

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:

ii. Is dated, but not postdated; and

i. Is made payable to the casino licensee where presented, "bearer" or "cash";

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).

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

"Electronic credit" means an electronic signal or transmission which is generated by a device contained in or connected to a slot machine and which is initiated by a player as a means to activate the play of the slot machine. Electronic credits shall include, without limitation, electronic credits generated in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37A.

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

"Handle" means the total amount of coins, slot tokens, currency 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 amount of the net of expenditures made from the funds and amounts 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 amount 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 amount of currency, coin, gaming chips, coupons and slot tokens wagered by patrons at keno less the amount of currency and coin collected by 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 amount of credit vouchers issued and wagers placed on simulcast horse races at a pari-mutuel window less the total amount of simulcast payouts at the same pari-mutuel window. Pari-mutuel window net shall be calculated by the totalisator.

"Patron cash deposit" means an amount 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 and 19:45-1.40A.

"Poker revenue" means the total amount 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 amount 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.

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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.

"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 amount of currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens and coupons wagered by patrons on a simulcast horse race, less the 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 amount of coins and slot tokens in a slot drop bucket or slot drop box, the amount of currency and coupons in a slot cash storage box, and the amount of electronic credits withdrawn from patron accounts pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37A, if applicable.

"Slot machine win" means the amount 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, and cash payouts pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40 from the slot machine drop.

"Table game drop" means the sum of the total amount of currency, coin, coupons other than match play coupons and 50 percent of the total amount 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 amount of gaming chips and plaques and cash won from patrons at gaming tables less the amount of gaming chips, plaques and coins won by patrons at gaming tables other than poker tables and the amount 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 amount of cash, total amount of coupons other than match play coupons and 50 percent of the total amount 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 amount of any progressive payout wagers paid pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39B and 1.52.

"Theoretical slot machine payout percentage" means the sum of the number of coins expected to be paid by a slot machine automatically and the number of coins expected to be paid manually as a result of jackpots divided by the expected number of coins to be played in a slot machine.

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

"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 "change person".

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.

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.

(c) The detailed, supporting, and subsidiary records shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Records of all patron checks initially accepted by the licensee, deposited by the licensee, returned to the licensee as "uncollected", and ultimately written-off as uncollectible.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1775(a), 28 N.J.R. 1399(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.357, effective August 5, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2355(a), 28 N.J.R. 3821(b).
 Amended by R.1996 d.591, effective December 16, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 4412(a), 28 N.J.R. 5208(a).

In (h) deleted reference to persons authorized to enter the cage, satellite cages, master coin bank, or coin vaults.

Amended by R.1997 d.131, effective March 17, 1997.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 4572(a), 29 N.J.R. 919(a).

Added (j) and (k).

Amended by R.1999 d.379, effective November 1, 1999.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 4147(b), 31 N.J.R. 3527(a).

In (a), inserted a new 5, and recodified former 5 as 6.

19:45-1.14A Simulcast counter

(a) The casino simulcasting facility shall contain a physical structure known as a simulcast counter to house the casino pari-mutuel cashiers and to serve as the central location in the casino simulcasting facility for the following:

1. The custody of the simulcast counter inventory including, without limitation, currency and coin and the forms and documents normally associated with the operation of a simulcast counter;

2. The receipt of currency, coin, gaming chips, coupons and slot tokens for simulcast wagering;

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

4. Such other functions normally associated with the operation of a simulcast counter.

(b) The simulcast counter shall be designed and constructed to provide maximum security for the materials housed therein and the activities performed therein; such design and construction shall, at a minimum, include the following:

1. One or more numbered pari-mutuel windows, each of which shall contain a pari-mutuel machine and a cashier's drawer, in which shall be deposited all currency, coins, gaming chips, slot tokens, coupons and duplicate slips evidencing exchanges with the cashiers' cage, satellite cage or simulcast vault, or a self-service pari-mutuel machine;

2. A work area containing at least one remote management console ("RMC") and terminal to generate reports on pari-mutuel wagering, which shall be used only by the simulcast shift supervisor or above, and casino pari-mutuel cashiers, who shall only be allowed access under the direct supervision of the simulcast supervisor or above; and

3. A simulcast vault, which shall be secured by a lock, the key to which shall be maintained and controlled by the simulcast shift supervisor or above, and which shall contain a supply of currency and coin under the control of a vault cashier, simulcast shift supervisor or above to be utilized for the pari-mutuel window inventories and to

replenish the pari-mutuel window inventories, when necessary.

(c) The simulcast counter may be contiguous to a satellite cage or keno booth, with ingress and egress thereto, provided that the simulcast counter and satellite cage or keno booth are functionally segregated.

