

## CHAPTER 45

## ACCOUNTING AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

### 19:45-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Access control" means a system or device used by a casino licensee to grant a patron exclusive authority to initiate the transmission of electronic credits to the electronic transfer credit meter of a slot machine in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37A and may include, without limitation, the use of an access card with a magnetically coded strip, a coded key pad system or any other means of access control approved by the Commission.

"Annuity jackpot trust check" means a check issued by an annuity jackpot trust, as defined in N.J.S.A. 5:12-2.2, in payment of winnings from an annuity jackpot. An annuity jackpot trust check shall be made payable only to the person presenting the check and shall not contain any other endorsements.

"Asset number" means a unique number permanently assigned to a slot machine and a slot cash storage box for purposes of tracking that machine and storage box while owned by a casino licensee.

"Automated coupon redemption machine" means any mechanical, electrical or other device which operates independently of a slot machine and which, upon insertion of a valid casino coupon or currency, dispenses an amount of coin or slot tokens equivalent to the face value of the coupon or currency, and which immediately upon exchange cancels the coupon.

"Authorized instrument" means a cash equivalent, a casino check, a casino affiliate check, an annuity jackpot trust check or a replacement check.

"Bank" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25.

"Cage cashier" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.15.

"Cage supervisor" means any person holding a license as required by the casino licensee's approved jobs compendium which allows that person to supervise personnel and functions within the cashier's cage.

"Cash" means currency or coin.

"Cash equivalent" means a:

1. Certified check, cashiers check, treasurers check, recognized travelers check or recognized money order that:

- i. Is made payable to the casino licensee where presented, a holding company of the casino licensee, "bearer" or "cash";
- ii. Is dated, but not postdated; and
- iii. Does not contain any endorsement;

2. Certified check, cashiers check, treasurers check or recognized money order that:

- i. Is made payable to the presenting patron;
- ii. Is endorsed in blank by the presenting patron;
- iii. Is dated but not postdated; and
- iv. Does not contain any endorsement other than that of the presenting patron; or

3. Recognized credit card or debit card presented by a patron in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18A or 1.25(i).

"Cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A.

"Cashiers' cage" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14.

"Casino Accounting Department" (accounting department) is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11.

"Casino clerk (Pit clerk)" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12.

"Casino supervisor" means a person employed in the operation of a casino or of the authorized games in a casino simulcasting facility in a supervisory capacity or empowered to make discretionary decisions which regulate casino operations, including but not limited to, boxpersons, floorpersons, pit bosses, poker shift supervisors, table games shift managers, the assistant casino manager, and the casino manager.

"Check" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25.

"Check credit slip" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25.

"Checking account" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25.

"Chief executive officer" means the natural person located at a casino hotel facility who is ultimately responsible for the daily conduct of an applicant's or casino licensee's hotel and gaming business, regardless of the applicant's or casino licensee's form of business association or the particular title which the person holds.

"Closer" means the original of the Table Inventory Slip upon which each table inventory is recorded at the end of each shift.

"Coin vault" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14.

"Commission inspector" means any authorized representative of the Commission.

"Compensation" means direct or indirect payments for services performed including, but not limited to, salary, wages, bonuses, deferred payments, and overtime and premium payments.

"Complimentary distribution program" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46.

"Complimentary services or items" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9.

"Complimentary Vigorish Form" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.3(c)3i and 7.3(c)3i.

"Counter Check" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25.

"Coupon" means a document which is issued in accordance with the coupon redemption and complimentary distribution programs in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(a), and includes a match play coupon and a progressive wager coupon.

"Credit card cash transaction" means a transaction in which a patron obtains cash or slot tokens from a cashier by presenting a recognized credit card in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25(i).

"Credit Slip" is known as a "Credit" and is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.23.

"Debit card cash transaction" means a transaction in which a patron obtains cash or slot tokens from a cashier by presenting a recognized debit card in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25(i).

"Denomination," when used in conjunction with or in reference to a slot machine, means the value of the lowest wager that can be placed on the slot machine.

“Derogatory information” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.27(c)2iii.

“Drop box” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16.

“Electronic fund transfer” means a transfer of funds, other than a transaction originated by check, draft, or similar paper instrument, that is initiated through an electronic terminal, telephone, computer, or magnetic tape for the purpose of ordering, instructing, or authorizing a financial institution to debit or credit an account. For the purposes herein, the term does not include a debit card cash transaction as defined in this section, a debit card chip transaction as defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18A(a), or any transactions exempt, by statute or regulation, from the provisions of Title IX of the Federal Consumer Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1693.

“Fill Slip” is known as a “Fill” and is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.22.

“Gaming voucher credit” means the equivalent value of coins or slot tokens registered on the credit meter of a slot machine as a result of a patron inserting a gaming voucher into the slot machine, which value shall also be recorded on the value voucher in meter.

“Gaming voucher system” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.55.

“Handle” means the total value of coins, slot tokens, including foreign slot tokens, currency, coupons, gaming vouchers, and electronic credits invested by a patron to activate the play of a slot machine.

“Hopper fill” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41.

“Hopper inventory level” means the total dollar value of the initial fill of a slot machine hopper or an adjusted total that includes any subsequent increases in the total dollar value of the initial fill.

“Hopper storage area” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36A.

“Identification credential” means a valid credit card, driver license, passport or other document generally accepted in business as a form of identification and which contains, at a minimum, the person signature. A personal reference does not constitute an identification credential.

“Imprest basis” means the basis on which cashiers’ cage and slot booth funds are replenished from time to time in exactly the value of the net of expenditures made from the funds and value received. A review is made by a higher authority of the propriety of the expenditures before the replenishment.

“Incompatible function” means a function, for accounting control purposes, that places any person or department, in a position to both perpetrate and conceal errors or irregularities in the normal course of his duties. Anyone recording transactions and having access to assets ordinarily is in a position to perpetrate errors or irregularities. Persons may have incompatible functions if such persons are members of departments which have supervisors not independent of each other.

“Jackpot” means any money, merchandise or thing of value to be paid to a patron as the result of a specific combination(s) of characters indicated on a slot machine.

“Jackpot Payout Receipt” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40.

“Jackpot Payout Slip” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40.

“Keno booth” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.47.

“Keno drawer” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.48.

“Keno drop” means the sum of the total value of currency, coin, gaming chips, coupons and slot tokens wagered on keno tickets.

“Keno payout” means the currency, coin or casino check paid to a player in exchange for a winning keno ticket.

“Keno request” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-15.1.

“Keno ticket” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-15.1.

“Keno win or loss” means the total value of currency, coin, gaming chips, coupons and slot tokens wagered by patrons at keno less the total value of currency and coin paid to patrons for winning keno wagers.

“Keno work station” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.47.

“Master coin bank cashier” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.15.

“Master Game Report (Stiff Sheet)” means a record of the computation of the win or loss or, for the game of poker, the poker revenue, for each gaming table, each game, and each shift.

“Match play coupon” means a coupon with a fixed, stated value that is issued, utilized and redeemed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18 and 1.46, and the stated value of which, when presented by a patron with gaming chips which are equal to or greater in value to the stated value of the coupon, is included in the amount of the patron’s wager in determining the payout on any winning bet at an authorized game.

"Opener" means the duplicate copy of the table inventory slip upon which each table inventory is recorded at the end of each shift and serves as the record of each table inventory at the beginning of the next succeeding shift.

"Outstanding patron check" means any Counter Check, Slot Counter Check or replacement check that is not due for deposit or presentation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.28 and has not in fact been deposited or presented for payment or redeemed by the drawer.

"Pari-mutuel window net" means the total value of credit vouchers issued and wagers placed on simulcast horse races at a pari-mutuel window less the total value of simulcast payouts at the same pari-mutuel window. Pari-mutuel window net shall be calculated by the totalisator.

"Patron cash deposit" means the total value of cash, cash equivalents, complimentary cash gifts, slot tokens, prize tokens, gaming chips or plaques deposited with a casino licensee by a patron for his or her subsequent use pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24.

"Patron check" means a Counter Check, a Slot Counter Check or a replacement check.

"Payout" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40, 1.40A, and 1.54.

"Poker revenue" means the total value of rake charged to patrons at all poker tables pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.14. The poker revenue is determined by adding the value of cash, coupons, the amount recorded on the Closer, the totals of amounts recorded on the Credits and issuance copies of Counter Checks removed from a drop box, the total of the amounts recorded on documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit card or debit card chip transactions, and subtracting the amount on the Opener and the total of amounts recorded on Fills removed from a drop box.

"Progressive wager coupon" means a coupon that:

1. Is issued, utilized and redeemed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18 and 1.46;
2. Has a fixed, stated value that is equal to that required for a table game progressive payout wager; and
3. Is redeemable only at specified table games offering progressive payout wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39B.

"Propriety" means the quality of being proper; conforming to sections of this chapter.

"Rake" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.1.

