

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.

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).

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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; 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; 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 dates the progressive jackpot will be offered and the payout limit, if the casino licensee establishes a time limit or payout limit as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39; provided, however, that:

(1) If no time limit or payout limit is established, the display shall state that the casino licensee reserves the right to change or discontinue the progressive jackpot upon 30 days notice;

(2) If no time limit may be established as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(n), the display shall state the progressive jackpot amount may not be removed until won by a patron; or

(3) The display need not contain any of the information required by this subparagraph if a sign which does contain this information 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; and

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;

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 light on the pedestal above the slot machine that automatically illuminates when the door to the slot machine or any device connected which may affect the operation of the slot machine is opened; 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 25¢ 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; and

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 that round from both hoppers after first converting the aggregate number of any coins, slot tokens or prize tokens won on 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¢ 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).

(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 an attached 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 dollar amount 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 dollar amount 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; and

3. If the attached 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 dollar value of all coupons accepted by the bill changer.

(f) Each casino licensee that operates a slot machine with an attached 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 machines to payout, at minimum, 83 percent of the amount of coins, currency or slot tokens that are placed by patrons into that slot machine and shall maintain a record of each slot machine setting and theoretical payout percentage. No payout of any merchandise or thing of value pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A, or cash or non-cash complimentary issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9(i), or any projected progressive jackpot amount in excess of the initial or reset amount shall be included in determining whether a slot machine meets the 83 percent minimum payout requirement. No cash 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 or manual jackpot meter required by (b)3 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 slot machine.

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

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Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer machine.

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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.

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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).

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 complementaries 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 ma-

chine 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.

19:45-1.38 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. The date and time of movement of the slot machine and/or bill changer;
3. The location from which the slot machine and/or bill changer was moved;
4. The location to which the slot machine and/or bill changer was moved; and
5. The signatures of the slot shift manager and the lead technician verifying the movement of the slot machine and/or bill changer.

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

1. The machine's slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be removed and transported to the count room;
2. All meters shall be read and recorded in conformity with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Added location and movements of slot machines.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hopper storage area provisions added.

Administrative Correction to (c)4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19:45-1.39 Progressive slot machine jackpots

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

(b) Each slot machine that 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 shall have the following features:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device, to be known as a "progressive meter(s)", visible from the front of the machine which increments at a set rate of progression based on 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 is visible without opening the door and that continuously and automatically records the number of times a progressive jackpot is hit;

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

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

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

(c) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each slot machine that is connected to a common progressive meter ("common display unit") for the purpose of offering the same progressive jackpot on two or more slot machines (a "linked slot machine") shall:

1. Be of the same denomination and have the same probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot as every other linked slot machine connected to such common display unit.