(d) A casino simulcasting facility may contain one or more ancillary simulcast counters to house casino pari-mutuel cashiers. An ancillary simulcast counter shall comply with all of the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:55-4.4 and (a) and (b) above; provided however, that the requirements of a separate facsimile machine, direct dial-up telephone line, RMC, simulcast vault and simulcast shift supervisor for the ancillary simulcast counter, or any of them, may be waived if, considering, among any other relevant factors, the number of pari-mutuel windows in the ancillary simulcast counter, the proximity of the ancillary simulcast counter to the simulcast counter, and the span of authority and responsibility of the supervisor, the Commission determines that any such requirement is not necessary to the maintenance of adequate supervision of the simulcast wagering operations.

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

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

Amended by R.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.1995 d.652, effective December 18, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3595(b), 27 N.J.R. 5043(a).

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

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

In (b)3, added reference to the vault cashier.

Amended by R.1998 d.148, effective March 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 36(a), 30 N.J.R. 1059(a).

Added a new (a)3 and recodified former (a)3 as (a)4.

19:45-1.15 Accounting controls for the cashiers' cage, satellite cages, master coin bank and coin vaults

(a) The assets for which the general cashiers are responsible shall be maintained on an imprest basis. At the end of each shift, the cashiers assigned to the outgoing shift shall record on a Cashiers' Count Sheet the face value of each cage inventory item counted and the total of the opening and closing cage inventories and shall reconcile the total closing inventory with the total opening inventory.

(b) At the opening of every shift, in addition to the imprest funds normally maintained by the general cashiers, each casino licensee shall have on hand in the cage or readily available thereto, a reserve cash bankroll in a minimum amount approved by the Commission.

(c) Except as otherwise authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(i), the cashier's cage and any satellite cage shall be physically segregated by personnel and function as follows:

1. General cashiers shall operate with individual imprest inventories of cash and, at the discretion of the

casino licensee, slot tokens, and such cashiers' functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

i. Receive cash, cash equivalents, patron checks, gaming chips, complimentary cash gifts, casino checks, casino affiliate checks, annuity jackpot trust checks, redemption receipts, slot tokens and gaming plaques from patrons for check consolidations, total or partial redemptions or substitutions;

ii. Receive gaming chips, slot tokens and prize tokens from patrons or authorized employees pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.5(j) or 1.35(h) in exchange for cash;

iii. Receive cash, cash equivalents, casino checks, casino affiliate checks and annuity jackpot trust checks from patrons in exchange for currency, slot tokens or coin;

iv. Receive gaming checks for non-gaming purposes from patrons in exchange for cash;

v. Receive cash, cash equivalents, casino checks, casino affiliate checks, annuity jackpot trust checks, slot tokens, prize tokens and gaming chips from patrons in exchange for Customer Deposit Forms;

vi. Receive gaming plaques from patrons in exchange for cash or Customer Deposit Forms in accordance with an approved system of accounting as required by N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.4(b);

vii. Receive Customer Deposit Forms from patrons in exchange for cash or slot tokens;

viii. Receive coupons from patrons in exchange for currency, slot tokens or coin, in conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(j);

ix. Receive checks from check cashiers to be returned to patrons for check redemptions, partial redemptions, consolidations or substitutions;

x. Receive Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Forms in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24A for the purpose of completing Customer Deposit Forms;

xi. Receive from check, chip bank, master coin bank and reserve cash cashiers documentation with signatures thereon, required to be prepared for the effective segregation of functions in the cashiers' cage;

xii. Receive Voucher forms in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9A for the processing of travel expense reimbursements;

xiii. Exchange Slot Counter Checks in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A;

xiv. Prepare Jackpot Payout Slips in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40;

xv. Prepare Hopper Fill Slips in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41;

xvi. Receive slot tokens from, and transmit slot tokens and prize tokens to, the master coin bank in exchanges supported by proper documentation;

xvii. Prepare forms for the completion of payments for table game progressive payout wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.52;

xviii. Prepare patron credit files and verify information therein supporting patron credit applications in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.27; and

xix. Prepare redemption receipts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26(j).

2. Check cashiers (also known as "check bank cashiers") shall not have access to cash, gaming chips and plaques, except in accordance with (d) below, and such cashiers' functions may include the following:

i. Receive the original and redemption copies of Counter Checks and Slot Counter Checks;

ii. Receive from general cashiers checks accepted for total or partial Counter Check and Slot Counter Check redemptions;

iii. Receive checks from general cashiers for Counter Check and Slot Counter Check consolidations;

iv. Receive personal checks from general cashiers for Counter Check and Slot Counter Check substitutions;

v. Prepare bank deposit slips or supporting documentation for checks to be deposited;

vi. Receive Wire Transfer Acknowledgment Forms in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.24A for the purpose of redeeming Counter Checks and Slot Counter Checks or accepting payment on returned Counter Checks and Slot Counter Checks; and

vii. Receive from general, chip bank and reserve cash cashiers documentation with signatures thereon, required for the effective segregation of functions in the cashiers' cage.

