased within 180 days after the annuity jackpot is won, unless it is purchased pursuant to (d) below, and a copy of the contract shall be provided to the Commission and Division within 30 days of its purchase. The annuity contract shall be issued by an insurance company which:

1. Has fidelity and fiduciary insurance or bonding coverage for 100 percent of the value of the annuity contract;

2. Has a combined capital and surplus of at least 100 million dollars, assets of at least one billion dollars, and an A.M. Best Company rating of A plus (superior); and

3. Is authorized to issue annuities in New Jersey by the State's Commissioner of Insurance and is either licensed to sell annuities in this State, or represented by an entity so licensed.

(d) If the trustee or trustees purchase United States treasury bonds, treasury notes or treasury bills in satisfaction of (b)2 above, a separate treasury bond, note or bill shall be purchased for each payment which is required to be made under the terms of the annuity jackpot. Each treasury bond, note or bill shall have a surrender value at maturity, excluding any interest which is paid before the maturity date, which is equal to or greater than the value of the corresponding annuity jackpot payment, and shall have a maturity date which is prior to the date the annuity jackpot payment is required to be made. All treasury bonds, notes

or bills shall be purchased within 180 days after the annuity jackpot is won, and a copy of the bonds, notes or bills will be provided to the Commission and the Division within 30 days of their purchase. No treasury bond, note or bill purchased pursuant to this section shall be sold prior to its maturity date unless the proceeds are used to purchase another treasury bond, note or bill or an annuity contract in compliance with the requirements of this section to assure that the remaining deferred payments are made as promised, which purchase must be completed within 30 days of the sale of the bonds, notes or bills.

(e) Any casino licensee or group of casino licensees which offers an annuity jackpot shall be strictly and immediately liable for any payment which is owed to a bona fide winner of such a jackpot, as ascertained by the rules of the Commission, in the event that the payment is not made by the trustees when due. Where the annuity jackpot is offered as part of a multi-casino progressive slot system, each casino licensee participating in the system when the jackpot is won shall be jointly and severally liable for each jackpot payment required to be made under this subsection.

(f) All monies received by the trustees under the annuity contracts and all monies received upon the sale or surrender of the treasury bonds, notes or bills shall be deposited in the bank account of the trust or, with the approval of the Commission, in an account with a non-bank broker dealer which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and immediately recorded on an Annuity Deposit Log. The Annuity Deposit Log shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. The date the payment is received;
2. The amount of the payment;
3. The source of the payment, including, if applicable, the name of the insurance company issuing the payment;
4. The method of payment (cash, check, electronic transfer or other payment method approved by the Commission); and
5. The signature of the person making the entry.

(g) Upon the deposit of the payments received in accordance with (f) above, the trustees may invest such proceeds in United States Treasury notes, bonds or bills or in shares of mutual funds which invest only in such Treasury securities. The term of any such investment shall not exceed 90 days and shall not interfere with the ability of the trust to make any annuity jackpot payout when due. If an investment authorized by this subsection is made by the trustees, the Annuity Deposit Log shall contain, at a minimum, the following information for each investment:

1. The date of purchase or sale;
2. The purchase or sale price;

3. A description of the investment; and
4. The signature of the person making the entry.

(h) The trustees shall make all payments owed to a patron as the result of that patron winning an annuity jackpot by check made payable to the winning patron. Such payments shall be recorded on an Annuity Payment Log which shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. The patron's name and address;
2. The check number and the date the check was mailed or presented to the patron;
3. The amount of the check;
4. The date the payment was due;
5. The names of the persons signing the check; and
6. The signature of the person making the entry.

(i) The trustees shall also maintain an Annuity Jackpot Summary Log for each patron who wins an annuity jackpot to summarize the payments owed and made to the winning patron. The Annuity Jackpot Summary Log shall be prepared when a patron wins an annuity jackpot.

1. At the time of preparation, the Log shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
  - i. The patron's name and address;
  - ii. The date the annuity jackpot was won;
  - iii. The total amount of the annuity jackpot;
  - iv. The amount of each annuity payment;
  - v. The date each annuity payment is due; and
  - vi. The signature of the preparer.
2. As annuity payments are made to the patron, the following information, at a minimum, shall be entered in the Log:
  - i. The date of the payment;
  - ii. The amount of the check;
  - iii. The check number; and
  - iv. The signature of the person making such an entry.

(j) Any casino licensee or group of casino licensees which offers an annuity jackpot shall comply with the display and sign requirements established in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4 and 19:46-1.26(a)5, except that the display or sign need not include the cash equivalent value. In addition, each such display or sign shall provide clear notice of the following:

1. That the displayed jackpot will be paid over time and not in one lump sum;
2. The number of payments and the time interval between payments; and

3. That the right to receive the jackpot payments may not be encumbered, assigned, or otherwise transferred in any way except to the estate of the winner upon his or her death, and that any attempt to make a prohibited transfer may result in the winner forfeiting the right to receive future payments.

(k) Any casino licensee or group of casino licensees planning to offer an annuity jackpot shall first be required to establish to the satisfaction of the Commission either that:

1. A winning patron will not be liable for income tax on the deferred portion of the annuity jackpot in the tax year in which the jackpot is won; or

2. Reasonable accommodations have been made to enable a winning patron to satisfy any income tax liability attributable to the deferred portion of the annuity jackpot which is incurred in the tax year in which the jackpot is won.

i. If the casino licensee or group of casino licensees comply with this section by lending funds to a winning patron to pay the income tax liability, the casino licensee or group of casino licensees may require a winning patron to encumber, assign or transfer to it or them the right to receive a portion of the future payments sufficient to repay such a loan.

(l) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a casino licensee or group of casino licensees may, at any time between July 1, 1999 and November 1, 2000, offer any patron who won, on or before October 21, 1998, an annuity jackpot that was payable over a period of at least 10 years (a "qualified winner"), the option to be paid a single cash payment, in lieu of his or her remaining annuity jackpot payments, in an amount that is equal to the present value of the remaining payments (a "cash buyout option"). If a casino licensee or group of casino licensees offers a cash buyout option to any qualified winner of a particular slot machine game or multi-casino progressive slot system, then the casino licensee or group of casino licensees shall make the same offer to all qualified winners of the same slot machine game or multi-casino progressive slot system.

1. The present value of a cash buyout option shall be determined by applying a discount rate to each remaining annual annuity jackpot payment as of the date of the offer, taking into consideration the number of years until each discount payment would otherwise have been received. The discount rate shall be eight and one-half percent.

2. Any cash buyout option offered pursuant to this subsection shall be in writing, sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall include, without limitation, the following information:

i. A statement advising the patron that, in lieu of continuing to receive his or her annual annuity jackpot

payments, the winning patron may make a one-time election to receive the balance of his or her annuity jackpot winnings in the form of a single cash payment equal to the present value of the remaining payments as of the date of the offer;

ii. The number and total amount of his or her remaining annuity jackpot payments as of the date of the notice;

iii. The present cash value of the cash buyout option, the method used to calculate the present cash value, and the discount rate used to calculate that value;

iv. A statement that the patron is under no obligation to accept the cash buyout option in lieu of continuing to receive the annual annuity payments;

v. A statement that the patron shall have until 5:00 P.M. of the 30th day following the date of the offer, expressed as a date certain (which in no event shall be later than December 1, 2000), within which to exercise the cash buyout option and to inform the trust administering the annuity jackpot by returning the original signed offer in a manner specified therein;

vi. A statement that once the cash buyout option has been exercised through the return of the signed offer, the method of payment cannot be changed; and

vii. A statement that if the patron fails to accept the offer within the time period set forth therein, the patron shall continue to receive his or her annuity jackpot payments as originally scheduled.