"Recognized credit card" means a credit or charge card that:

1. Is issued by or under an agreement with a company that, as a normal part of its business, supplies its customers, either directly or through a national credit card network, with credit or charge cards that can be used for and are routinely accepted in consumer transactions;

2. Qualifies as a credit card for purposes of Regulation Z issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. Part 226);

3. Expires on an expiration date that is imprinted on the card and is later than the date of the transaction for which the card is presented; and

4. Has a clearly visible registered credit card logo that is a permanent part of the card.

"Recognized debit card" means a debit card that:

1. Is issued by or under an agreement with a company that qualifies as a "depository institution" as defined in Section 19(b) of the Federal Reserve Act, 12 U.S.C. § 461(b), and that, as a normal part of its business, supplies its customers, either directly or through a registered debit card verification agency, with access to funds maintained for the cardholder in such depository institution by means of a debit card that is routinely accepted in consumer transactions or used to obtain cash;

2. Qualifies as an access device for purposes of Regulation E issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. Part 205); and

3. Has a clearly visible registered debit card logo that is a permanent part of the card.

"Redemption receipt" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26.

"Registered credit card logo" means a logo, permanently affixed on a recognized credit card, that a casino licensee, prior to accepting the card, has designated in its internal controls as the type of logo that must appear on any such card before the casino licensee will accept the card in a credit card cash or chip transaction and that is commonly seen on credit or charge cards that are routinely accepted in the United States, including, without limitation, the following:

1. American Express;
2. Carte Blanche;
3. Diners Club;
4. Discover;
5. MasterCard; or
6. Visa.

"Registered debit card logo" means a logo, permanently affixed on a recognized debit card, that a casino licensee, prior to accepting the card, has designated in its internal controls as the type of logo that must appear on any such card before the casino licensee will accept the card in a debit card cash or chip transaction and that is commonly seen on debit cards that are routinely accepted in the United States, including, without limitation, the following:

1. Money Access Card (MAC); or
2. New-York Cash Exchange (NYCE).

"Registered debit card verification agency" means an organization that:

1. Verifies, upon request from a merchant, the validity and account sufficiency of a recognized debit card in the normal course of its business;

2. Is authorized to perform the verification for purposes of Regulation E issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. Part 205); and

3. A casino licensee has identified in its internal controls as a company that will be used to verify recognized debit cards that are presented in debit card cash or chip transactions.

“Registered electronic funds transfer company” means an organization that:

1. Verifies, upon request from a merchant, the validity and account sufficiency of a recognized credit card in the normal course of its business;

2. Is authorized to perform the verification for purposes of Regulation E issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (12 C.F.R. Part 205); and

3. A casino licensee has identified in its internal controls as a company that will be used to verify recognized credit cards that are presented in credit card cash or chip transactions.

“Replacement check” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26.

“Request for Fill” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.22.

“Request for Credit” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.23.

“Request for Jackpot Payout Slip” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40.

“Residual slot credit” means a slot machine credit, on a slot machine equipped with tokenization, in an amount which is less than the denomination of the token that the slot machine is designed to accept and pay out, and which cannot be totally and automatically paid from the slot machine for that reason.

“Returned check” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.29.

“Security department member” means any person employed by a casino licensee or its agent to provide physical security in an establishment.

“Shift” means the regular, daily work period of a group of employees administering and supervising the operation of table games, slot machines, simulcast counter, keno booths, cashiers’ cage and satellite cages, working in relay with another such succeeding or preceding group of employees or specific times, as approved by the Commission, during the day that all drop boxes attached to gaming tables are removed, expeditiously transported to the count room, and replaced with empty ones.

“Signature” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.45.

“Simulcast count sheet” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.15A(b).

“Simulcast handle” means the total value of currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens and coupons wagered by patrons on a simulcast horse race, less the total value of canceled or refunded tickets.

“Slot booth” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.34.

“Slot cashier” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.35.

“Slot cash storage box” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16.

“Slot counter check” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A.

“Slot drop box” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36.

“Slot drop bucket” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.36.

“Slot machine drop” means the total value of coins, slot tokens, and foreign slot tokens in a slot drop bucket or a slot drop box, the total value of currency, gaming vouchers and coupons in a slot cash storage box, and the total value of electronic credits withdrawn from patron accounts pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37A, if applicable.

“Slot machine win” means the value determined by subtracting the hopper fills, other than initial fills of slot machine hoppers and hopper storage areas or any subsequent increases to those initial fills, cash payouts pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40, and gaming vouchers redeemed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.54 from the slot machine drop.

“Table game drop” means the sum of the total value of currency, coin, coupons other than match play coupons and 50 percent of the total value of match play coupons, the total amounts recorded on issuance copies of Counter Checks removed from a drop box, and the total of the amounts recorded on documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit or debit card chip transactions.

“Table game win or loss” means the value of gaming chips and plaques and cash won from patrons at gaming tables less the value of gaming chips, plaques and coins won by patrons at gaming tables other than poker tables and the value paid to patrons in cash or by casino check for progressive payout wagers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39B and 1.52. The table game win or loss is determined by adding the value of cash, total value of coupons other than match play coupons, and 50 percent of the total value of match play coupons, the amount recorded on the Closer, the totals of amounts recorded on the Credits and the issuance copies of Counter Checks removed from a drop box, the total of the amounts recorded on documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit or debit card chip transactions, and the total of the amounts recorded on Complimentary Vigorish Forms that document uncollected baccarat or minibaccarat vigorish, subtracting the amount recorded on the Opener and the total of amounts recorded on fills removed from a drop box, and making any adjustments required by the internal controls of the casino licensee to account for the value of any progressive payout wagers paid pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39B and 1.52.

"Tokenization" means the capacity of a slot machine to accept and pay out a slot token of a denomination that is greater in value than the denomination of a slot machine game contained within the slot machine, for example, a nickel slot machine game contained in a slot machine which only accepts and pays out \$1.00 tokens.

"Travel Disbursement Voucher" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9A.

"Unredeemed gaming voucher record" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.54.

"Unsecured currency," "unsecured gaming voucher" and "unsecured coupon" are defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42.

"Vault cashier" is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12.

"Verbalize" means to orally express something in words.

"Wire transfer" means a transfer of funds by means of the Federal Reserve Bank wire system in accordance with the requirements of 12 CFR 210.25 et seq. and the Commission's rules.

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

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

"Cash equivalent" and "identification credentials" added.

Amended by R.1983 d.112, effective March 29, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 257(a), 15 N.J.R. 627(b).

Originally filed as an emergency adoption (R.1983 d.37) on January 27, 1983. Readopted as R.1983 d.112. Added "or items" to definition of "complimentary services." Deleted definition of junket.

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

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

Added the word "coupons" to the definition "changeperperson".

Amended by R.1985 d.41, effective February 19, 1985.

See: 16 N.J.R. 3302(b), 17 N.J.R. 480(c).

"Cash equivalent" substantially amended.

Amended by R.1986 d.77, effective April 7, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2245(a), 18 N.J.R. 706(b).

Added definition "casino check".

Amended by R.1987 d.302, effective July 20, 1987.

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

Definitions amended.

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

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

Amended by R.1988 d.34, effective January 19, 1988.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1890(a), 20 N.J.R. 205(a).

Deleted definition for "Affiliate".

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).

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

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

Added definitions for "cage supervisor" and "wire transfer".

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

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

Added "Travel Disbursement Voucher".

Amended by R.1990 d.2, effective January 2, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 2954(a), 22 N.J.R. 63(a).

In "Casino check": stylistic changes, adding phrase "or for winnings ... payoffs."

In "Slot machine": deleted language regarding a special token to be exchanged for merchandise or thing of value.

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

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

Added "Automated coupon redemption machine" and "change machine".

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

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

Added definitions of "master coin bank cashier," "slot cashier" and "slot counter check."

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

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

Added definitions: "Asset number," "Location number" and "Manufacturer's serial number."

Amended by R.1991 d.301, effective June 17, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 191(a), 23 N.J.R. 1963(b).

Added definitions for "bank," "check," and "checking account" with N.J.A.C. references.

Amended by R.1991 d.381, effective August 5, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1302(a), 23 N.J.R. 2323(a).

Added definition of "Chief executive officer".

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

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

Added definition of "coin vault."

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.

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).

Added definition of "coupon"; amended definition of "Table game drop".

Administrative correction to definition of "slot counter check."

See: 25 N.J.R. 1519(b).

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

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

Added definition of complimentary distribution program.

Amended by R.1993 d.318, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

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

Amended by R.1993 d.491, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2227(b), 25 N.J.R. 4615(a).

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

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

Amended by R.1994 d.31, effective January 18, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4866(a), 26 N.J.R. 486(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.33, effective January 18, 1994 (operative February 22, 1994).

See: 25 N.J.R. 4737(a), 26 N.J.R. 489(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.137, effective March 21, 1994.

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

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

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

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

See: 25 N.J.R. 5893(a), 26 N.J.R. 2463(a).

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

See: 26 N.J.R. 2212(a), 26 N.J.R. 3891(c).

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

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

Administrative Correction.

See: 27 N.J.R. 382(a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended definition of "Table game win or loss".

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

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

Added definition of "Annuity jackpot trust check".

Amended by R.1996 d.31, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3921(a), 28 N.J.R. 281(a).

Amended definitions of "Table game drop" and "Table game win or loss".