3. Chip bank cashiers shall not have access to currency or cash equivalents, but shall operate with a limited inventory of \$0.50 and \$0.25 cent coins which may only be used to facilitate odd payoffs or vigorish bets, except in accordance with (d) below. Such cashiers' functions may include the following:

i. Receive gaming chips and coin removed from gaming tables from a security department member in exchange for the issuance of a Credit;

ii. Receive gaming plaques removed from gaming tables from a security department member in exchange for the issuance of a credit in accordance with an approved system of accounting as required by N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.4(b);

iii. Receive Requests for Fills in exchange for the issuance of a Fill, the dispersal of gaming chips and coin to a security department member and the dispersal of gaming plaques to a security department member in accordance with an approved system of accounting as required by N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.4(b);

iv. Receive gaming chips from the general cashiers, main bank cashiers, master coin bank cashiers, cage supervisors and personnel assigned to a non-cage employee redemption site in exchange for proper documentation;

v. Receive from general, check bank and reserve cash cashiers documentation with signatures thereon, required for the effective segregation of functions in the cashiers' cage;

vi. Receive proper documentation from chippersons in exchange for imprest inventories of gaming chips, to be used in conformity with this chapter; and

vii. Such other functions as approved by the Commission.

4. Reserve cash ("main bank") cashiers' functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

i. Receive cash, cash equivalents, issuance copies of Slot Counter Checks, original copies of Jackpot Payout Slips, personal checks received for non-gaming purposes, slot tokens, prize tokens, gaming chips and plaques from general cashiers in exchange for cash;

ii. Receive cash from the coin and currency count rooms;

iii. Receive checks and supporting documentation from check cashiers for deposit if such deposit is not made by the check cashier;

iv. Prepare the overall cage reconciliation and accounting records;

v. Prepare the daily bank deposit for cash and checks;

vi. Issue, receive and reconcile imprest funds used by slot attendants and chippersons;

vii. Exchange currency for coupons and currency from slot attendants;

viii. Receive from general, chip and check bank cashiers, documentation with signatures thereon, required to be prepared for the effective segregation of functions in the cashiers' cage;

ix. Be responsible for the reserve cash bankroll;

x. Receive gaming chips, slot tokens and coupons from the simulcast vault or casino pari-mutuel cashiers; and

xi. Exchange currency, coin, slot tokens, gaming chips and coupons with the keno booth in exchange for proper documentation;

xii. Perform the functions enumerated in (c)5 below of master coin bank cashiers, but only to the extent that the casino licensee has obtained, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(i), prior Commission approval to operate its cashiers' cage without the master coin bank specified by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(b);

xiii. Receive unsecured currency and unsecured coupons from slot department representatives or casino accounting department representatives pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42;

xiv. Prepare Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42(f);

xv. Receive slot tokens, prize tokens and gaming chips from personnel assigned to a non-cage employee redemption site in exchange for proper documentation;

xvi. Receive slugs from the hard count room and slot department and maintain the slugs in inventory until destroyed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41A(d)4; and

xvii. Perform exchanges with the master coin bank supported by proper documentation in accordance with approved internal controls.

5. Master coin bank cashiers' functions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

i. Receive currency, coin, slot tokens, prize tokens, gaming chips, and coupons from slot cashiers in exchange for proper documentation;

ii. Receive coin and slot tokens from the hard count room;

iii. Provide slot cashiers with currency, coin, prize tokens and slot tokens in exchange for proper documentation;

iv. Issue, receive and reconcile imprest funds used by slot attendants;

v. Exchange currency for coupons and currency from slot attendants;

vi. Prepare the daily bank deposit of excess cash and coins;

vii. Prepare Jackpot Payout Slips in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40;

viii. Prepare Hopper Fill Slips in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41;

ix. Receive slot tokens and prize tokens from cage supervisors, general cashiers, main bank cashiers and personnel assigned to a non-cage employee redemption site, and transmit slot tokens to general cashiers in exchanges supported by proper documentation;

x. Exchange currency, coin, slot tokens, gaming chips and coupons with the keno booth and simulcast counter in exchange for proper documentation;

xi. Receive slugs from the hard count room and slot department and maintain the slugs in inventory until destroyed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41A(d)4; and

xii. Perform exchanges with the main bank supported by proper documentation in accordance with approved internal controls.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.15(c) or any other Commission rule to the contrary, a casino licensee may consolidate the functions of the chip bank cashier with the functions of the check cashier, upon Commission approval of the casino licensee's internal control procedures for the consolidated cashier functions.

(e) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the Cashiers' Count Sheet shall be, at a minimum, of the following cashiers after preparation of the Cashiers' Count Sheet:

1. The general cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts;
2. The check cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts;
3. The chip bank cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts;
4. The reserve cash cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts;
5. The master coin bank cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts; and
6. The slot cashiers assigned to the incoming and outgoing shifts.

(f) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, a copy of the Cashiers' Count Sheets and related documentation shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement of opening and closing inventories, agreement of amounts thereon to other forms, records, and documents required by this chapter, agreement of transportation reimbursement disbursements with supporting documentation and recording of transactions.