3. Upon receipt of a signed offer from a qualified winner electing to accept the cash buyout option and requesting that he or she be paid the remainder of his or her annuity jackpot in the form of a single cash payment, the trust administering the annuity jackpot shall, within 60 days of the date of the offer, issue a check to the winning patron in an amount equal to the present value of the remaining annuity jackpot payments as of the date of the offer. The single cash payment made to a qualified winner who exercises a cash buyout option shall not be included in the total of all sums paid out as winnings for purposes of determining gross revenue.

(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a casino licensee or group of casino licensees may, at any time between July 1, 1999 and November 1, 2000, offer a cash buyout option to any patron who won, after October 21, 1998 but before the effective date of this subsection, an annuity jackpot that was payable over a period of at least 10 years. If a casino licensee or group of casino licensees offers a cash buyout option to any winner of a particular slot machine game or multi-casino progressive slot system pursuant to this subsection, then the casino licensee or group of casino licensees shall make the same offer to all winners of the same slot machine game or multi-casino progressive slot system who are subject to this subsection. Any cash buyout option offered pursuant to this subsection shall be made and administered in accordance with the provisions of (l) above.

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

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

Prior N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, "Inspection of slot machine jackpots," recodified to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40D.

Amended by R.1991 d.184, effective April 1, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3455(a), 23 N.J.R. 1025(b).

In (a): added internal citation reference.

In (b)2: deleted (b)2i.-iii. and revised text to include reference to U.S. Treasury Bonds and specify annuity jackpot requirements.

In (b)5: added language regarding "30 days of receipt" filing requirement.

Added new subsections (c)-(d), recodifying existing (c)-(d) as (e)-(f) with textual revisions. In new (f), expanded check processing requirements.

In new (f)3, added language including the source of payment.

Recodified existing (e)-(g) as (g)-(i) with no change in text.

Recodified existing (h) as (j).

Amended by R.1991 d.584, effective December 2, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3455(a), 23 N.J.R. 3655(b).

Adopted outstanding portions of 1.40B. In (b)5: added text regarding filing of annual audit within 30 days of receipt with the Commission and the Division. In (f): added new text regarding the depositing of checks. Added new text at subsection (j)2i.

Administrative Correction to (b), (d) and (f), adding amended text.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3819(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.405, effective August 1, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1996(a), 26 N.J.R. 3187(c).

Administrative Correction.

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

Amended by R.1997 d.79, effective February 18, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5169(a), 29 N.J.R. 592(a).

In (f), substituted "monies" for "checks" and "shall be deposited in" for "shall be restrictively endorsed 'for deposit only' to"; inserted new (f)4; and recodified former (f)4 as (f)5.

Amended by R.2000 d.336, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2527(a), 32 N.J.R. 3077(a).

In (a), added 1 through 3; and added (l) through (m).

Amended by R.2001 d.88, effective March 19, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3913(a), 33 N.J.R. 1018(c).

In (a)1ii, substituted "the United States Treasury Constant maturity rate for 20-year" for "the composite interest rate for long-term (over 10 years)" and added ", plus one-half of one percent"; in (l)1, substituted "be eight and one-half percent" for "equal the composite interest rate for long-term (over 10 years) United States government securities for the week ending prior to the date of the offer as identified in the applicable H.15 Statistical Release issued by the Federal Reserve Board".

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 4332(c), 5171(c).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1135(a).

#### Case Notes

Annuity payment to slot machine winner is not cash, but rather, is "other thing of value" and thus is not deductible. In re Resolution of New Jersey Casino Control Com'n Concerning Adoption of Amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:45-19:45-1.40(A) and 19:45-1.40(B) and Adoption of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40(A) and (B), 262 N.J.Super. 572, 621 A.2d 536 (A.D.1993), certification denied 134 N.J. 474, 634 A.2d 522.

#### 19:45-1.40C Multi-casino slot system jackpot payouts of cash

(a) Any slot machine jackpot payout of cash or slot tokens which will be included in the calculation of gross revenue by two or more casino licensees as part of a multi-casino progressive slot system shall be subject, except as otherwise provided in this section, to any procedural or documentation requirement established in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40. All forms utilized in the preparation or payment of a multi-casino progressive slot system jackpot shall be clearly identified as forms used for such purpose.

(b) For establishments in which Jackpot Payout Slips ("Payouts") are manually prepared, a separate series of Multi-Casino Jackpot Payout Slips ("Multi-Casino Payouts") shall be used in lieu thereof and shall be subject to the following additional procedures and requirements:

1. Each series of Multi-Casino Payouts shall be a four-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a locked dispenser that will:

i. Permit an individual Multi-Casino Payout in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously while still locked in the dispenser; and

ii. Discharge the original, duplicate and triplicate while the quadruplicate remains in a continuous, unbroken form in the dispenser;

2. The duplicate and triplicate Multi-Casino Payouts shall be treated like a duplicate Payout under N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40, except that:

i. The amount of the Multi-Casino Payout shall not be included in the daily calculation of the Slot Win Sheet but shall be reported as a periodic adjustment in a manner approved by the Commission; and

ii. At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, the triplicate Multi-Casino Payout shall be forwarded by the accounting department to the casino licensee or group of casino licensees approved to operate the slot system ("slot system operator") for comparison and agreement with the combined system readings and reports, and for calculation of tax deductions and cash reimbursements, if applicable; and

3. The quadruplicate Multi-Casino Payout shall be treated like a triplicate Payout under N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40.

(c) For establishments in which Payouts are computer prepared, a separate series of Multi-Casino Payouts shall be used in lieu thereof and shall be subject to the following additional procedures and requirements:

1. Each series of Multi-Casino Payouts shall be a three-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a printer which shall:

i. Simultaneously print an original, duplicate and triplicate Multi-Casino Payout while the computer stores, in machine-readable form, all information printed on the Multi-Casino Payout; and

ii. Discharge the original, duplicate and triplicate;

2. Stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of a Multi-Casino Payout; and

3. The duplicate and triplicate Multi-Casino Payout shall be treated like a duplicate Payout under N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40, except that:

i. The amount of the Multi-Casino Payout shall not be included in the daily calculation of the Slot Win Sheet but shall be reported as a periodic adjustment in a manner approved by the Commission; and

ii. At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, the triplicate Multi-Casino Payout shall be forwarded by the accounting department to the slot system operator for comparison and agreement with the combined system readings and reports, and for calculation of tax deductions and cash reimbursements, if applicable.

(d) If a multi-casino slot machine system will not permit slot department personnel employed by the casino licensee where the jackpot is won to determine from the slot machine or the progressive display the actual amount of the jackpot payout of cash or slot tokens won by the patron, the following additional requirements shall apply:

1. The slot cashier who is responsible for preparing the Multi-Casino Payout shall request the slot system operator to provide documentation of the actual amount of the jackpot payout of cash or slot tokens won by the patron;

2. The slot system operator shall provide, in a form and manner approved by the Commission, documentation of the actual amount of the jackpot payout to the slot cashier, who shall use the documentation in the preparation of the Multi-Casino Payout and attach the documentation to the original Multi-Casino Payout; and

3. The documentation required by (d)1 above shall include the winning jackpot amounts which should be displayed on the slot machine or the progressive meter on the floor of the casino.

(e) Prize tokens shall not be available as a Multi-Casino Payout.

New Rule—19:45-1.40C.

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

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

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

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

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 22 N.J.R. 2190(b).

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).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 4332(c), 5171(c).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1135(a).