Amended by R.1996 d.314, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1612(a), 28 N.J.R. 3622(a).  
 Amended by R.1996 d.350, effective August 5, 1996.  
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2348(a), 28 N.J.R. 3816(a).  
 Amended by R.1996 d.439, effective September 16, 1996.  
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2809(a), 28 N.J.R. 4236(a).  
 Amended by R.1996 d.486, effective October 21, 1996.  
 See: 27 N.J.R. 4992(a), 28 N.J.R. 4601(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.130, effective March 17, 1997.  
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2807(a), 29 N.J.R. 918(a).  
 Added "Vault cashier".  
 Amended by R.1997 d.131, effective March 17, 1997.  
 See: 28 N.J.R. 4572(a), 29 N.J.R. 919(a).  
 Added "Redemption receipt".  
 Amended by R.1997 d.132, effective March 17, 1997.  
 See: 28 N.J.R. 5160(a), 29 N.J.R. 923(a).  
 Deleted "Gaming chips and plaques".  
 Amended by R.1997 d.423, effective October 6, 1997.  
 See: 28 N.J.R. 4181(b), 29 N.J.R. 4304(b).  
 Amended "Match play coupon".  
 Amended by R.1997 d.489, effective November 17, 1997.  
 See: 29 N.J.R. 1289(a), 29 N.J.R. 4862(b).  
 Amended "Slot machine win"; and added "Hopper inventory level".  
 Amended by R.1998 d.18, effective January 5, 1998.  
 See: 29 N.J.R. 3432(b), 30 N.J.R. 112(b).  
 Amended "Cage supervisor" and "Casino supervisor."  
 Amended by R.1998 d.267, effective June 1, 1998.  
 See: 30 N.J.R. 807(a), 30 N.J.R. 2076(a).  
 In "Identification credential", inserted "document generally accepted in business as a" following "other".  
 Amended by R.1998 d.369, effective July 20, 1998.  
 See: 30 N.J.R. 298(a), 30 N.J.R. 2637(a).  
 Inserted "Authorized instrument" and "Outstanding patron check".  
 Amended by R.1999 d.43, effective February 1, 1999.  
 See: 30 N.J.R. 3173(a), 31 N.J.R. 455(a).  
 Inserted "Complimentary Vigorish Form"; and in "Table game win or loss", inserted "and the total of the amounts recorded on Complimentary Vigorish Forms that document uncollected baccarat or mini-baccarat vigorish," following "debit card chip transactions," in the second sentence.  
 Amended by R.2000 d.333, effective August 21, 2000.  
 See: 32 N.J.R. 1918(a), 32 N.J.R. 3076(a).  
 In "Cash equivalent", added reference to holding companies of casino licensees in 1i.  
 Amended by R.2001 d.451, effective December 3, 2001.  
 See: 33 N.J.R. 772(a), 33 N.J.R. 4151(b).  
 Deleted "Theoretical slot machine payout percentage".  
 Amended by R.2002 d.282, effective September 3, 2002.  
 See: 34 N.J.R. 655(a), 34 N.J.R. 3128(a).  
 Added "Electronic fund transfer".  
 Amended by R.2003 d.4, effective January 6, 2003.  
 See: 34 N.J.R. 2012(a), 35 N.J.R. 259(a).  
 Rewrote the section.  
 Amended by R.2003 d.161, effective April 21, 2003.  
 See: 35 N.J.R. 88(c), 35 N.J.R. 1689(b).  
 Added "Denomination", "Residual slot credit" and "Tokenization".  
 Petition for Rulemaking.  
 See: 35 N.J.R. 5171(b).  
 Petition for Rulemaking.  
 See: 36 N.J.R. 892(a).  
 Amended by R.2004 d.464, effective December 20, 2004.  
 See: 36 N.J.R. 3473(a), 36 N.J.R. 5703(a).  
 Inserted "Derogatory information".

### 19:45-1.1A Gaming day

(a) The "gaming day" for a casino licensee on a calendar day which has not been approved for extended hours of operation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-97(a) shall commence at 10:00 A.M. or the actual time when the casino opens to the public, whichever is later, and shall terminate:

1. At 4:00 A.M. on the next calendar day, if the next calendar day is a weekday which is not a holiday;
2. At 6:00 A.M. on the next calendar day, if the next calendar day is a Saturday, Sunday or State or Federal holiday;
3. In accordance with (b) below, if the next calendar day has been approved by the Commission for extended hours of casino operation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-97(a); or
4. When the casino actually closes if such time is earlier than the time specified in (a)1 through 3 above.

(b) The "gaming day" for a casino licensee on a calendar day which has been approved for extended hours of operation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-97(a) shall commence and terminate, and the end of the gaming day for the previous calendar day shall terminate, at those times set forth in the approved system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls of each casino licensee. Each casino licensee may establish a gaming day for slot machines which is different from its gaming day for table games and different from its gaming day for the game of keno; provided, however, that no gaming day shall be longer than 24 hours.

New Rule, R.1992 d.110, effective March 2, 1992.  
 See: 23 N.J.R. 3243(a), 24 N.J.R. 858(c).  
 Amended by R.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.  
 See: 26 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).

### 19:45-1.2 Accounting records

(a) Each casino licensee shall maintain complete, accurate, and legible records of all transactions pertaining to the revenues and costs for each establishment.

(b) General accounting records shall be maintained on a double entry system of accounting with transactions recorded on the accrual basis. Detailed, supporting, subsidiary records sufficient to meet the requirements of (c) below shall also be maintained in accordance with the requirements of this chapter.

1. The Commission shall periodically prescribe a uniform chart of accounts and accounting classification in order to insure consistency, comparability, and effective disclosure of financial information.

i. The chart of accounts shall provide the classifications necessary to prepare the standard financial statements required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.6.

ii. The prescribed chart of accounts shall be the minimum level of detail to be maintained for each accounting classification by the licensee.

iii. The licensee shall not use other than the prescribed chart of accounts but may, with the permission of the Commission, expand the level of detail for some or all accounting classifications and/or alter the account

numbering system. In such instances, the licensee shall provide to the Commission, upon request, a cross-reference from the licensee's to the prescribed chart of accounts.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3596(a), 27 N.J.R. 4912(b).  
Amended by R.1996 d.357, effective August 5, 1996.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 2355(a), 28 N.J.R. 3821(b).  
Petition for Rulemaking.  
See: 33 N.J.R. 3223(a), 33 N.J.R. 3696(b).  
Amended by R.2002 d.132, effective May 6, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 17(a), 34 N.J.R. 1735(a).

In (g) inserted "or, in the casino licensee's discretion, with an imprest inventory of currency which shall not exceed \$5,000 to be used for pouch payouts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40E and in the exchange of currency and coupons presented by a patron" at the end.  
Amended by R.2003 d.316, effective August 4, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1498(a), 35 N.J.R. 3566(b).

Added (h).

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

(a) Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.54(a), each slot machine located in a casino shall have the following

coin, prize token or slot token containers, the location, design and security of which shall be subject to the approval of the Commission after review by the Division pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20:

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

i. Coins or slot tokens inserted into the coin acceptor of the slot machine shall be retained in a separate hopper, known as an "all-purpose hopper," that shall:

- (1) Accept coin or slot tokens of the same denomination, and only such coin or slot tokens;
  - (2) Be capable of paying out or dispensing only coin or slot tokens of the same denomination as jackpots or as change; and
  - (3) Be designed to divert accepted coins or slot tokens that exceed the capacity of the hopper from the hopper to the slot drop bucket or, if applicable, the slot drop box;
- ii. Prize tokens shall be retained only in a separate hopper, known as a "payout-only hopper," that shall be:
- (1) Filled with prize tokens of the same denomination exclusively through a hopper fill or an automatic deposit by a reserve hopper pursuant to (a)liii below;
  - (2) Capable of retaining and making jackpot payouts only of prize tokens of the same denomination; and
  - (3) Incapable of making change or of accepting any coin or slot token upon insertion thereof into the slot machine's coin acceptor;
- iii. Coins, slot tokens or prize tokens may also be retained in a separate hopper, known as a "reserve hopper," that shall be:
- (1) Filled with either coin, slot tokens or prize tokens of the same denomination, and only such coin, slot tokens or prize tokens, exclusively through a hopper fill or an automatic deposit by another reserve hopper pursuant to this subparagraph;
  - (2) Capable of automatically depositing coins, slot tokens or prize tokens into a separate and appropriate hopper in the slot machine when the separate hopper is empty, or when the coin, slot tokens or prize tokens in the separate hopper reach a predetermined level approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41(a); and
  - (3) Incapable of paying out jackpots, dispensing change or of accepting any coin or slot token upon insertion thereof into the slot machine's coin acceptor;
- iv. No slot machine shall have more than one all-purpose hopper unless each hopper accepts the same denomination of coin or slot token;
- v. Notwithstanding (a)lii above, coins or slot tokens of the same denomination may be placed in a payout-only hopper and retained in that hopper to make payouts to winning patrons, provided that:
- (1) The use of a payout-only hopper for such purpose shall be subject to the Division's inspection and the Commission's approval of the machine and the Commission's approval of the internal controls governing such use;

(2) Coins or slot tokens shall be placed in the payout-only hopper exclusively through hopper fills; and

(3) No prize tokens shall be placed in or retained by a payout-only hopper that retains coins or slot tokens pursuant to this subparagraph; and

vi. Unless the hoppers on a slot machine with multiple hoppers either each contain the same denomination of coin, slot tokens or prize tokens, or are connected to win meters that satisfy the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(b)4i and 19:46-1.26(c)5i or 19:45-1.37(b)4ii and 19:46-1.26(c)5ii, each automatic pay jackpot of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens that is made from a multiple hopper slot machine on a round of play shall be paid out only on the round of play when the winning combination is hit and only from one of the machine's hoppers for any winning combination that is hit on that round, and no casino licensee shall offer or provide a jackpot at such slot machine that will be paid out from more than one hopper for any winning combination that is hit on the same round;

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

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

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

3. On those slot machines which include a bill changer, a container known as a slot cash storage box, in which

currency and coupons accepted by the bill changer are retained. The slot cash storage box shall be accessible only by a dedicated bill changer drop door that can be opened without opening the slot machine's main door or any other compartment of the slot machine.