(g) Coin vaults authorized pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.14(e) shall be under the control of the casino accounting department or an independent slot machine cage department established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11(b)9. The storage of coin, prize tokens or slot tokens in, or the removal of coin, prize tokens or slot tokens from, any coin vaults shall be properly documented, and the amount of coin, prize tokens and slot tokens in each coin vault shall be reconciled at the end of each gaming day.

(h) At least 10 percent of all bags of coins or slot tokens counted and bagged by each slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or main bank cashier outside of the count room shall be randomly selected and recounted by a slot cashier supervisor or cage supervisor, as applicable, through the use of a weighing device or a counting device. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, the recount shall be performed prior to the end of the cashier's shift and shall be recorded on supporting documentation in a manner approved by the Commission. In the alternative, a casino licensee may develop internal control procedures as approved by the Commission which ensure that at least 10 percent of all bags of coins or slot tokens counted and bagged by each slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or main bank cashier outside of the count room shall be randomly selected and recounted. If a discrepancy greater than plus or minus \$1.00 for any denomination of bagged coins or greater than plus or minus one token for bagged slot token denominations of \$25.00 and below is found during the weighing of the sample bag, then the sample bag shall be opened and recounted by a counting machine provided, however, for slot token denominations greater than \$25.00, any discrepancy shall require a recount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a representative of the Commission may direct a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or main bank cashier to weigh or recount any bag of coins or slot tokens prepared outside of the count room on a random basis.

(i) The assets for which a chipperson are responsible shall be maintained on an imprest basis in accordance with internal control procedures approved by the Commission and which, at a minimum, shall provide documentation to the chip bank, main bank and chipperson for the receipt of the imprest inventory and any subsequent receipt of gaming chips and currency, and documentation to the main bank for the return of the chipperson's inventory at the end of his or her shift. The main bank shall be responsible for the return to the chip bank of any gaming chips remaining in the chipperson's possession at the end of his or her shift.

Amended by R.1982 d.171, effective June 7, 1982 (operative, July 15, 1982).

See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 14 N.J.R. 582(a) or 848(b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (d): Stylistic revisions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Satellite cage added; simulcast provisions added.

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

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

Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.

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

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

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

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

See: 27 N.J.R. 1172(a), 27 N.J.R. 2597(a).

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

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

Added receipt of casino checks, and annuity jackpot trust checks to cashier's functions.

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

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

Added (c)1xvi.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.1997 d.216, effective May 19, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 325(a), 29 N.J.R. 2469(a).

Added (c)1xviii.

Amended by R.1997 d.217, effective May 19, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 325(b), 29 N.J.R. 2470(a).

In (c)3iv, inserted "master coin bank cashiers"; added (c)4xvi; in (c)5x, inserted "and simulcast counter"; and added (c)5xii.

Petition for Rulemaking: Notice of Receipt of a Petition for Rulemaking.

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

Amended by R.1997 d.250, effective June 16, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 745(a), 29 N.J.R. 2675(a).

In (c)1ii, inserted reference to authorized employees; in (c)3iv and (c)5ix, inserted reference to master coin bank cashiers and personnel assigned to a non-cage employee redemption site; inserted new (c)4xv; recodified former (c)4xv as (c)4xvi; and (c)5ix, inserted reference to main bank cashiers and personnel assigned to a non-cage employee redemption site.

Administrative correction.

See: 30 N.J.R. 709(b).

Amended by R.1998 d.235, effective May 18, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 810(a), 30 N.J.R. 1851(a).

In (c)4, inserted a reference to unsecured coupons in xiii, and substituted a reference to Unsecured Bill Changer Currency/Coupon Reports for a reference to Unsecured Bill Changer Currency Reports in xiv.

Amended by R.1998 d.369, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 298(a), 30 N.J.R. 2637(a).

In (c)xix, changed N.J.A.C. reference.

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

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

In (c), inserted a new vi and recodified former vi as vii in 3, and added a reference to chippersons in 4vi; and added (i).

Case Notes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. The date, time and shift of preparation;

2. The denomination of currency and coin in the simulcast inventory issued to the casino pari-mutuel cashier;

3. The total amount of each denomination of currency and coin in the simulcast inventory issued to the casino pari-mutuel cashier;

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

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

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

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

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

1. The date, time and shift of preparation;
2. The denomination of currency, coin, gaming chips, slot tokens and coupons in the drawer;

In (c), inserted "or other secure location approved by the Commission within the cage?";

Amended by R.1998 d.267, effective June 1, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 807(a), 30 N.J.R. 2076(a).

In (g)2, rewrote ii.