#### 19:45-1.40D Inspection of slot machine jackpots

(a) Prior to the payment of any slot machine jackpot of greater than \$45,000 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40, any jackpot of merchandise or a thing of value with a cash equivalent value of greater than \$45,000 pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A, or any manual jackpot where there is evidence of a malfunction, a casino licensee shall notify the

Division that a jackpot has been registered and permit the Division to inspect any slot machine, progressive equipment or related equipment involved.

1. Upon notification by the casino licensee, the Division shall advise the casino licensee whether the Division will conduct an inspection. Unless there is evidence of a malfunction or unless otherwise directed by the Division pursuant to its authority under the Act, the casino licensee may award payment of the jackpot to the winning patron prior to completion of the inspection.

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

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

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

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

New Rule—19:45-1.40B.

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

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

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

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

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

Temporary Amendment.

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

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

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

Petition for Rulemaking.

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.2005 d.12, effective January 3, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4105(a), 37 N.J.R. 100(a).

#### 19:45-1.40E Jackpot payouts of cash by a slot attendant from an imprest pouch

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion and in accordance with the provisions of this section, permit a slot attendant, in the presence of a member of the casino security department, to use an imprest inventory of funds secured in a pouch or wallet to pay a jackpot of less than \$1,200 that is not totally and automatically paid directly from the slot machine ("pouch payout"). Any pouch or wallet used pursuant to this section shall be approved by the Commission, contain an imprest amount not to exceed \$5,000, and be carried and used only by slot attendants to pay such jackpots and to exchange currency and coupons pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(h).

(b) When a slot attendant carrying an imprest fund pursuant to (a) above is informed that a patron has won a jackpot of less than \$1,200 that is not totally and automatically paid directly from the slot machine, the slot attendant shall:

1. After observing the jackpot display on the slot machine and determining the appropriate amount of the payout, initiate, in a manner approved by the Commission, the electronic generation of a Jackpot Payout Slip ("Payout"), which Payout shall:

i. Comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40(f), (h), (i) and (j);

ii. Identify the slot attendant who initiates the generation of the Payout;

iii. Identify the transaction as a pouch payout and the amount recorded on the Pouch Payout Slip; and

iv. Either be queued in the computer terminal of a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier for later printing, or be automatically printed immediately after the generation of the Payout is initiated;

2. Complete a Pouch Payout Slip, which shall be obtained from a slot supervisor and not be available to a slot cashier, master coin bank or general cashier, and which shall be, at a minimum, a two-part form containing the following information:

i. The date and time of the jackpot;

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

iii. The jackpot display designating the jackpot;

iv. If the casino licensee uses a combined Request for Jackpot Payout Slip/Pouch Payout Slip as permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40(a)2, an indication that payment is being made to the winning patron as a pouch payout;

v. The total amount of the jackpot, and if it is different, the amount of the manual jackpot to be paid to the winning patron by the preparer, which amount shall be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar; provided, however, that:

(1) Any funds paid in excess of the actual amount recorded pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40(b)4 shall not be deductible from gross revenue, and shall be reported and adjusted by the casino licensee once each month, at a minimum, in a manner approved by the commission; and

(2) The difference between the amount of the jackpot recorded pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40(b)4 and the amount of the rounded up pouch payout shall not be considered a discrepancy for the purposes of (c)3 or e(1) below;

vi. A space for the signature of the preparer, indicating that the information on the Pouch Payout Slip is correct;

vii. A space for the signature of the casino security department member who verifies the jackpot, the accuracy of the information recorded on the Pouch Payout Slip, and the payment of the jackpot to the winning patron by the preparer; and

viii. A space for the subsequent insertion of the serial number of the matching Jackpot Payout Slip by the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier.

3. Request a member of the casino security department to appear at the slot machine in question to witness and verify the jackpot, the accuracy of the information recorded on the Pouch Payout Slip and the payment of the jackpot to the winning patron by the preparer of the Pouch Payout Slip;

4. Sign the original and the duplicate of the Pouch Payout Slip, and obtain the signature on the original and duplicate of the casino security department member who verifies the jackpot and the information recorded on the Pouch Payout Slip and witnesses the payment of the jackpot to the winning patron;

5. Pay the winning patron the amount of the manual jackpot, rounded up to the nearest whole dollar in accordance with (b)2v above, after the requirements of (b)1 through 4 above have been satisfied; and

6. Retain the original Pouch Payout Slip in his or her pouch, and give the duplicate of the Pouch Payout Slip to the casino security department member, who shall promptly deposit it in a secure, locked box controlled by the casino accounting department at the security podium or other location as approved by the commission.

(c) At any time during his or her shift, a slot attendant authorized to make pouch payouts may exchange an original Pouch Payout Slip with a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier, as may be necessary to replenish the cash in his or her imprest pouch. Prior to exchanging any cash for a Pouch Payout Slip, the slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier shall:

1. Ensure that the Pouch Payout Slip contains all required signatures and information;

2. Print the corresponding Jackpot Payout Slip, if it has not already been printed;

3. Compare the original Pouch Payout Slip to the original Jackpot Payout Slip for the jackpot in question, insert the serial number of the Jackpot Payout Slip on the original Pouch Payout Slip in the space provided, and either verify that the information on the two slips agrees or note any discrepancies between the two on a log, which log shall:

1. Alarm systems for any emergency exit from the casino floor or casino simulcasting facility, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:43-6.2(a)3;
2. Alarm systems for the casino cage, its ancillary office space and any related casino vault, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(c)2;
3. Alarm systems for any master coin bank located outside the casino cage, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(d);
4. Alarmed emergency exit door(s) for the casino cage, as required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(c)3iii;
5. Alarmed doors to casino vaults signaling the closed circuit television system, as required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(f)3;
6. Alarmed doors to count rooms signaling the monitoring rooms and the casino security department, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.32(b)2;
7. Alarm systems providing for a continuous visual signal whenever any access door to the count room is open, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.32(e);
8. Alarm systems for any slot cashier window in a slot booth, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.34(c);
9. Alarm systems for separate work stations within a keno booth or satellite keno booth, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.47(c)1i and (f); and
10. Alarm systems for keno work stations in keno lockers, as required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.47(g)1.

New Rule, R.1999 d.361, effective November 1, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3765(a), 31 N.J.R. 3529(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.445, effective November 6, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3245(a), 32 N.J.R. 4004(a).

Added new (a); recodified former (a) as (b).

Amended by R.2001 d.381, effective October 15, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1874(a), 33 N.J.R. 3673(a).

Added a new (b) and recodified former (b) as (c).

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

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

In (a)11, substituted "a computer that controls a progressive payout wager system" for "the supercontroller and CPU disk drive for the progressive meter".

#### 19:45-1.45 Signatures

##### (a) Signatures shall:

1. Comply with either of the following requirements:
  - i. Be, at a minimum, the signer's first initial, last name and Commission license number, written by the signer, and be immediately adjacent to or above the clearly printed or preprinted title of the signer; or
  - ii. Be the employee's identification number or other computer identification code issued to the employee by the casino licensee, if the document to be signed is authorized by the Commission to be generated by computer, and such method of signature is approved or required by the Commission;

2. Signify that the signer has prepared forms, records, and documents and/or authorized, observed, and/or participated in a transaction to a sufficient extent to attest to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon, in conformity with this regulation and the casino licensee's system of internal accounting control; and

3. Signify that the signer required by this chapter to count or observe gaming chips and plaques has counted or observed the count of such chips and plaques and such count was made by breaking down stacks of chips to the extent necessary.