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

(c) A slot drop box shall have:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) Unless a computer which automatically records the information specified in (j)1, 2, 3 and 4 below is connected to the slot machines in the casino, the following entry authorization logs shall be maintained by the casino licensee:

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

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

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

4. Whenever it is required that a printer for an approved gaming voucher system be accessed, the date, time, purpose of such access, and the signature of the authorized employee shall be recorded in the log required by (j)1 or (j)3 above, or a separate log as approved by the Commission.

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

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

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

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

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

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

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

Substantially amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.1993 d.318, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

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

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

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

Amended by R.1994 d.474, effective September 19, 1994.

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

Administrative Correction.

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

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

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

Amended by R.1996 d.161, effective March 18, 1996.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rewrote (a)3; rewrote (f).

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

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

Rewrote (a).

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

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

In (a), added "Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-154.a, each"; in (j) added 4.

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

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

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

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

2. Contain a separate marked compartment for each corresponding slot machine, so that all hopper fills stored in the hopper storage area can be segregated and identified by slot machine.

(c) Each hopper storage area shall:

1. Be constructed so as to provide maximum security for the coins or tokens stored in it;

2. Be secured by two separate locks, the keys to which shall be different from each other. One of the keys, which may be the same as the key which opens the slot machine corresponding to that hopper storage area, shall be maintained and controlled by the slot department. The other key, which shall be different from the key

securing the corresponding slot machine, shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department, in a secure area within that department, and access to that key may be gained only by a supervisor in that department. Removal of the key from this area may be undertaken only for use and return no later than the end of the shift of the department member to whom the key was issued, and upon the approval of a supervisor of that department, and entry of the following information into a log:

- i. The signature of the department member to whom the key was issued;
- ii. The signature of the supervisor authorizing such issuance;
- iii. The date and time issued; and
- iv. The date and time replaced; and

3. Include a device that indicates when the door of the hopper storage area is open.

(d) Hopper storage areas shall be filled and utilized in accordance with the procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41 and a casino licensee's system of internal controls. No hopper storage area and no compartment within a hopper storage area that supplies two or more slot machines shall contain more than triple the hopper inventory level of each of the hoppers in its corresponding slot machine.

New Rule, R.1992 d.360, effective September 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2137(a), 24 N.J.R. 3336(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.1997 d.489, effective November 17, 1997.

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

Rewrote (b); inserted new (b)1, (b)2 and (c); recodified existing (b)1 through (b)3 as (c)1 through (c)3; recodified existing (c) as (d); and in (d), added the second sentence.

**19:45-1.37 Slot machines and bill changers; electronically erasable/programmable storage media; identifications; signs; and meters**

(a) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine in a casino shall have the following identifying features:

1. A manufacturer's serial number affixed to the outside of the slot machine cabinet in a location as approved by the Commission.

2. An asset number that is permanently imprinted, affixed or impressed on the outside of the machine. The asset number must be conspicuous and clearly visible to persons involved in removing or replacing the slot drop bucket or slot drop box in the slot machine and through the casino licensee's closed circuit camera coverage system. The size and location of the asset number are subject to prior approval by the Commission;

3. A display located conspicuously on the front of the slot machine that automatically illuminates when a player has won a jackpot not paid automatically and totally by the slot machine and which advises the player to see an attendant to receive full payment;

4. A display on the front of the slot machine that provides fair notice of the following:

i. The rules of play, character combinations which will award payouts and the related payouts;

ii. If the slot machine offers a payout of merchandise or some other thing of value, a clear description of the merchandise or thing of value, including its cash equivalent value (unless the payout is an annuity jackpot), and the dates that the merchandise or thing of value will be offered if the casino licensee establishes a time limit for offering the merchandise or thing of value as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A (a time limit shall not be permitted for a progressive annuity jackpot); provided, however, that the display need only contain the name or a brief description of the merchandise or thing of value offered if a sign containing all of the information specified in this subparagraph is displayed near the slot machine in a manner and location approved by the Commission;

iii. If the slot machine offers a progressive jackpot, the payout limit, if the casino licensee establishes a payout limit as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39; provided, however, that the display need not contain the payout limit if a sign which does contain the payout limit is displayed near the slot machine in a manner and location approved by the Commission;

iv. If the slot machine is equipped with a payout-only hopper, a statement either that:

(1) Any prize tokens that are paid out as a jackpot from that hopper cannot be used to activate play at any slot machine; or

(2) Any coins or slot tokens that are paid out from that hopper cannot be used to activate play at that slot machine;

v. If the slot machine is equipped with multiple hoppers and has the win meter permitted by (b)4ii below and N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.26(c)5, a statement, approved by the Commission, that reasonably explains to patrons the information disclosed by the win meter;

vi. If the slot machine offers an alternative jackpot of either cash or merchandise or some other thing of value pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A(m), or an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, in addition to any other requirement imposed by (a)4i through v above, a clear description of the jackpots and options that are available to a winning patron and all essential terms governing the exercise of any option; provided, however, that the display need only contain a brief description of the jackpots offered if a sign containing all of the information specified in this subparagraph is displayed near the slot machine in a manner and location approved by the Commission;

vii. If the slot machine has an approved gaming voucher feature, a description of whether the patron is paid in coin/tokens and/or game vouchers;

viii. If the slot machine is equipped with tokenization pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37C, a conspicuous notice indicating:

(1) The denomination of the slot machine, and the denomination of the token accepted and paid by the machine;

(2) Whether or not the residual slot credit can be cashed out; and

(3) That any residual slot credit not played or cashed out by a patron shall be deemed abandoned; and

ix. If the slot machine is multi-denominational pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.28A(k), conspicuous notice that jackpots are based upon credits played at the denomination selected;

5. A mechanical, electrical, or electronic device that automatically precludes a player from operating the slot machine after a jackpot requiring a manual payout and requires an attendant to reactivate the machine;

6. A slot machine tower light that complies with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37B; and

7. A location number that is affixed to the outside of the machine. The location number must be conspicuous and clearly visible to persons involved in removing or replacing the slot drop bucket or slot drop box in the slot machine and through the casino licensee's closed circuit camera coverage system. The size and location of the location number are subject to prior approval by the Commission.

(b) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine in a casino shall be equipped with the following:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as an "in-meter" that continuously and automatically counts the number of coins or slot tokens placed by patrons into the machine for the purpose of activating play;

2. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as a "drop meter," that continuously and automatically counts the number of coins or slot tokens that are dropped into the machine's slot drop bucket or slot drop box;

3. For each hopper in a slot machine, a separate mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as a "jackpot meter," that continuously and automatically counts, for that hopper only, the number of coins, prize tokens or slot tokens that are automatically paid by the machine from the corresponding hopper and that displays

the aggregate number so counted; provided, however, that:

i. In lieu of the jackpot meter for a payout-only hopper displaying the aggregate number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens paid out from that hopper, each casino licensee that uses a slot machine which is capable of converting the number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens paid out from a payout-only hopper into the equivalent number of coins or slot tokens that match the denomination of the coin or slot token which that slot machine is designed to accept in order to activate play (the "machine denomination equivalent"), may, in accordance with internal controls approved by the Commission, set the jackpot meter connected to each payout-only hopper in that slot machine to continuously and automatically count and display the aggregate number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens paid out from that hopper by its machine denomination equivalent (for example, the jackpot meter on a 25c slot machine may display the payout of one \$3.00 prize token as the payout of "12" quarters); and

ii. Each slot machine with multiple hoppers may have a single jackpot meter to count and display the aggregate number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens paid out from that machine's hoppers provided that:

(1) Each hopper is connected to that meter;

(2) The jackpot meter counts and displays, in accordance with (b)3i above, the aggregate number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens paid out from a payout-only hopper by its machine denomination equivalent; and

(3) Each payout-only hopper has a separate jackpot meter, to be known as a "payout-only jackpot meter," that counts and displays the aggregate number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens actually paid out from that hopper only;

4. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as a "win meter," visible from the front of the machine, that, upon a player hitting a winning combination, advises the player of the number of coins, prize tokens or slot tokens for that round that have been paid to the player by the machine from the corresponding hopper; provided, however, that multiple win meters, as provided in (b)4i or ii below after approval of the casino licensee's internal controls therefor, shall be used on each multiple hopper slot machine whenever one or more winning combinations that are hit on the same round of play at that machine entitle the winning player to automatically receive coins, slot tokens or prize tokens from both hoppers and each hopper contains a different denomination of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens, as follows:

i. A separate win meter for each hopper that, for the round in which a winning combination is hit, advises

the winning player of the actual number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens won from that hopper only; or

ii. A win meter to which each hopper is connected that advises the winning player of the aggregate number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens won on that round from both hoppers after first converting the aggregate number of any coins, slot tokens or prize tokens won that round from a payout-only hopper into its machine denomination equivalent, and a separate win meter, to be known as a "payout-only win meter," connected to each payout-only hopper that advises the player of the number of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens actually won on that round from the corresponding hopper only (for example, a win meter on a multiple hopper 25 cent slot machine may, pursuant to this paragraph, record the payout, on the same round of play, of one \$3.00 prize token and two quarters as the payout of "14" quarters, provided there is a separate payout-only win meter advising the player that one prize token was paid out); and

5. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine approved to dispense gaming vouchers shall also be equipped with mechanical, electrical or electronic devices as follows:

i. A "numerical voucher out meter" that continuously and automatically counts the number of gaming vouchers dispensed by the machine and that displays the aggregate number so counted; and

ii. A "value voucher out meter" that continuously and automatically counts the value of gaming vouchers dispensed by the machine and that displays the aggregate value so counted.