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

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

(b) The general cashier shall obtain from the reserve cash cashier a Wire Transfer Request Form, a four-part serially prenumbered form, and shall record thereon, at a minimum, the information required by (b)1 through 7 below:

1. The name of the patron;
2. The date of the transaction;
3. The amount of funds to be wire transferred, stated in numbers and in words;
4. The source of funds to be transferred (cash, cash equivalent, casino check, chips, plaques, slot tokens, prize tokens or cash deposit);
5. The name and address of the financial institution to which the funds will be transferred and the account number to which the funds will be credited;
6. The signature of the patron if the request is made in person at the cage or, if the request is made by mail, an indication that a signed written request from the patron is attached to the Wire Transfer Request Form;
7. The signature of the general cashier; and
8. The signature of the reserve cash cashier.

(c) Prior to completing the Wire Transfer Request Form, the general cashier shall perform and maintain documentation supporting the following verifications:

1. If the request is made in person, the general cashier shall compare the patron's signature on the Wire Transfer Request and the patron's physical appearance with:
 - i. The signature and general physical description recorded in a patron signature file; or
 - ii. The signature on the patron's identification credential and the patron's photograph or physical description, if any, recorded on the identification credential; or
2. If the request is made by mail, the general cashier shall compare the signature on the attached written request with the signature in a patron signature file.

(d) After verifying the patron's signature, the general cashier shall present the Wire Transfer Request Form to the

reserve cash cashier, who shall sign the form and retain the original and duplicate copy. The general cashier shall retain the triplicate copy of the form and shall give the patron the quadruplicate copy of the form as evidence of the wire transfer request.

(e) The reserve cash cashier shall immediately forward the original Wire Transfer Request Form to the accounting department as authorization to effect the transfer, and shall retain the duplicate copy for agreement with the triplicate copy held by the general cashier. At the end of the gaming day, and upon agreement of the duplicate and triplicate copies of the Wire Transfer Request Form, the reserve cash cashier shall forward both copies of the form to the accounting department.

(f) Upon receipt of the original Wire Transfer Request Form, the accounting department shall contact the casino licensee's bank in New Jersey to authorize the wire transfer of the funds and shall either:

1. Record on the original Wire Transfer Request Form:
 - i. The name and title of the person contacted at the casino licensee's bank;
 - ii. The date and time that the wire transfer was authorized; and
 - iii. The signature of the accounting department employee authorizing the wire transfer; or
2. If the wire transfer is authorized by means of a direct computer link between the casino licensee and its bank, print a copy of the wire transfer authorization from the computer screen which shall:
 - i. Comply with the requirements of (f)1ii and iii above; and
 - ii. Be attached to the original Wire Transfer Request Form.

(g) At the end of the gaming day, the accounting department shall compare the duplicate and triplicate copies of the Wire Transfer Request Form to the original.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (b)6, (c) and (d), added provisions for signature verification on Wire Transfer Request Forms.

Amended by R.1998 d.267, effective June 1, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 807(a), 30 N.J.R. 2076(a).

Rewrote (c).

19:45-1.25 Procedure for exchange of checks submitted by gaming or simulcast wagering patrons; repurchase of cash equivalents

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no casino licensee or any person licensed under the Casino Control Act, and no person acting on behalf of or under any arrangement with a casino licensee or other person licensed under the Casino Control Act, shall:

1. Cash any check, make any loan, or otherwise provide or allow to any person any credit or advance of anything of value or which represents value to enable any person to take part in gaming or simulcast wagering activity as a player; or

2. Release or discharge any debt which is uncollectible, either in whole or in part, which represents any losses incurred by any player in gaming or simulcast wagering activity without maintaining a written record of the deposit, check return and collection efforts as required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.28 and 19:45-1.29; or

3. Make any loan which represents any losses incurred by any player in gaming or simulcast wagering activity without receiving from said player in exchange therefore, a check in the amount of said loan, which check shall conform with the Casino Control Act and these regulations.

(b) No casino licensee or any person licensed under the Act, and no person acting on behalf of or under any arrangement with a casino licensee or other person licensed under the Act, may accept a check, other than a recognized travelers' check or other cash equivalent, a casino check, a casino affiliate check, or an annuity jackpot trust check from any person to enable such person to take part in gaming or simulcast wagering activity as a player, or may give cash or cash equivalents in exchange for such check unless the requirements of this section and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.26, 19:45-1.27, 19:45-1.28, and 19:45-1.29 concerning check cashing, redeeming, consolidating, collecting and recording procedures are observed by the casino licensee and its employees and agents. For purposes of this chapter: the term "check" when used in connection with an exchange, redemption, substitution or consolidation by a patron shall mean any draft drawn by the patron which is a "cash item" as defined in Regulation J of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 12 C.F.R. 210.2(e), and which is drawn on an account maintained in a "depository institution" as defined in Section 19(b) of the Federal Reserve Act, 12 U.S.C. § 461(b), including share drafts and drafts drawn on negotiable order of withdrawal accounts or similar accounts; the term "checking account" shall mean any account on which a "check" is drawn; and the term "bank" shall include any "depository institution" as defined in 12 U.S.C. § 461(b). For purposes of this chapter, a check received from a person by cage cashiers may be presumed by the casino licensee not to be exchanged to enable such person to take part in gaming activity as a player, if the casino licensee shall cause to be posted at each general cashier station in the cashiers' cage a conspicuous sign that reads:

"By law, personal checks cannot be exchanged for currency or coin to be used for gaming or simulcasting wagering purposes."