(b) Signature records shall be prepared for each person required by the rules of the Commission to sign records and documents and shall include specimens of signatures, titles of signers and the date the signature was obtained. Such signature records shall be filed alphabetically by last name either on a company-wide or departmental basis. The signature records shall be adjusted on a timely basis to reflect changes of personnel.

(c) Signature records shall be securely stored in the accounting department, except that signature records stored in electronic form shall be maintained by the MIS Department in a secure format which is backed up regularly to a disk or such other media so that such signature records can be promptly retrieved in the event of a computer failure.

(d) This section shall apply to any signature required in a casino licensee's approved system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls, including, without limitation, procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:46.

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

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

(a)4: delete "except in counts required under sections 19:45-1.21, 19:45-1.30 and 19:45-1.31 of this regulation".

(b): delete "or initial forms" after "regulation to sign", and delete "and initials" after "specimens of signatures".

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

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

Added (d).

Amended by R.1994 d.223, effective May 2, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 912(b), 26 N.J.R. 1853(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.372, effective July 17, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1533(a), 27 N.J.R. 2707(a).

Amended by R.2005 d.13, effective January 3, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1185(a), 37 N.J.R. 103(a).

Rewrote (c).

#### 19:45-1.46 Procedures for control of coupon redemption and other complimentary distribution programs

(a) For the purposes of this chapter, a complimentary distribution program is a contest or promotion pursuant to which complimentary services or items are provided directly or indirectly by a casino licensee to the public without regard to the identity or level of gaming activity of the individual recipients. The procedures contained in (c) through (t) below shall apply to casino licensees offering coupon redemption complimentary distribution programs

which entitle patrons to use match play coupons or progressive wager coupons or to redeem coupons for complimentary cash, gaming chips, slot tokens or simulcast wagers issued in connection with bus and other complimentary distribution programs. No match play coupons, progressive wager coupons, complimentary cash, gaming chips or slot tokens may be distributed, or complimentary simulcast wagers accepted, by a casino licensee under any coupon redemption complimentary distribution program that does not comply with the requirements of this section. Detailed procedures controlling complimentary distribution programs regulated by (c) through (t) below shall be prepared prior to implementation and maintained by the casino accounting department.

(b) Detailed procedures controlling all complimentary distribution programs entitling patrons to complimentary cash or slot tokens not regulated by (a) above shall be prepared prior to implementation of the programs and shall be maintained by the casino accounting department. Complimentary items or services, including cash, slot tokens or simulcast wagers, distributed through programs regulated by this subsection shall be reported in accordance with the procedures contained in (m) and (o) below.

(c) Each coupon or part thereof issued by a casino licensee directly or through an authorized vendor shall only be redeemable for a specific amount of cash, gaming chips, slot tokens or simulcast wagers.

(d) All coupons issued pursuant to this section shall contain a serial number and each series of coupons shall be issued in sequential order. Each coupon shall be printed with a description of what is being offered, the location where which it may be redeemed, and either a statement specifying the date on which the coupon becomes invalid or some other means to indicate the date when a coupon becomes invalid. If a coupon is of a type that is devisable into sections or is multipart, each such separate part or copy shall contain the information required by this subsection.

(e) The provisions of this subsection and (f) through (h) and (k) below shall only apply to coupons that will be distributed directly to patrons by a casino licensee. Coupons received by a casino licensee from a manufacturer or distributor or produced internally by the casino licensee pursuant to (t) below shall be opened and examined by at least one member of the accounting department. Any deviations between the invoice or control listing accompanying the coupons, the purchase or requisition order, and the actual coupons received shall be reported promptly to the supervisor of the casino accounting department or to a higher authority in a direct reporting line and the Internal Audit Department.

1. Upon examination of the coupons received, the casino licensee shall cause to be recorded in a Coupon Control Ledger the type and quantity of coupons received, the date of such receipt, the beginning serial number, the ending serial number, the new quantity of unissued coupons on hand, the purchase order or requisition number, any deviations between the number of coupons ordered and received and the signature of any individual who examined such coupons.

2. All unissued coupons shall be stored in a secured and locked area, controlled by an accounting department supervisor.

3. A representative from the accounting department shall prepare a monthly inventory of unissued coupons. Any deviations between the coupon inventory and the Coupon Control Ledger shall be reported to the Casino Controller or to a higher in a direct reporting line.

4. For purposes of this section, "accounting department" shall be deemed to refer to any accounting personnel employed by the casino licensee who report in a direct line to the supervisor of the casino accounting department.

(f) A representative of the casino licensee shall estimate the number of coupons needed by shift each day. An accounting department representative shall obtain the quantity of coupons to be issued. If a date indicating when the coupon becomes invalid is not preprinted thereon, the accounting department representative shall affix a stamp indicating the date the coupon becomes invalid or shall issue color coded coupons indicating the date that the coupons become invalid. The following, at a minimum, shall be recorded in the Coupon Control Ledger:

1. The date the coupons were issued;
2. The type of coupons issued;
3. The beginning serial number of the coupons issued;
4. The ending serial number of the coupons issued;
5. The quantity issued and the quantity remaining; and
6. The signatures of the accounting department representative issuing the coupons and such other department's representative receiving the coupons.

(g) The casino licensee shall require unused coupons obtained from the accounting department representative to be stored in a locked cabinet until they are distributed to patrons. Any coupons remaining unused at the end of a shift shall either be returned to the accounting department for receipt and redistribution or kept for use by the following shift provided accountability between shifts is maintained. All expired coupons must be returned to the accounting department on a daily basis. Any coupons that are not used by the date indicated on the coupons when they become invalid shall be voided when returned to the accounting department.

(h) Documentation, as required by the casino licensee, shall be prepared by a representative of the casino licensee for the distribution of coupons to patrons. The documentation shall have the following information, at a minimum, recorded on it:

1. The date and time or shift of preparation;
2. The type of coupons used;
3. The beginning serial number of the coupons used;
4. The ending serial number of the coupons used;
5. The total number of coupons used;
6. Independent verification of the number of people receiving the coupons, e.g., bus driver's manifest;
7. The total number of coupons remaining for use by the next shift or returned to the accounting department; and
8. The signature(s) of the casino licensee's representative who distributed the coupons.

(i) A coupon redeemable for gaming chips, a match play coupon and a progressive wager coupon shall be designed and printed so that the denomination and type of the coupon is clearly visible from the closed circuit television system when accepted or being wagered at a gaming table and when deposited in a drop box. A match play coupon shall contain an area designated for the placement thereon of the required gaming chips, which area shall be located on the coupon so as not to obscure or interfere with visibility of the type and denomination of the coupon. No casino licensee shall issue or use a match play coupon or a progressive wager coupon for gaming purposes until a sample coupon has been submitted to and approved by the Commission.

(j) Coupons shall be redeemed in the following manner:

1. Coupons redeemable for coin, currency or slot tokens shall be redeemed by changepersons or at the slot or keno booths, the cashier's cage, or at any other location within the casino hotel facility approved by the Commission in a casino licensee's internal control submission. A changeperson, slot cashier or general cage cashier shall accept the coupons in exchange for the stated amount of cash or slot tokens, or a keno writer shall accept the coupons in exchange for the stated amount of cash or keno ticket, and shall cancel the coupons upon acceptance. A coupon redeemable for currency may also be redeemed by slot attendants, who shall accept the coupon in exchange for the stated amount of currency and shall cancel the coupons upon acceptance. Cancellation of coupons by changepersons and slot attendants shall be in a manner that will permit subsequent identification of the individual who accepted and canceled the coupon.