(c) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission each slot machine which does not totally and automatically pay the full amount of a jackpot to a patron shall be equipped with a mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "manual jackpot meter" that continuously and automatically records a pulse(s) for a predetermined number of coins or slot tokens that are to be paid manually.

(d) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine that accepts currency shall have meters that accomplish the objectives set forth in (b) and (c) above.

(e) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine that has a bill changer shall also be equipped with mechanical, electrical or electronic devices as follows:

1. A "cash box" meter that continuously and automatically records the total value of all currency accepted by the bill changer or, as an alternative, a connection to a computer system approved by the Commission that determines the total value of all currency accepted by the bill changer from data supplied from the bill meters required by (e)2 below;

2. A number of "bill meters," that continuously, automatically and separately count, for each denomination of currency accepted by the bill changer, the actual number of bills accepted by the bill changer;

3. If the bill changer can accept coupons but does not contain the coupon meters identified in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46B:

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

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

4. If the bill changer can accept gaming vouchers:

i. A "numerical voucher in meter" that continuously, automatically and separately counts the total number of all gaming vouchers accepted by the bill changer; and

ii. A "value voucher in meter" that continuously, automatically, and separately counts the total value of all gaming vouchers accepted by the bill changer.

(f) Each casino licensee that operates a slot machine with a bill changer that is controlled by a software program which may be modified without replacing any physical element of the bill changer (for example, by downloading software to the storage medium on which the bill changer control program is stored) shall submit for review and approval internal controls which shall address, at a minimum, the following:

1. The method for detecting authorized and unauthorized software changes;

2. The creation of a daily report from its slot monitoring system which immediately documents the software change;

3. Procedures for the control and installation of the software by the slot department;

4. The creation of a slot software control log by the slot department evidencing all authorized changes to the bill changer software; and

5. The review and comparison of the report and log required in (f)2 and 4 above by either the surveillance, security, casino accounting or management information systems department for any deviations and investigation.

(g) All meters described in this section and in N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.26 shall be placed in a position so that the numbers thereon can be read and recorded without opening the slot machine.

(h) Each casino licensee shall set each of its slot machine games to have a theoretical payout percentage that complies with N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.28A and shall maintain a record of each slot machine game setting and the theoretical payout percentage for each slot machine game. No cash or gaming voucher issued to a slot machine patron shall result in a deduction from gross revenue unless the patron's entitlement to the payment is determined by the approved program that controls the slot machine and the payment is recorded on the jackpot meter, numerical and value voucher out meters, or manual jackpot meter required by (b)3, (b)5 and (c) above, the progressive jackpot meter required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(b)2 or in accordance with procedures authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A and 1:40B.

(i) Each slot machine in a casino shall have such test connections as may be specified by the Division and approved by the Commission for the on-site inspection, examination, and testing of such machine.

(j) Each slot machine in a casino shall have devices, equipment, features and capabilities as may be required by the Commission for that particular model of slot machine after the prototype model is tested and examined by the Division.

(k) If the probability of hitting a proposed jackpot is greater than 34 million to one, the jackpot shall not be approved by the Commission unless it is offered on a linked progressive slot machine; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to a jackpot with a probability that may exceed 34 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.

Amended by R.1987 d.302, effective July 20, 1987.

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

(a)4 and (f) substantially amended.

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer machine.

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

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

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

Substantially amended.

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

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

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

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

Added (e) bill changers attached to slot machines.

Correction: At (b)2., the word "slot" added before "tokens" and "gaming" deleted. N.J.A.C. reference corrected.

See: 21 N.J.R. 933(a).

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking in (a).

See: 23 N.J.R. March 18, 1991.

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

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

Added new (a)7; revised (a)1 to specify placement of manufacturer's serial number.

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

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

Allowed casinos to establish time limits of not less than 30 days for the offering of progressive and merchandise jackpot.

Amended by R.1992 d.210, effective May 18, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 58(a), 24 N.J.R. 1906(a).

Deleted requirement at existing (e)2 regarding the "cash box meter". Recodified existing (e)3 as new (e)2.

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.1995 d.624, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1789(a), 27 N.J.R. 4915(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.1996 d.358, effective August 5, 1996.

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

Amended by R.1996 d.474, effective October 7, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3244(a), 28 N.J.R. 4516(a).

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

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

In (a)4iii, added new N.J.A.C. reference; amended (g); and inserted (j).

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).

Inserted a new (f); and recodified former (f) through (j) as (g) through (k).

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)4iii, (h) and (k).

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)4 and (h).

Amended by R.2000 d.405, effective October 2, 2000.

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

Rewrote (a)6.

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 (h) and (k).

Amended by R.2001 d.284, effective September 3, 2002 (operative October 18, 2002).

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

In (a)4, inserted "(a time limit shall not be permitted for a progressive annuity jackpot)" following "N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A", in ii; rewrote iii.

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

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

In (a), added 4vii; in (b), added 5; in (e), added 4; rewrote (h).

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

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

In (a)4, added viii.

Amended by R.2003 d.462, effective December 1, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2792(a), 35 N.J.R. 5435(a).

In (a)4, added ix.

#### Case Notes

No implied private cause of action for inadequate or defective signage of slot machine. *Marcangelo v. Boardwalk Regency Corp.*, D.N.J.1994, 847 F.Supp. 1222, on subsequent appeal 47 F.3d 88.

Failure to state claim against casinos for breach of contract for removal of progressive slot machines before jackpots were won. *Decker v. Bally's Grand Hotel Casino*, 280 N.J.Super. 217, 655 A.2d 73 (A.D.1994).

**19:45-1.37A Electronic transfer credit systems**

(a) A casino licensee may operate an electronic transfer credit system which permits a patron to convert cash complimentaries accumulated by the patron pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9(f) or received by the patron pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9(g) through (i) into electronic credits and to have those credits transferred directly to a slot machine.

(b) All aspects of an electronic transfer credit system, including all hardware and software utilized therein, shall be subject to review and approval by the Commission prior to the implementation of the system by the casino licensee. The internal control procedures submitted by the casino licensee shall address the integrity, security and control of its electronic transfer credit system and shall, without limitation, include:

1. An overview of the system design;
2. System access restrictions including, at a minimum, copies of all menus;
3. Hardware and software controls;
4. Magnetic tape controls;
5. Override policies and restrictions;
6. Copies of all reports generated related to the use of electronic transfer credits;
7. Backup and recovery procedures and failure analysis;
8. The duties and responsibilities of the MIS, internal audit, slot and casino accounting departments with regard to the electronic transfer credit system;
9. Access controls;
10. Procedures for handling customer disputes;
11. Network security;
12. Audit programs; and
13. The manner in which cash complimentaries in the form of electronic credits shall be issued, and how the recipients of those credits shall be identified.

(c) Each transfer of electronic credits to a slot machine authorized by this section shall be initiated by a patron using an access control approved by the Commission. All access controls shall require the use of a unique access code for each patron, which access code shall be selected by and only available to the patron.

(d) An electronic transfer credit system shall not permit a patron to transfer more than \$400.00 in electronic credits to a slot machine in a single transaction.

(e) A record of each transfer of electronic credits to a slot machine authorized by this section shall be maintained by the casino licensee and shall be identified by, at a minimum, the date, time and the asset number of the slot machine to which the transfer occurred and an identification number assigned to the patron who initiated the transaction. The identification number assigned to each patron for the purposes of this subsection shall be different from the unique access code selected by that patron as part of an access control.

(f) In addition to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(b), each slot machine which can be activated through the use of an electronic transfer credit shall be equipped with an "electronic transfer credit meter" that continuously and automatically increments in an amount equal to the value of any cash complimentaries which are converted into electronic credits and transferred to that slot machine by a patron. The electronic transfer credit system shall store this information in machine-readable form and such stored data shall not be susceptible to unauthorized alteration or deletion by any person. On a daily basis, a member of the casino accounting department shall generate a report of the amounts withdrawn from patron accounts and attach a copy of such report to the Slot Win Report in accordance with (h) below.

(g) No slot machine may be connected to, or disconnected from, an electronic transfer credit system without the prior written approval of the Commission.

(h) Each casino licensee shall develop a report or reports which shall be used by a casino accounting department employee to audit the system on a daily basis. Once the audit has been completed, the casino accounting department employee shall sign the report(s) and record the appropriate figures from the report(s) on the Slot Win Report. The report(s) shall be attached to the Slot Win Report for that gaming day. The report(s) required by this subsection and all related audit procedures shall be approved by the Commission.

(i) On at least a monthly basis, each casino licensee using an electronic transfer credit system shall provide a statement to each patron who has participated in the system that month. The statement shall include, at a minimum, the patron's beginning monthly balance, credits earned pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9(f), credits transferred to a slot machine pursuant to this section and the patron's monthly ending balance. In addition, if requested by a patron, the casino licensee shall have the ability to provide a detail account of all electronic transfer credit transactions initiated by that patron.