(c) All checks sought to be exchanged in a casino by a patron shall be:

1. Drawn on a bank and payable on demand;
2. Drawn for a specific amount;
3. Made payable to the casino licensee; and
4. Currently dated, but not post dated.

(d) All checks sought to be exchanged at the cashiers' cage shall be:

1. Presented directly to the general cashier who shall:
 - i. Restrictively endorse the check "for deposit only" to the casino licensee's bank account;
 - ii. Initial the check;
 - iii. Date and time stamp the check;
 - iv. Immediately exchange the check for currency and coin in an amount equal to the amount for which the check is drawn, not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per patron per day, if such check is exchanged for the purpose of nongaming; and
 - v. Forward redemption, consolidation and substitution checks to the Check Cashier and all non-gaming checks to the main bank cashier.

(e) Cash equivalents, casino checks, casino affiliate checks and annuity jackpot trust checks shall only be accepted at the cashiers' cage by general cashiers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, recognized credit and debit cards may be used to obtain gaming chips or plaques at gaming tables pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18A and the processing of such transactions shall occur in accordance with the provisions of that section.

1. Prior to the acceptance of any cash equivalent from a patron, the general cashier shall determine the validity of such cash equivalent by performing the necessary verification for each type of cash equivalent and such other procedures as may be required by the issuer of such cash equivalent. Prior to the acceptance of any casino check, casino affiliate check or an annuity jackpot trust check from a patron, the general cashier shall comply with the requirements of (f) below.

2. In order to ensure the patron's identity, prior to the acceptance of a cash equivalent made payable to a presenting patron, a casino check, a casino affiliate check or an annuity jackpot trust check, the general cashier shall be required to verify that the patron's signature recorded on the cash equivalent, casino check, casino affiliate check or the annuity jackpot trust check and the patron's physical appearance agree with the information recorded in a patron signature file or with the signature and, if applicable, photograph or physical description contained on an identification credential presented by the patron. Each casino licensee shall maintain documentation supporting that verification.

3. Any cash equivalent other than a travelers check or credit card and any casino check, casino affiliate check or annuity jackpot trust check which is accepted from a patron by a general cashier shall be:

i. Endorsed in blank by the patron (but in the case of a cash equivalent, only if the cash equivalent is made payable to the presenting patron); and

ii. Except as otherwise provided in (e)4ii below, restrictively endorsed "For Deposit Only" to the bank account of the casino licensee immediately upon acceptance by the general cashier and deposited no later than the next banking day following the date of the transaction.

4. A casino licensee may, in its discretion, allow a patron who has exchanged a cash equivalent (other than a travelers check or credit card) for currency, coin or a Customer Deposit Form to repurchase the cash equivalent for an equal amount of cash, gaming chips, plaques or slot tokens prior to the deposit of the cash equivalent by the casino licensee. If a casino licensee agrees to provide a patron with this repurchase option, the general cashier shall, prior to acceptance of the cash equivalent:

i. Immediately determine the validity of the cash equivalent by performing the verification required in (e)1 above; and

ii. In lieu of complying with the requirements of (e)3ii above, comply with the approved internal control procedures of the casino licensee for the processing of such transactions, which procedures shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The creation of an audit trail which shall assure that no single employee is in a position to convert the cash equivalent to his or her personal use without detection;

(2) The establishment of a definite time limit on the repurchase rights of the patron, which time limit shall be no later than the end of the fifth calendar day following the date of acceptance of the cash equivalent; and

(3) Upon expiration of the time limit required by (e)4ii(2) above, the immediate restrictive endorsement of the cash equivalent "For Deposit Only" to the bank account of the casino licensee, and the deposit of the cash equivalent by no later than the next banking day.

(f) Prior to the acceptance of any casino check, casino affiliate check or annuity jackpot trust check from a patron, a general cashier shall determine the validity of such check by contacting the New Jersey casino licensee which issued the check or by confirming, in a manner approved by the Commission, the issuance of the check by the casino licensee affiliate or the annuity jackpot trust, as the case may be, and verifying the following information:

1. The date of the check;
2. The check number;
3. The name of the payee appearing on the check;
4. The amount of the check; and
5. That the check represents:
 - i. The return of a patron's deposit money;
 - ii. The redemption of the casino licensee's gaming chips; or
 - iii. The winnings from slot machine or keno payoffs;
 - iv. The winnings from simulcast wagering;
 - v. The winnings from table game progressive payouts;
 - vi. An annuity jackpot payment by an annuity jackpot trust pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B; or
 - vii. A casino affiliate check.