- i. Redeemed coupons shall be maintained by the slot or general cashier or keno writer and shall be exchanged with the Main or Master Coin Bank at the conclusion of gaming activity each day, at a minimum.

- ii. Notwithstanding the above, an automated coupon redemption machine or bill changer may be utilized to accept coupons provided that the acceptance of coupons by an automated coupon redemption machine complies with this section and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46A or the acceptance of coupons by a bill changer complies with this section and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46B. If coupons are mailed to a patron pursuant to (q) or (r) below, an automated coupon redemption machine or bill changer may be used for redemption only if these devices have the capability to perform and document the verification required by (q)5 below and to verify and document the identity of the patron as required by (q)6 below.

2. Coupons redeemable for simulcast wagers shall only be accepted by casino pari-mutuel cashiers at the simulcast counter in exchange for the simulcast wagers stated on the coupons. Cancellation of coupons by casino pari-mutuel cashiers shall be in a manner that permits subsequent identification of the individual who accepted and canceled the coupon. Redeemed coupons shall be maintained by the casino pari-mutuel cashier, or in the simulcast vault, and shall be exchanged with the Main Bank for a like amount of cash not less frequently than at the conclusion of each day.

3. A coupon redeemable for gaming chips shall be redeemed only:

- i. At a gaming table and only by a dealer or boxperson, who shall, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18, accept the coupon in exchange for the stated amount of gaming chips and shall deposit the coupon into the drop box upon acceptance; or

- ii. By a chipperson, who shall accept the coupon only from a patron seated at a poker table at which a game is in progress, in exchange for the stated amount of gaming chips and shall cancel the coupon upon acceptance. The coupon shall be cancelled in a manner that will permit subsequent identification of the individual who accepted and cancelled the coupon. The cancelled coupons shall be exchanged with the main bank at the conclusion of the chipperson's shift, at a minimum.

4. A match play coupon shall be redeemed only at a gaming table which offers an authorized game in which patrons wager only against the house and, except for the Pass and Don't Pass wagers in craps and the Red, Black, Odd, Even, 1-18, 19-36, 1st 12, 2nd 12, and 3rd 12 wagers in roulette, which has an individual betting area for each player on the gaming table layout. Such a coupon shall be redeemed only by a dealer, and only if accompanied by the proper amount of gaming chips required by the coupon. The dealer shall, in accordance with N.J.A.C.

19:45-1.18, accept the coupon as part of the patron's wager and deposit the coupon into the drop box after the wager is won or lost.

5. A progressive wager coupon shall be redeemed only at an authorized game offering progressive payout wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39B. Such a coupon shall be redeemed only by a dealer. The dealer shall, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18, redeem the progressive wager coupon by placing a chip from the table inventory container that is equal in value to the progressive wager coupon into the progressive wager acceptor device and depositing the progressive wager coupon immediately into the drop box.

(k) When unused and expired coupons are returned to the Accounting Department, a representative of the accounting department shall record the following information in the Coupon Control Ledger:

1. The date the coupons were returned;
2. The type of coupons returned;
3. The beginning serial number of the coupons returned;
4. The ending serial number of the coupons returned;
5. The quantity returned and the quantity remaining; and
6. The signatures of the accounting department representative receiving the returned unused coupons and such other department's representative returning the unused coupons.

(l) All documentation, unused coupons, voided coupons, coupons returned by the post office, and redeemed coupons maintained in conformity with (g), (h), (i) and (j) above and (q) and (r) below shall be forwarded on a daily basis to the accounting department where they shall be:

1. Reviewed for propriety of signatures on documentation and for proper cancellation of all coupons;
2. Recounted and examined for proper calculation, summarization and recording on documentation, including, without limitation, the Master Game Report and the Slot Cash Storage Box Report;
3. Reconciled by:
  - i. Total number of coupons given to representatives of the department making distribution to patrons, returned for reissuance, distributed to patrons, voided, returned by the post office and redeemed; or
  - ii. Total number of coupons mailed by an authorized vendor, returned by the post office and redeemed;
4. Subsequently recorded; and

5. Maintained and controlled by the accounting department until destruction of the coupons is approved by the Commission.

(m) Each casino licensee shall:

1. Prepare a quarterly report for all programs regulated by (a) above, which shall list, by type of coupon, the total number of coupons used, the total number of coupons redeemed, the total value of the complimentary cash, gaming chips, slot tokens, match play coupons, progressive wager coupons or simulcast wagers given to patrons in redemption of coupons and any liability to patrons remaining on unredeemed coupons, which report shall be made available upon request by the Commission or Division; and

2. Prepare a quarterly report for all programs regulated by (b) above, which shall list, by program offered during the quarter, a description of the complimentary items and services provided, the total number of persons receiving complimentary items or services, the total dollar amount of complimentary items or services provided, and the names of all persons receiving a complimentary item or service in a dollar amount greater than \$1,000. Such report shall be made available upon request by the Commission or Division.

(n) The report shall be signed by the Casino Controller, or a higher authority in a direct reporting line, indicating that no material discrepancies were noted for the period covered by the report or if a material discrepancy is noted it shall be explained in detail.

(o) In addition to the reports required in (m) above, the casino licensee shall accumulate both the dollar amount of and the number of persons redeeming coupons pursuant to (a) above, and the dollar amount of and the number of persons receiving complimentary items or services pursuant to (b) above, and shall include this information on the quarterly complimentary report required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9. Complimentary items or services, including match play coupons and progressive wager coupons, cash, gaming chips, slot tokens and simulcast wagers, distributed through programs regulated by this section shall not be subject to the daily complimentary reporting requirements imposed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9.

(p) Prize tokens shall not be distributed as complimentary services or items pursuant to this section.

(q) A casino licensee that intends to mail coupons regulated by (a) above directly to its patrons shall not be required to comply with the requirements of (h) above but shall be required to include the following additional procedures, at a minimum, in its internal controls:

1. The casino licensee shall prepare and maintain in its computer system, for the time period during which the coupon is valid, a list of each patron to whom a coupon shall be mailed, which list shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- i. The patron name;
- ii. The patron address;
- iii. The patron identification number;
- iv. The coupon denomination;
- v. The coupon expiration date; and
- vi. A unique coupon serial number which shall include a method of identifying the casino licensee issuing the coupon.

2. Each coupon issued pursuant to this subsection shall include a bar code or magnetic strip that will enable the casino licensee's computer system to identify the information required by (q)1 above.

3. The information required by (q)1 above shall be provided to the accounting department, which shall maintain this information for purposes of the reconciliation required by (l) above.

4. The envelopes used to mail the coupons shall include the casino licensee's address as the return address and shall request the return of the envelope to the sender if not deliverable to the addresses. The return of any coupon by the post office shall be recorded by the casino licensee in its computer system.

5. Prior to the redemption of a coupon issued pursuant to this subsection or upon electronic cancellation pursuant to (s) below, the casino licensee shall be required to verify the validity of the coupon by comparing the information maintained in its computer system pursuant to (q)1 above or a control number, which is derived from the patron's identification number and the coupon's serial number, with the information or control number recorded in the coupon's bar code or magnetic strip. This verification of the information required in (q)1 above may be performed electronically. The casino licensee shall not redeem the coupon unless the casino licensee also confirms that:

- i. The coupon has not expired; and
- ii. The coupon has not been previously redeemed.

6. Prior to redemption of any coupon with a value of more than \$500.00 issued pursuant to this subsection, the casino licensee shall be required to verify the identity of the patron in order to confirm that he or she is the person to whom the coupon was mailed.