(j) No adjustment to the amount of any electronic transfer credit shall be made by a casino licensee without the approval of the Commission.

New Rule, R.1996 d.486, effective October 21, 1996.

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

Amended by R.1997 d.248, effective June 16, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 541(a), 29 N.J.R. 2674(c).

In (a), amended N.J.A.C. reference; and added (b)13.

**19:45-1.37B Slot machine tower light**

(a) Each slot machine shall be connected to a slot machine tower light located on top of the slot machine cabinet. The slot machine tower light shall be used to identify the slot machine's denomination and the operational status of the slot machine and any device connected thereto that may affect the operation of the slot machine. The slot machine tower light shall be visible to the surveillance department closed circuit camera system from all sides of the slot machine cabinet, unless the slot machine cabinet is against a wall or is in another location approved by the Commission that results in the partial obstruction of the light.

(b) A slot machine tower light shall be approved by the Division and Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.20 and 1.28 and shall consist of two separate lights, one on top of the other, that function in accordance with the requirements of this section.

1. At any given point in time, each of the two lights may be in one of five states as follows:

i. "Off" means the light is off;

- ii. "On" means the light is on continually;
- iii. "Slow flash" means the light is flashing regularly at a 500 millisecond interval;
- iv. "Medium flash" means the light is flashing regularly at a 250 millisecond interval; and
- v. "Fast flash" means the light is flashing regularly at a 125 millisecond interval.

2. The top light of the two lights shall always be white. The color of the bottom light shall indicate the denomination of the slot machine to which it is attached:

- i. Red means a penny or nickel machine;
- ii. Green means a dime machine;
- iii. Yellow means a quarter machine;
- iv. Orange means a half-dollar machine;
- v. Blue means a dollar machine;
- vi. Pink means a two-dollar machine; and
- vii. Purple means a five dollar or higher denomination machine.

(c) For the purposes of this section, there shall be three separate methods by which a slot machine may be placed in an unplayable state.

1. "Administrative mode" means that a member of the department that is responsible for the operation of slot machines and bill changers has placed the slot machine in an unplayable state in order to access the set up or recall functions of a slot machine game.

2. "Disabled mode" means that a member of the department that is responsible for the operation of slot machines and bill changers or a computer controlled by that department has placed the slot machine in an unplayable state for any reason other than those included in administrative mode.

3. "Tilt mode" means that the slot machine placed itself in an unplayable state due to some type of malfunction or exception condition and the machine cannot be returned to a playable state without intervention by a member of the department that is responsible for the operation of slot machines and bill changers.

(d) Each of the following combinations of light states shall be displayed by a slot machine tower light to indicate the slot machine operating condition that is described therein:

- 1. White light off with colored light:
  - i. Off means that the slot machine is idle and the slot machine door is closed;
  - ii. Medium flash means the slot machine is idle and the slot machine door is open; and

iii. Fast flash means the slot machine is idle and the drop compartment door is open;

2. White light on with colored light:

i. Off means a patron is requesting change and the slot machine door is closed;

ii. On means that the slot machine is in disabled mode;

iii. Medium flash means either:

(1) A patron is requesting change and the slot machine door is open; or

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

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

3. White light slow flash with colored light:

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

ii. Slow flash means either:

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

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

iii. Medium flash means either:

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

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

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

4. White light fast flash with colored light:

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

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

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

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

played by its slot machine tower lights with any future modifications to (d) above.

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### 19:45-1.37C Slot machines; tokenization; residual slot credit

(a) A slot machine equipped with tokenization shall accept only slot tokens with a denomination of \$1.00 or less if the residual slot credit cannot be redeemed.

(b) Any residual slot credit not played or redeemed by a patron shall be deemed abandoned; provided, however, that any such credit shall remain on the slot machine until:

1. Played or redeemed by a patron; or
2. Cancelled by the casino licensee in a manner approved by the Commission.

(c) Any slot machine equipped with tokenization shall bear the notices required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4viii.

(d) A casino licensee using slot machines equipped with tokenization shall submit and obtain approval of internal controls that set forth the manner in which tokens from different denominations of tokenized machines will be segregated, counted and recorded by denomination of slot machine including, but not limited to, the following requirements:

1. The front and back of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes for slot machines equipped with tokenization shall be conspicuously marked in a manner approved by the Commission to identify the fact that the slot machine is equipped for tokenization, as well as the denomination of that slot machine; and

2. If a casino licensee offers slot machines which are equipped for tokenization and other slot machines which accept tokens but are not so equipped, the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes from slot machines equipped with tokenization shall be segregated from all slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes from slot machines which accept tokens of the same denomination but are not so equipped, from the time they are removed from a slot machine until the contents of the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes are counted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.43.

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 combination appears;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) 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 hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot as every other linked slot machine connected to such common display unit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. The progressive jackpot has, with prior Commission approval, been transferred to another progressive slot machine or slot system in accordance with (n) below; or

4. The change is necessitated by a slot machine or meter(s) malfunction, in which case:

i. For progressive jackpots governed by (b) above, an explanation shall be entered on the Progressive Slot Summary required in (k) below and the Commission inspector shall preapprove the resetting in writing; or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(j) Notwithstanding (c) 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 hitting the combination that will award 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 hitting 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 hitting the progressive jackpot on such a linked progressive system shall be conspicuously displayed on each linked slot machines; and

2. The probability of hitting the combination that will award a progressive jackpot offered on linked slot ma-

chines may vary among such machines when necessary to enable a casino licensee to institute a change in the probability which is otherwise permitted by this section, if the change is completed expeditiously in accordance with procedures that have been filed with and approved by the Commission.

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

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

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

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

(m) Slot machines that offer progressive jackpots may have payout-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 combination.

(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 adjusted and displayed by the approved program that controls the slot machine or events dictated by the approved program, shall conform with the following requirements:

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

**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.

**19:45-1.40 Jackpot payouts that are not paid directly from the slot machine**

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

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

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

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

1. The date and time of the jackpot;
2. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;
3. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;
4. The amount of the jackpot payout awarded pursuant to (b)3 above that was not paid to the winning patron directly by the slot machine;
5. The method of payment requested by the patron (cash, slot tokens, casino check or, if available, gaming chips);
6. The signature or identification code of the preparer; and
7. The following additional signatures or identification codes shall be required if the slot machine or the progressive meter is reset prior to the patron being paid or if payment is made directly to the patron by a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier:

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

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

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

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

1. The date and time of the jackpot;
2. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;
3. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;
4. The amount of the jackpot payout that was not paid to the winning patron directly by the slot machine or, if the jackpot is an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option offered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, the face amount of the jackpot displayed on the slot machine or progressive meter or provided by the slot system operator pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40C, stated in numbers and in words;
5. The signature of the winning patron on the original form only; and
6. The signature of the preparer indicating that the information on the Receipt is correct and agrees with the information on the Request or as maintained in the stored data required by (a) above.

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

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

duplicate Receipt before being paid the jackpot in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.

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

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

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

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

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

(i) On Payout originals, duplicates, triplicates, or in stored data, the preparer shall record, or if computerized, the printer shall print, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;
2. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;
3. The date on which the jackpot occurred;

4. The amount indicated on the Request pursuant to (b)4 above that is to be paid from cashiers' cage, master coin bank or slot booth funds, provided, however, that this amount may, in the casino licensee's discretion, be rounded up to the nearest denomination of coin or token or to the nearest whole dollar as long as any funds paid in excess of the actual amount recorded pursuant to (b)4 above are not deducted from gross revenue and are reported and adjusted by the casino licensee once each month, at a minimum, in a manner approved by the Commission;

5. The method of payment (cash, slot tokens, casino check or gaming chips);

6. The location from which the amount is to be paid; and

7. The signature or, if computer prepared, identification code of the preparer.

(j) The time of preparation of the payment and the serial number of any casino check issued incident to the jackpot payment shall be recorded, at a minimum, on the original and duplicate upon preparation of the Payout.

(k) All cash or slot tokens paid, any casino check issued, or any gaming chips paid in accordance with (q) below to a patron as a result of winning a jackpot shall be:

1. Distributed by the slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier directly to the patron in accordance with the procedures in (l) below; or

2. Disbursed by a slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier to:

i. A slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor, if the manual jackpot is less than \$10,000 or to a slot attendant supervisor if the manual jackpot is \$10,000 or more who shall transport the cash, slot tokens, gaming chips or casino check directly to the patron in accordance with (m) below; or

ii. A casino security department member who shall transport the cash, slot tokens, gaming chips or casino check to a slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor if the manual jackpot is less than \$10,000 or to a slot attendant supervisor if the manual jackpot is \$10,000 or more for payment to the patron in accordance with (m) below.