(g) Each casino licensee shall maintain a casino check log and an annuity jackpot trust check log.

1. The general cashier of the casino licensee accepting a casino check or casino affiliate check shall document the verifications performed in (f) above in the casino check log and shall also record therein his or her name and license number and:

i. For a casino check, the name of the cashier providing such information and the date and time the information was obtained; or

ii. For a casino affiliate check, the name of the employee at the casino licensee affiliate providing such information, and the date and time the information was obtained.

2. The general cashier of the casino licensee accepting an annuity jackpot trust check shall document the verifications performed in (f) above in the annuity jackpot trust check log, and shall record therein the manner in which the information was obtained, including, if applicable, the name of any person providing the information and the date and time the information was obtained.

3. A general cashier of the New Jersey casino which issue a casino check shall provide the information required by (f) above to the casino licensee accepting such check, and shall indicate that verification was requested by notating in the casino check log the following information:

- i. The date and time of the request;
- ii. The name of the casino requesting the information;
- iii. The name of the general cage cashier making the request;
- iv. The check number;

- v. The date of the check;
- vi. The name of the payee appearing on the check; and
- vii. The reason for the check as either:
 - (1) The return of a patron's deposit money;
 - (2) The redemption of the casino licensee's gaming chips;
 - (3) The winnings from slot machine payoffs;
 - (4) The winnings from simulcast wagering; or
 - (5) The winnings from table game progressive payouts; or
 - (6) A casino affiliate check.

4. Each casino licensee shall, upon request, provide to any other casino licensee a list, updated as necessary, of the name of each affiliate of that casino licensee which holds a gaming license in any jurisdiction, and the name and telephone number of a person at each such affiliate who can verify the issuance of a casino affiliate check by that affiliated casino.

(h) Prior to acceptance of a travelers check from a patron, the general cashier shall verify its validity by:

- 1. Requiring the patron to countersign the travelers check in his or her presence;
- 2. Comparing the countersignature with the original signature on the travelers check;
- 3. Examining the travelers check for any other signs of tampering, forgery or alteration; and
- 4. Performing any other procedures which the issuer of the travelers check requires in order to indemnify the acceptor against loss.

(i) A person may obtain cash or slot tokens at the cashiers' cage or slot booth or cash at the simulcast counter or keno booth to be used for gaming purposes by presenting a recognized credit or debit card to a general cashier, parimutuel cashier, keno writer or slot cashier in transactions known as a credit card cash transaction or a debit card cash transaction defined at N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.1. Each casino licensee that accepts a recognized credit or debit card in a credit or debit card cash transaction shall establish internal controls governing the transactions, which internal controls shall include procedures comparable to those required by the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18A.

(j) The following procedures and requirements over Counter Checks shall be observed:

- 1. Counter Checks shall be serially prenumbered forms; each series of Counter Checks shall be used in sequential order, and the series numbers of all Counter Checks received by a casino licensee shall be accounted for by employees with no incompatible functions. The original and all copies of void Counter Checks shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the casino clerk.

2. For establishments in which Counter Checks are manually prepared:

i. Each series of Counter Checks shall be a five-part form, at a minimum, which consists of an original, a redemption copy, an accounting copy, an issuance copy and acknowledgment copy and shall be attached in a book that will permit an individual slip in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously, while still contained in the book, and that will allow the removal of the original and all duplicate copies.

ii. Access to the Counter Checks shall be maintained and controlled at all times by the casino clerks responsible for controlling of and accounting for the unused supply of Counter Checks, and the preparation of Counter Checks for a patron's signature.

3. For establishments in which Counter Checks are computer prepared, each series of Counter Checks shall be a four-part form, at a minimum, which consists of an original, a redemption copy, an issuance copy and accounting copy and shall be inserted in a printer that will: simultaneously print an original and duplicates and store, in machine readable form, all information printed on the original and duplicates; and discharge the original and duplicates. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of a Counter Check.

(k) For each Counter Check exchanged at a gaming table, the casino clerk shall:

- 1. Verify the patron's identity by either:

i. Obtaining the patron's signature, on a form, which signature shall be compared to the signature contained within a patron signature file. The casino clerk shall sign the form indicating that the signature of the patron on the form appears to agree with the signature in the patron signature file. Such form shall be attached to the accounting copy of the Counter Check exchanged by the patron prior to forwarding it to the accounting department in conformity with (p) below.