7. All coupons issued pursuant to this subsection shall be redeemed in accordance with (j) above and shall be electronically canceled in the casino licensee's computer system immediately upon redemption or in accordance

with (s) below so as to preclude subsequent redemption of the same coupon. On a daily basis, a report shall be generated of all coupons that are electronically canceled. This report shall contain, at a minimum, a list of the serial numbers of the canceled coupons and shall be forwarded, on a daily basis, to the accounting department for purposes of the reconciliation required by (l) above.

(r) Any casino licensee that intends to authorize a vendor to print and mail coupons regulated by (a) above directly to the casino licensee's patrons shall be required to comply with the provisions of (q)1 through 7 above and shall include the following additional procedures, at a minimum, in its internal controls:

1. The casino licensee shall provide the vendor via electronic or magnetic tape medium a list of the information required by (q)1 above for each patron to whom a coupon shall be mailed.

2. The vendor shall print coupons only for the patrons authorized by the casino licensee pursuant to (r)1 above. Within 48 hours of mailing any coupons, the vendor shall provide documentation to the casino licensee's accounting department regarding the coupons that were printed and mailed. This documentation shall include the serial numbers of the coupons that were printed and mailed and a representation, signed by an officer or partner of the vendor, that only the coupons requested by the casino licensee were printed and mailed and that any misprints were destroyed.

3. The vendor may include material other than the coupon in the mailing if authorized by the casino licensee.

4. The casino licensee shall develop procedures for reconciling the total number of coupons authorized for issuance by the casino licensee pursuant to (r)1 above to the total number of coupons mailed by the vendor, returned by the post office and redeemed by patrons and shall calculate the daily outstanding liability of the casino licensee for unredeemed coupons issued pursuant to this subsection.

(s) Notwithstanding (q)5 and 7 above, a casino licensee may accept a coupon which has been mailed to a patron without first verifying its validity and without immediately canceling the coupon electronically in the computer system if:

1. The value of the coupon is \$500.00 or less;
2. The coupon is redeemed by a general cashier, dealer at a gaming table, slot attendant, changeperson, chipperson or slot cashier;
3. The general cashier, dealer, slot attendant, changeperson, chipperson or slot cashier verifies the expiration date contained on the coupon and confirms the coupon has not expired;

4. The coupon is physically canceled in some manner and physically segregated and secured until verified and electronically canceled; and

5. The coupon is verified in the computer system, pursuant to (q)1 and 5 above, and electronically canceled in the system within eight hours of acceptance; provided, however, that a coupon accepted by a dealer at a gaming table and deposited into that table's drop box may be verified and canceled when the drop box is removed from the table and taken to the count room.

(t) A casino licensee may, through its MIS department or any other department as approved by the Commission, internally manufacture or print coupons that are governed by (a) above provided that internal controls governing the production and subsequent reconciliation of such coupons are submitted to and approved by the Commission.

Amended by R.1982 d.170, effective June 7, 1982 (operative July 15, 1982).

See: 14 N.J.R. 203(a), 14 N.J.R. 582(b).

Amended by R.1982 d.293, effective September 7, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 559(a), 14 N.J.R. 983(b).

Added new (b).

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

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

(i) substantially amended.

Petition for Rulemaking: To provide limitations on the extent of complimentary reporting required for promotional prizes and awards.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1578(c).

Amended by R.1988 d.209, effective May 16, 1988.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1975(b), 20 N.J.R. 1102(a).

Substantially amended.

Petition for Rulemaking: To allow the use of coupon cashing machines for the redemption of complimentary cash or slot tokens.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1750(b).

Experimental 90-day implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), (P.L. 1987 c.354), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective August 27, 1990 (expires November 25, 1990).

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

Temporary Amendment of accounting and internal controls pursuant to the automated coupon redemption machine experiment. Also affects New Rule N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46A.

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

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

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

In (i), added automated coupon redemption machine provision.

Amended by R.1992 d.501, effective December 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3254(a), 24 N.J.R. 4575(a).

In (l)1: specified filing of a quarterly report.

In (l)2: specified preparation of a monthly report. Added text that report shall be available upon request by the Commission or Division.

In (n): deleted "monthly" describing report.

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.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 gaming chips and other complimentary distribution programs. Added (i).

Recodified (i)-(n) as (j)-(o).

Amended by R.1993 d.144, effective April 5, 1993.

See 24 N.J.R. 2692(b), 25 N.J.R. 1520(a).

In (a) and (b): added text regarding complimentary distribution program.

In (n): revised N.J.A.C. citation.

Amended by R.1993 d.145, effective April 5, 1993.

See 24 N.J.R. 4505(a), 25 N.J.R. 1521(a).

In (l)2: increased dollar amount to \$500.00 from \$100.00.

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

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

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

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

Administrative Correction.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5943(c).

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.1994 d.298, effective June 20, 1994.

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

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.1994 d.575, effective November 21, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1322(a), 26 N.J.R. 4640(a).

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

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

Amended by R.1995 d.468, effective August 21, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2124(a), 27 N.J.R. 3223(a).

Required procedures for controlling complimentary distribution programs.

Amended by R.1996 d.12, effective January 2, 1996.

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

In (m)2 substituted "\$1,000" for "\$500.00".

Amended by R.1996 d.160, effective March 18, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 75(a), 28 N.J.R. 1559(a).

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

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

Amended by R.1997 d.111, effective March 3, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5064(a), 29 N.J.R. 793(a).

Changed requirements for coupon serial numbers and procedures for redeeming coupons; and added (q) through (t).

Amended by R.1997 d.423, effective October 6, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4181(b), 29 N.J.R. 4304(b).

In (j)4, inserted reference to the roulette wagers.

Amended by R.1997 d.426, effective October 6, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3209(a), 29 N.J.R. 4307(a).

In (s)2 and 3, inserted ", slot attendant, changeperson".

Amended by R.1997 d.448, effective October 20, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3202(a), 29 N.J.R. 4561(a).

In (m)2, in the first sentence, deleted "equal to or" preceding "greater than \$1,000".

Amended by R.1998 d.81, effective February 2, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 5058(b), 30 N.J.R. 566(b).

In (s)1, substituted "100.00 or less" for "less than \$100.00"; in (s)2, added "dealer at a gaming table"; in (s)3, added "dealer"; and in (s)5, added language regarding time limit of verifying and canceling a coupon accepted by a dealer.

Amended by R.1998 d.525, effective November 2, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 2613(a), 30 N.J.R. 3972(a).

In (s)5, substituted "eight hours" for "four hours" following "in the system within".

Amended by R.1999 d.379, effective November 1, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4147(b), 31 N.J.R. 3527(a).

In (j), rewrote 3; and in (s), inserted references to chippers in 2 and 3.

Amended by R.2001 d.4, effective January 2, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3215(a), 33 N.J.R. 62(b).

Rewrote (j)1.

Administrative correction.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2802(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.9, effective January 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2795(a), 36 N.J.R. 199(a).

In (q)6 and (s)1, substituted "\$500" for "\$100".

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 37 N.J.R. 677(a).

#### 19:45-1.46A Procedures and requirements for use of an automated coupon redemption machine

(a) All coupons utilized with or accepted by an automated coupon redemption machine shall be accounted for and controlled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46 unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

(b) All coupons accepted by an automated coupon redemption machine shall have encoded thereon, in addition to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(d), a bar code which contains the dollar value of the coupon and a unique code or other security measure as approved by the Commission, that is readable only by the automated coupon redemption machine to ensure that the coupon is valid.

(c) Each automated coupon redemption machine shall have the capability of establishing the validity of the coupon by comparing the unique code programmed into the machine to the bar code on the coupon referenced in (b) above. Each automated coupon redemption machine shall also have the capability to read the dollar value of the bar coded coupon.