(l) Whenever the winning patron is paid directly by the slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The cashier shall prepare or generate a Payout in accordance with (i) and (j) above;

2. If a casino security department member has not signed the Request, the cashier shall summon a casino security department member and provide him or her with the Request. The casino security department member shall proceed to the slot machine identified on the Request and shall verify that the winning characters on the slot machine and the amount to be paid match those which appear on the Request and sign the Request. If the jackpot amount is \$25,000 or more, a slot shift manager shall similarly verify that the winning characters of the slot machine and the amount to be paid match those which appear on the Request and sign the Request. The Request shall then be immediately returned to the cashier by the casino security department member;

3. After the cashier determines that all required signatures verifying the characters of the slot machine and the amount to be paid have been placed on the Request, if the amount being paid is less than \$10,000, the cashier shall pay the winning patron in the presence of the casino security department member and the slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor who signed the Request in accordance with this section, or if the amount being paid is \$10,000 or more but less than \$25,000, the cashier shall pay the winning patron in the presence of the casino security department member and the slot attendant supervisor who signed the Request in accordance with this section. If the amount being paid by the cashier is \$25,000 or more, the cashier shall pay the winning patron in the presence of the casino security department member, the slot attendant supervisor, and the slot shift manager who signed the Request in accordance with this section. All casino personnel required by this section to witness the payment shall sign the duplicate Payout attesting to the accuracy of the information on the Payout and the disbursement of the payment to the patron;

4. If a Receipt was issued and all the required verifications of the characters were completed in accordance with (b) above, the cashier shall summon a casino security department member and a slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor if the manual jackpot is less than \$10,000, a casino security department member and slot attendant supervisor if the manual jackpot is \$10,000 or more and if the jackpot is \$25,000 or more, a slot shift manager shall also be summoned. The patron shall be required to present the duplicate Receipt to the cashier and sign it in his or her presence in order to receive payment. The cashier shall compare the duplicate Receipt to the original Receipt and, if in agreement, make the payment to the winning patron. All casino personnel required by this section to witness the payment shall sign the duplicate Payout attesting to the accuracy of the information on the Payout and the disbursement of the payment to the patron;

5. Once payment has been made and all required signatures obtained, the cashier shall give the duplicate Payout to the casino security department member, who shall as expeditiously as possible deposit it into a locked

accounting box at the casino security podium or other location as approved by the Commission; and

6. The cashier shall attach the Request, if applicable, and the original and duplicate Receipt, if applicable, to the original Payout. If the disbursement is made from a slot booth all forms shall be forwarded by the end of the gaming day to the master coin bank for reimbursement. If the disbursement is made from the cashiers' cage, all forms shall be forwarded by the end of the gaming day to the main bank for reimbursement.

(m) Except for a pouch payout made by a slot attendant in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40E, whenever a winning patron will be paid by a slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor, the following procedures shall be followed:

1. The slot cashier, general cashier or master coin bank cashier shall prepare or generate a Payout in accordance with (i) or (j) above;

2. The cashier shall disburse the cash, slot tokens, gaming chips or casino check to the slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor. The casino employee receiving the payment shall verify the amount to be paid to the patron and sign the original and duplicate Payout attesting to the accuracy of the information on the Payout and the receipt of the payment from the cashier. The cashier shall retain the original Payout and the duplicate Payout shall be transported with the payment by the casino employee;

3. If a casino security department member has not signed the Request, the slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor shall provide the duplicate Payout to the casino security department member who shall verify that the winning characters of the slot machine and the amount to be paid match those which appear on the duplicate Payout. If the jackpot amount is \$25,000 or more and the slot shift manager has not signed the Request, the slot shift manager shall similarly verify that the winning characters of the slot machine and the amount to be paid match those which appear on the duplicate Payout;

4. Once the verifications required by (m)3 above have been completed, if the payment is less than \$10,000, the slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor shall pay the winning patron in the presence of the casino security department member who verified the winning characters and the amount to be paid, if the payment is \$10,000 or more but less than \$25,000, the payment shall be made by a slot attendant supervisor in the presence of the casino security department member who verified the winning characters and the amount to be paid, and if the payment is \$25,000 or more, the payment shall be made in the presence of the casino security department member and the slot shift manager who verified the winning characters and the amount to be paid. Once the patron has been paid, all casino personnel required by this section to witness the payment shall sign the duplicate Payout attesting to the verification of the characters, the accuracy of

the information on the Payout and the disbursement of the payment to the winning patron;

5. If a Receipt was issued and all the required verifications of the characters were completed in accordance with (b) above, the cashier shall give the slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor the original Receipt along with the duplicate Payout in accordance with (m)2 above to be transported with the payment. The patron shall be required to present the duplicate Receipt to the slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor and sign it in his or her presence in order to receive the payment. The slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor shall compare the duplicate Receipt to the original Receipt and if in agreement make the payment to the winning patron;

6. Once the patron has been paid and all necessary signatures have been obtained on the duplicate Payout in accordance with (m)4 above, a casino security department member shall as expeditiously as possible deposit the duplicate Payout into a locked accounting box at the security podium or other location as approved by the Commission;

7. The slot attendant or slot attendant supervisor shall immediately return the original and duplicate Receipt, if applicable, to the slot booth, cashiers' cage or master coin bank; and

8. The cashier shall attach the Request, if applicable, and the original and duplicate Receipt, if applicable, to the original Payout. If the disbursement is made from a slot booth all forms shall be forwarded by the end of the gaming day to the master coin bank for reimbursement. If the disbursement is made from the cashiers' cage, all forms shall be forwarded by the end of the gaming day to the main bank for reimbursement.

(n) Nothing in this section shall preclude the use of a computerized data storage system, as approved by the Commission, that electronically records the information required on a Request.

(o) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, all forms required by this section shall be forwarded as follows:

1. The original Payout with the attached Request, if applicable, and the original and duplicate Receipt, if applicable, shall be forwarded to the accounting department, which, as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall confirm that the information required to appear thereon pursuant to (b), (d) and (i) above agrees with the information required to appear on the triplicate Payout or in stored data pursuant to (i) above; and

2. The duplicate Payout shall be collected from the locked accounting boxes located at the security podium or other approved location by an accounting department employee and returned to the accounting department, which, as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall record the information therefrom on the Slot Win Sheet and shall confirm that the information required to appear on the duplicate Payout pursuant to (i) above agrees with:

i. The meter reading recorded on the Slot Meter Sheet; and

ii. The information required to appear on the triplicate Payout or in stored data pursuant to (i) above.

(p) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, all forms generated by the gaming voucher system in accordance with a casino licensee's approved internal controls that support a jackpot payout shall be forwarded to the casino accounting department, which, as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall confirm that the information contained thereon agrees with the information required to appear on the Payout or in stored data in accordance with (i)1, 3 and 4 above.

(q) All gaming chips paid to a patron as a result of winning a jackpot shall be:

1. Distributed or disbursed by a general cashier or slot cashier in accordance with the applicable procedures in (k) above, provided that the cashier shall only use gaming chips that were obtained from patrons in previous exchanges authorized by the rules of the Commission; or

2. Distributed or disbursed by a master coin bank cashier in accordance with the applicable procedures in (k) above, provided that the master coin bank cashier shall only use gaming chips that were received from slot cashiers in previous exchanges authorized by the rules of the Commission.

(r) No casino licensee shall offer a jackpot of prize tokens unless that jackpot is totally and automatically paid directly from the slot machine.

Amended by R.1980 d.437, effective November 16, 1981.

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

(e)3: deleted "time of the jackpot" and substituted "shift during which the jackpot occurred" therefor.

(f) added.

Renumbered (f)-(i) as (g)-(j) without change in text.

Amended by R.1986 d.398, effective October 6, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1360(a), 18 N.J.R. 2059(b).

Manual jackpot changed to \$1,200 from \$600.00.

Amended by R.1987 d.302, effective July 20, 1987.

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

Added text "of cash or tokens to be exchanged for cash".

Amended by R.1989 d.34, effective January 17, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2050(b), 21 N.J.R. 175(b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (j): stylistic revisions.

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

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

In (a), added text regarding general cashier or master coin bank cashier. Throughout text, replaced "payout" with "jackpot payout slips."

Added new (e)5, recodifying 5.-6. as 6.-7. In new (e)6, deleted reference to slot booth number and added "location."

In (g): added "casino check issued" and references to general cashier and master coin bank cashier.

In (h)1i. and 2i and (i): added reference to general cashier and master coin bank cashier.

In (j)1: added procedures for jackpot slip if prepared by the master coin bank. Added new (j)2, recodifying (j)2 as 3.

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking: to amend Jackpot Payouts of Cash rule to increase dollar threshold of the jackpot payout limits and to increase the authority of slot personnel to attest to and pay jackpots.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2084(c).

Amended by R.1993 d.292, effective June 21, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 917(a), 25 N.J.R. 2702(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.491, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2227(b), 25 N.J.R. 4615(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.2000 d.336, effective August 21, 2000.

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

In (d), rewrote 4.

Amended by R.2001 d.403, effective November 5, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2635(a), 33 N.J.R. 3763(a).

Inserted references to jackpot payouts not paid directly by the slot machines in (b)4, (b)7i, (b)7ii and (d)4; rewrote (i)4.

Amended by R.2002 d.131, effective May 6, 2002.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3882(a), 34 N.J.R. 1737(a).

In (b)5, inserted "or, if available, gaming chips"; in (i), inserted a new 5 and recodified former 5 and 6 as 6 and 7; in (k), inserted ", or any gaming chips paid in accordance with (q) below" in the introductory paragraph, and inserted references to gaming chips in 2i and 2i; in (m)2, inserted a reference to gaming chips; and added (q).

Amended by R.2002 d.132, effective May 6, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 17(a), 34 N.J.R. 1735(a).

In (a), inserted 1 and 2; in (m), substituted "Except for a pouch payout made by a slot attendant in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 10:45-1.40E, whenever" for "Whenever" at the beginning of the paragraph.

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

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

Rewrote (a) and (p); added (r).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1457(a), 1964(b).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 3419(a).

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Casinos. Steven P. Bann, 133 N.J.L.J. No. 14, 54 (1993).

### 19:45-1.40A **Jackpot payouts of merchandise or other things of value; cash jackpot payouts offered together with or as an alternative to jackpot payouts of merchandise or other things of value**

(a) This section shall apply to all jackpot payouts of merchandise or other things of value, including all annuity jackpots offered pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, except where such annuity jackpots are specifically exempted herein. If, pursuant to (m) below, a slot machine jackpot offers a winning patron both a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value or the option to choose between a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value, any cash payout shall be made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40 and any payout of merchandise or other thing of value shall be made in accordance with this section; provided, however, that an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option shall also be subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B.

(b) Whenever a casino licensee offers any merchandise or thing of value as part of a slot machine payout, such merchandise or thing of value shall not be included in the total of all sums paid out as winnings to patrons for purposes of determining gross revenue or be included in determining the payout percentage of any slot machine. The cash equivalent value of such merchandise or thing of value shall be determined in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Any merchandise or thing of value of a type sold directly to the public in the normal course of a casino licensee's business shall be recorded at an amount based upon the full retail price normally charged for such item;
2. Any merchandise or thing of value which is of a type not offered for sale to the public in the normal course of a casino licensee's business but which is provided directly to the patron by the casino licensee shall be recorded at an amount based upon the actual cost to the casino licensee of providing such item;
3. Any merchandise or thing of value provided directly or indirectly to the patron on behalf of a casino licensee by a third party not affiliated with the casino licensee shall be recorded at an amount based upon the actual cost to the casino licensee of having the third party provide such item;
4. Any merchandise or thing of value provided directly or indirectly to the patron on behalf of a casino licensee by a third party who is affiliated with the casino licensee shall be recorded by the casino licensee in accordance with the provisions of this section as if the affiliated party were the licensee.

(c) The casino licensee shall retain and make available to the Commission and Division upon request supporting documentation relating to the acquisition and valuation of any merchandise or thing of value to be offered as a payout and shall accumulate the total cash equivalent value and number of such payouts. The supporting documentation shall include a detailed description of the merchandise or thing of value and shall specifically identify which slot machines offer which merchandise or things of value as payouts. If the payout is in the form of an annuity jackpot, the documentation shall include all annuity contracts or treasury instruments purchased pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B.

(d) Whenever a patron wins a jackpot which includes any merchandise or thing of value, an accounting representative, with no incompatible functions, shall prepare a Payout Slip ("Slip"). Such Slips shall be serially prenumbered forms, each series of Slips shall be used in sequential order, and the series of numbers of all Slips received by a casino shall be accounted for by employees independent of the cashiers' cage and the slot department. All original and duplicate void Slips shall be marked "Void" and shall require the signature of the preparer.

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

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

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

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

(g) On the original and all copies of the Slip, or in stored data, the preparer shall record, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;
2. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;
3. The date, shift and time when the jackpot occurred;
4. A description of the merchandise or thing of value won and, unless the jackpot is an annuity jackpot, its cash equivalent value;
5. If the jackpot gives the patron the option to choose between a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value pursuant to (m) below, the jackpot selected by the patron and the signature of the patron attesting to his or her selection; provided, however, that for annuity jackpots with a cash payout option, "annuity/cash option" shall be recorded and the additional procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B shall be followed;
6. The time of the Slip's preparation; and
7. The signature or, if computer prepared, identification code of the preparer.

(h) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the Slip shall be, at a minimum, of the following personnel at the following times:

1. The original:
  - i. An accounting representative with no incompatible functions upon preparation; and
  - ii. A slot supervisor after observing the combination of characters indicated on the slot machine; and
2. The duplicate:
  - i. An accounting representative with no incompatible functions upon preparation;
  - ii. A slot supervisor after observing the combination of characters indicated on the slot machine; and
  - iii. A security department member after observing the combination of characters indicated on the slot machine.

(i) Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in (h) above, the security department shall maintain and control the duplicate copy of the Slip, and the accounting department shall maintain and control the original Slip.

(j) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, the original Slip and duplicate copy of the Slip shall be forwarded as follows:

1. The original Slip shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement with the triplicate copy or stored data; and
2. The duplicate Slip shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement with the triplicate copy or stored data.

(k) Except as otherwise provided in (m) below, any merchandise or thing of value to which a patron is entitled as a result of a slot machine payout shall be given to the patron. Documentation supporting the receipt by the patron of such merchandise or thing of value shall be prepared by a representative of the casino licensee and shall be agreed to the triplicate copy of the Slip or stored data by a representative of the accounting department.

(l) Except as otherwise provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(n) with regard to progressive annuity jackpots, a casino licensee may, at any time, establish a time limit of not less than 30 days for the offering of a jackpot of merchandise or other thing of value by providing notice of the time limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4.

(m) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer a slot machine jackpot that includes both a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value (a "combination jackpot") or the option to choose between a cash payout and a payout of merchandise or other thing of value, including an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option (an "alternative jackpot"). If an alternative jackpot is offered, the cash payout may but need not be equal to the cash equivalent value of the alternative payout of merchandise or other thing of value; provided, however, that the value of an annuity jackpot with a cash payout option shall be governed by the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B.

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 hitting the combination that will award 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 hitting the combination that will award 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.

#### 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;

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 winning combination 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.

#### **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 combination of characters 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 winning combination of characters constituting 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:

i. Include, at a minimum, the serial number of the Jackpot Payout Slip, the asset number of the slot machine in question and a detailed explanation of the discrepancy;

ii. Be forwarded to the casino accounting department no later than the end of each gaming day;

4. Have the slot attendant who initiated the Jackpot Payout Slip and prepared the corresponding Pouch Payout Slip sign the original and duplicate of the Jackpot Payout Slip; and

5. Sign the original and duplicate of the Jackpot Payout Slip, indicating that the foregoing requirements have been satisfied; and

i. Attach the signed original and duplicate Jackpot Payout Slip to the original Pouch Payout Slip; or

ii. Attach the signed original Jackpot Payout Slip to the original Pouch Payout Slip and observe the slot attendant immediately deposit the duplicate Jackpot Payout Slip into the secure locked box controlled by the casino accounting department at the cashier's cage.

(d) No later than the end of his or her shift, each slot attendant who has received an imprest pouch payout fund shall return any remaining cash and executed original Pouch Payout Slips to a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier, who shall comply with the procedures in (c)1 through 5 above.

(e) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, all Jackpot Payout Slips and Pouch Payout Slips shall be forwarded as follows:

1. The original of each Pouch Payout Slip with the attached original and, if applicable pursuant to (c)5 above, the duplicate of the corresponding Jackpot Payout Slip, shall be forwarded to the casino accounting department, which, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall either confirm that all information and signatures required to appear thereon are present and that the information on the Pouch Payout Slip agrees with the information on the corresponding original and duplicate Jackpot Payout Slips, or note any omissions or discrepancies, in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission; and

2. A casino accounting department employee shall collect each duplicate Pouch Payout Slip from the locked accounting boxes located at the security podium or other approved location, and if applicable pursuant to (c)5 above, each duplicate Jackpot Payout Slip from the locked accounting box located at the cashiers' cage, and return them to the casino accounting department, which, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt, shall compare the original and duplicate Jackpot Payout Slips with the original and duplicate Pouch Payout Slips and stored data for each jackpot, and shall either confirm that all the information on the slips and the stored data agrees, or note any omissions or discrepancies, in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(f) If there is any variance between the amount of a pouch payout as shown in stored data, the Pouch Payout Slip or the Jackpot Payout Slip, only the smallest of these amounts shall be permitted to be deducted from gross revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24.

(g) Any overage or shortage in the imprest pouch of a slot attendant who makes pouch payouts shall be included as part of the main bank or master coin bank accountability, and shall in no way affect the reporting of gross revenue or any deductions therefrom.

New Rule, R.2002 d.132, effective May 6, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 17(a), 34 N.J.R. 1735(a).

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Hopper Fills shall be serially prenumbered forms, each series of Hopper Fills shall be used in sequential order, and the series numbers of all Hopper Fills received by a casino licensee shall be accounted for by employees independent of the cashiers' cage and the slot department. All original and duplicate void Hopper Fills shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer. Notwithstanding the above, a serially prenumbered combined Jackpot Payout/Hopper Fill form may be utilized in conjunction with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40(b), as approved by the Commission, provided that the combined form shall be used in a manner which otherwise complies with the procedures and requirements established by this section.

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

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

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

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

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

i. The asset number and denomination of the slot machine to which the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens are to be distributed;

ii. The date and shift during which the coins, slot tokens or prize token are distributed;

iii. The denomination of the coin, slot tokens or prize tokens that are to be distributed;

iv. The amount of coins, slot tokens or prize tokens that are to be distributed;

v. The location from which the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens are distributed;

vi. The signature and, if computer prepared, the identification code of the preparer;

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

viii. Whether the coins, slot tokens or prize tokens are to be placed in the slot machine's:

(1) All-purpose hopper and/or any reserve hoppers that automatically replenish the all-purpose hopper;

(2) Payout-only hopper and/or any reserve hoppers that automatically replenish the payout-only hopper; or

(3) In its corresponding hopper storage area; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Signature

##### (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.

(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).

#### 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;