(d) The method or methods utilized to comply with the requirements referenced in (c) above shall be submitted to and approved by the Commission.

(e) Each automated coupon redemption machine shall, at a minimum, accumulate the following data on a meter or a computer generated tape:

1. The total amount of currency, coin or slot tokens dispensed by the automated coupon redemption machine; and
2. The total dollar amount of coupons accepted by the automated coupon redemption machine.

(f) Automated coupon redemption machines may be located on or immediately adjacent to the casino floor, provided that closed circuit television coverage of all automated coupon redemption machines is provided, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10 and 1.11. Each automated coupon redemption machine shall have imprinted, affixed or impressed on the outside of the machine a unique asset identification number. Each automated coupon redemption machine shall contain a lockable coupon storage box which retains the coupons accepted by the machine. Each coupon storage box located inside the machine shall also have imprinted, affixed or impressed thereon the asset identification number of the corresponding machine.

(g) Each automated coupon redemption machine shall have, at a minimum, the following:

1. One lock securing the compartment housing the coupon storage box and one lock securing the coupon storage box within the compartment, the keys to which shall be different from each other. Such keys shall be controlled by two separate departments or by different employees of the slot department;
2. One lock securing the currency dispensing compartment housing the currency cassettes, the key to which shall be controlled by the slot department;

3. One lock securing the compartment housing the coin storage container, the key to which shall be controlled by the slot department; and

4. One lock securing the contents of the coupon storage box, the key to which shall be different from the keys referenced in (g)1 through 3 above. Such key shall be controlled by an employee of the slot department other than the employee(s) controlling the keys referenced in (g)1 through 3 above.

(h) At least once each gaming day, a slot cashier shall remove the coupons accepted by the automatic coupon redemption machine. Any currency, coin or slot tokens removed from the automated coupon redemption machine during the removal of coupons or during any other time shall be placed in a secured container, as approved by the Commission, with the automated coupon redemption machine asset identification number attached or recorded thereon. Upon removal of the coupons and/or currency, coins or slot tokens from the automated coupon redemption machine, a serially prenumbered three-part form, at a minimum, shall be prepared by the slot cashier. Each series of forms shall be used in a sequential order, and the series numbers of all forms received by a casino shall be accounted for by employees with no incompatible functions. All original, duplicate and triplicate void forms shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer. The following copies shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The original and the duplicate and triplicate copies of the form shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- i. The date and time of preparation;
- ii. The denomination of the automated coupon redemption machine;
- iii. The automated coupon redemption machine asset identification number;
- iv. The total amount of currency, coin or slot tokens appearing on the meter or computer generated tape as dispensed by the automated coupon redemption machine;
- v. The total dollar amount of coupons or the converted value of coupons appearing on the meter or computer generated tape as accepted by the automated coupon redemption machine; and
- vi. The signature of the slot cashier who removed the coupons and/or currency, coin or slot tokens from the automated coupon redemption machine.

2. The original form shall contain the following information in addition to the information in (h)1 above:

- i. The total dollar amount of coupons received from the security representative referenced in (h)1vii above and counted by a master coin bank cashier or a slot

cashier, other than the slot cashier who removed the coupons from the machine;

ii. The total dollar amount of currency, coin or slot tokens removed by the slot cashier referenced in (h)1vi above and counted by a master coin bank cashier or a slot cashier, other than the slot cashier who removed the currency or coins from the machine;

iii. Any additional information as may be required by the Commission to reconcile the coupons removed from the automated coupon redemption machine; and

iv. The signature of the master coin bank cashier or slot cashier who received and counted the coupons and/or coin or slot tokens.

(i) The slot cashier shall:

1. Prepare the form referenced in (h) above by recording the information in (h)1i through v above;

2. Sign the form; and

3. Place the duplicate and triplicate copy of the form in the automated coupon redemption machine for subsequent forwarding, at the end of the gaming day, to accounting.

(j) Upon removal from the automated coupon redemption machine, the slot cashier shall transport the coupons, currency, coin or slot tokens to the slot booth or master coin bank.

(k) A master coin bank cashier or a slot cashier, other than the slot cashier who removed the coupons and any currency, coin or slot tokens from the automated coupon redemption machine, shall:

1. Count the coupons, currency, coin or slot tokens and record such amounts on the original copy of the form;

2. Reconcile the amount(s) counted to the amount(s) recorded in accordance with (h)1iv and v above;

3. Sign the original form attesting to the reconciliation; and

4. Retain the original copy of the form for subsequent forwarding to accounting at the end of the gaming day.

(l) Any coupon accepted by an automated coupon redemption machine shall be cancelled by the machine immediately upon exchange, in a manner approved by the Commission, so that the coupon is not redeemable in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.34(a) or acceptable by another automated coupon redemption machine or a bill changer.

(m) Whenever currency, coins or slot tokens are distributed to an automated coupon redemption machine, a serially prenumbered three-part form, at a minimum shall be prepared by a slot cashier. Each series of forms shall be used in sequential order, and the series numbers of all slips received by a casino shall be accounted for by employees with no incompatible functions. All original, and duplicate and triplicate copies of void forms shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer. The slot cashier shall:

1. Record the following information on the original and all copies of the form:

i. The date and time of preparation;

ii. The automated coupon redemption machine asset identification number;

iii. The dollar amount of currency or, if coin or slot tokens, the number of bags and the dollar amount of each bag to be distributed; and

iv. The total dollar amount of the fill.

2. Present the original and all copies of the form to the master coin bank cashier;

3. Obtain the signature of the master coin bank cashier who prepared the currency, coins or slot tokens for distribution to the automated coupon redemption machine;

4. Present the original copy of the form to the master coin bank cashier;

5. Transport the duplicate and triplicate copies of the form, along with the funds to the automated coupon redemption machine;

6. Sign the duplicate copy of the form; and

7. Place the duplicate copy of the form in the automated coupon redemption machine until forwarded to accounting at the end of the gaming day.

(n) A security department representative shall:

1. Escort the slot cashier to the automated coupon redemption machine and observe the filling of the machine;

2. After meeting the signature requirements in (m)6 above, immediately place the duplicate copy of the form into a locked accounting box at the security podium.

(o) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, the original, duplicate and triplicate copies of the forms referenced in (h), (i), (j), (k), (m) and (n) above shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement and shall be used to reconcile each automated coupon redemption machine in a manner as approved by the Commission.

(p) Notwithstanding this section, in addition to accepting coupons, an automated coupon redemption machine may accept currency for changing bills of one denomination into bills of a smaller denomination and coin in exchange for currency, provided the procedures governing the control and reconciliation of coupons, currency and coin removed from the machine are approved by the Commission.

(q) Prize tokens shall not be dispensed from automated coupon redemption machines.

New Rule, R.1991 d.152, effective March 18, 1991.

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

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

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

In (h) and (o): stylistic revisions.

Amended by R.1993 d.142, effective April 5, 1993.

See 24 N.J.R. 278(a), 25 N.J.R. 1522(a).

In (f): added text regarding location of automated coupon machines.

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.2003 d.463, effective December 1, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2476(a), 35 N.J.R. 5436(b).

Rewrote the section.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 37 N.J.R. 677(a).

#### 19:45-1.46B Procedures and requirements for a bill changer which can accept coupons

(a) Each bill changer which can accept coupons shall be able to establish the dollar value and validity of each coupon inserted therein by interpreting the coded information which must be contained on the coupon pursuant to (b) below.

(b) In addition to complying with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46, each coupon which can be accepted by a bill changer shall contain encoded data that identifies the dollar value of the coupon and such other information as the Commission may require. Each coupon shall also contain a unique code or other security measure, which can be interpreted only by the bill changer, to ensure that the coupon is valid.

(c) The methods by which a bill changer and each coupon which can be accepted therein will comply with the requirements of (a) and (b) above shall be submitted to and approved by the Commission before any such bill changer or coupon may be used by a casino licensee.

(d) Unless the slot machine to which the bill changer is attached contains the coupon meters identified in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(e)3 and 19:46-1.26(d), a bill changer which can accept coupons shall be equipped with mechanical, electrical or electronic devices as follows:

1. A "numerical coupon meter" that continuously, automatically and separately counts the total number of all coupons accepted by the bill changer; and

2. A "value coupon meter" that continuously, automatically and separately counts the total dollar value of all coupons accepted by the bill changer.

(e) Each coupon accepted by a bill changer shall be deposited and stored in the bill changer's slot cash storage box. Each such coupon shall be counted as part of the slot cash storage box drop in accordance with the count procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33.

(f) Each coupon accepted by a bill changer shall be cancelled in a manner approved by the Commission which shall prevent the acceptance of the cancelled coupon by any bill changer, any automated coupon redemption machine or any other form of authorized redemption. The coupon shall be cancelled by the bill changer immediately upon acceptance or, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33(h), in the count room prior to the conclusion of the count.

(g) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, any coupon which can be accepted by a bill changer shall be accounted for and controlled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46.

New Rule, R.1994 d.69, effective February 7, 1994.

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

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

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

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1750(c), 2344(a), 3546(b).

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

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

In (f), changed N.J.A.C. reference.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 37 N.J.R. 677(a).

#### 19:45-1.47 Keno booths; satellite keno booths; keno lockers; roving keno work stations

(a) Keno gaming operations shall only be conducted in a separate and distinct area approved by the Commission, although a casino licensee may conduct the same keno game or different keno games in separate approved areas. Any area designated for keno gaming activity shall be located:

1. On the casino floor;
2. In a casino simulcasting facility; or
3. In a public keno area in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.47B.

(b) Any area designated for keno may contain a physical structure known as a keno booth to house the keno writers and to serve as the central location for the following:

1. The custody of the keno booth inventory, including currency, coin, coupons, gaming chips, slot tokens, and forms and documents normally associated with the operation of a keno booth;
2. The exchange by patrons of coupons for currency, coin or keno tickets in conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(j);

3. The receipt of currency, coin, gaming chips, coupons and slot tokens for wagering at the game of keno;

4. The issuance of cash to patrons upon the presentation of a recognized credit or debit card in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25(i);

5. The payment of winning wagers at the game of keno; and

6. Such other functions normally associated with the operation of a keno booth.

(c) The keno booth shall be designed and constructed to provide maximum security for the materials housed therein and the activities performed therein, and shall include the following:

1. Separate work stations which shall include:

i. Manually triggered silent alarm systems connected directly to the monitoring rooms of the closed circuit television system, the security department office and the on-site office of the Division;

ii. A computer terminal which shall be used to issue keno tickets and calculate payouts for winning keno tickets; and

iii. An area for the storage of a keno drawer.

2. A segregated area for the storage of the keno computer equipment. The location and security of the keno computer equipment shall be approved by the Commission. Nothing herein shall preclude a casino licensee from storing its keno computer equipment in another segregated and secure area of the casino hotel facility, provided that the location of and the security measures for such area have been approved by the Commission.

(d) In addition to the requirements in (c) above, a keno booth may contain the following:

1. A segregated and secure area for the storage of locked keno drawers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.48; and

2. A segregated and secure area, maintained on an imprest basis by the keno supervisor, which may be used to establish opening keno inventories and complete keno fills and keno credits pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

i. The casino licensee shall submit for review and approval procedures governing how this area will be maintained on an imprest basis. In addition, each keno supervisor shall prepare a count sheet to record the opening and closing balance for their shift which shall be signed by both the incoming and outgoing keno supervisor.

(e) If a keno booth is designed so as to be immediately adjacent to the cashiers' cage or a satellite cage and access to the keno booth is through the cashiers' cage or satellite cage, the casino security department escort otherwise required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.48, 1.49 and 1.50 for the transportation of keno drawers and keno fills and credits shall not be required.

(f) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, operate one or more satellite keno booths. All the provisions of this subchapter governing the operation of a keno booth shall apply to a satellite keno booth with the exception of the following:

1. The keno games for which wagers are accepted at a satellite keno booth must be the same keno games for which wagers are accepted at the keno booth;

2. The only keno computer equipment which may be located at a satellite keno booth shall be the computer terminals used by the keno writers to issue keno tickets and calculate payouts of winning keno tickets;

3. A satellite keno booth may not contain a separate area for the storage of currency and coin pursuant to (d) above; and

4. A satellite keno booth may operate without the presence of a keno supervisor; however, a keno writer at a satellite keno booth may not redeem a winning keno ticket for \$1,500 or more unless the payment is authorized by obtaining the signature of a keno supervisor or a supervisor thereof in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-15.6(b).

(g) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, permit a keno runner to generate and redeem keno tickets from a keno locker located on the casino floor, in the casino simulcasting facility or other secure location as approved by the Commission. Each keno locker shall be a fully enclosed structure and shall contain one keno work station. A keno locker shall be closed and locked whenever it is unattended by a keno runner. A keno work station in a keno locker shall include:

1. A manually triggered silent alarm system connected directly to the monitoring rooms of the closed circuit television system, the casino security department office and the on-site office of the Division;

2. A computer terminal which shall be used to issue keno tickets and calculate payouts for winning keno tickets;

3. An area for the storage of one or more keno drawers, which area shall only be used by a keno runner selling or redeeming keno tickets from that keno locker; and

4. A light that is located above the work station and is visible from outside the keno locker, which light shall automatically illuminate whenever the door to the keno locker is open.

(h) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, operate roving keno work stations which contain a keno terminal and a keno drawer. The roving keno work station shall be:

1. Operated by a keno writer in accordance with the rules of this Chapter and N.J.A.C. 19:47; and
2. Operated on the casino floor, in the casino simulating facility or in a public keno area in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.47B; provided, however, if a roving keno work station shall be operated in a public keno area, the keno writer shall receive and return his or her imprest funds and perform all fills and credits in a restricted casino area approved by the Commission for such activity.

New Rule, R.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).  
Amended by R.1996 d.443, effective September 16, 1996.  
See: 27 N.J.R. 3597(a), 28 N.J.R. 4235(b).  
Amended by R.1998 d.148, effective March 16, 1998.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 36(a), 30 N.J.R. 1059(a).

Added a new (b)4 and recodified former 4 and 5 as 5 and 6.  
Amended by R.1998 d.164, effective April 6, 1998.  
See: 29 N.J.R. 2632(a), 30 N.J.R. 1304(a).

In (a), deleted former 2, redesignated former 3 as 2, and added a new 3; in (b), substituted "may" for "shall" following "keno" in the introductory paragraph; inserted a new (g); and recodified former (g) as (h), deleted "Notwithstanding (a), (b) and (c) above," at the beginning, and rewrote 2.

Amended by R.2003 d.117, effective March 17, 2003.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 3941(a), 35 N.J.R. 1428(a).

Rewrote (f)4.  
Amended by R.2004 d.176, effective May 3, 2004.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 1798(a), 36 N.J.R. 2204(c).

In (g), added "or other secure location as approved by the Commission" at the end of the first sentence in the introductory paragraph.