(1) After the patron's identity has been verified by the casino clerk as required above, the requirements for subsequent verification of the patron's identity during the same shift and in the same gaming pit may be satisfied by that casino clerk signing a form attesting to the patron's identity before each subsequent Counter Check is exchanged. The form shall include the patron's name and the serial number of the initial Counter Check exchanged by the patron. Such form shall be attached to the accounting copy of the Counter Check prior to forwarding it to the accounting department in conformity with (p) below; or

- ii. Obtaining the attestation of a casino supervisor as to the identity of the patron. The casino supervisor shall sign a form attesting to the patron's identity and shall record his license number thereon. Such form shall be attached to the accounting copy of the Counter Check exchanged by the patron prior to forwarding it to the accounting department in conformity with (p) below.
2. Determine the patron's remaining credit limit from the cashiers' cage.
3. Prepare the Counter Check for a patron's signature by recording, at a minimum, on the face of the original and all duplicates of the Counter Check, with the exception of the acknowledgment copy which shall only have recorded on it the game and table number, or in stored data, the following information:
 - i. The name of the patron exchanging the Counter Check;
 - ii. The name of the patron's bank (required on the original copy only);
 - iii. The current date and time;
 - iv. The amount of the Counter Check expressed in numerals;
 - v. The game and table number;
 - vi. The signature of the casino supervisor authorizing acceptance of the check; and
 - vii. The signature of the preparer or, if computer prepared, the identification code of the preparer.
4. Place an impression on the back of the original Counter Check a restrictive endorsement "for deposit only" to the casino licensee's bank account.
5. Present the original and all duplicate copies of the Counter Check to the patron for signature.
6. Receive the signed Counter Check directly from the patron; the issuance copy, which is the equivalent of a Check Credit Slip, of the Counter Check shall be immediately and directly given to the dealer or boxman. In no instance shall the chips or plaques be given to the patron prior to the receipt of the issuance copy of the Counter Check by the dealer or boxman.
 - i. The original, redemption, and acknowledgment copies of the Counter Check shall be expeditiously transported to the cashiers' cage where the original and redemption copies shall be maintained and controlled by the Check Bank Cashier;
 - ii. The accounting copy of the Counter Check shall be maintained and controlled at all times by the casino clerk; and
 - iii. The issuance copy of the Counter Check shall be deposited by the dealer or boxman in the drop box

immediately after the issuance of chips or plaques to the patron.

(l) For establishments in which the Chip Bank Cashier receives the original, redemption and acknowledgment copies of the Counter Check the Chip Bank Cashier shall sign and time stamp the acknowledgment copy of the Counter Check and expeditiously return it to the casino clerk via a security department member or pneumatic tube system and shall transfer the original and redemption copies of the Counter Check to the Check Cashier in return for properly signed documentation.

(m) For establishments in which the Check Cashier receives the original, redemption and acknowledgment copies of the Counter Check directly from the casino clerk, whether through the use of the pneumatic tube system or transported by a security department member the Check Cashier shall:

1. Sign and time stamp the acknowledgment copy and shall transmit it to the casino clerk via a security department member or pneumatic tube system, and shall maintain the original and redemption copies of the Counter Check.

(n) The acknowledgment copy of the Counter Check returned to the casino clerk shall be agreed to the accounting copy and maintained and controlled by the casino clerk.

(o) If the total amount of chips or plaques possessed by a patron exceeds \$500, the casino licensee shall request the patron to apply all chips or plaques in his possession to the redemption of Counter Checks or Slot Counter Checks exchanged for purposes of gaming prior to exchanging such chips or plaques for cash or prior to departing from the casino or casino simulcasting facility areas.

(p) At the end of each gaming day, at a minimum, the following procedures and requirements shall be observed:

1. The original and all copies of void Counter Checks and the accounting and acknowledgment copies of the Counter Check shall be forwarded by a representative of the accounting or security department to the accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the issuance copy of the Counter Check removed from the drop box or stored data.

2. The redemption copy of a Counter Check maintained and controlled in conformity with (k)6i above shall be forwarded to the accounting department subsequent to the redemption, consolidation or deposit of the original Counter Check for agreement with the accounting and issuance copies of the Counter Check or stored data.

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

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

(d)iv.: Added \$200.00 check limit per patron per day.

Added (e) and (f); renumbered (e)-(k) as (g)-(m).

Amended by R.1984 d.624, effective January 21, 1985 (operative September 30, 1985).

See: 16 N.J.R. 2076(a), 17 N.J.R. 212(a), 17 N.J.R. 1917(b).
 (h) and (l) substantially amended.
 Operative date changed from July 20, 1985.
 Amended by R.1985 d.41, effective February 19, 1985.
 See: 16 N.J.R. 3302(b), 17 N.J.R. 480(c).
 (e) amended.
 Amended by R.1986 d.77, effective April 7, 1986.
 See: 17 N.J.R. 2245(a), 18 N.J.R. 706(b).
 New (f)-(h) added; old (f)-(m) now (i)-(p).
 Petition for Rulemaking: Verification procedures to be followed by the Casino prior to the acceptance of recognized travelers checks from a casino patron.
 See: 20 N.J.R. 1489(a).
 Amended by R.1988 d.304, effective July 5, 1988.
 See: 20 N.J.R. 51(a), 20 N.J.R. 1572(a).
 Added (e)1 concerning cashing of travelers checks.
 Amended by R.1990 d.2, effective January 2, 1990.
 See: 21 N.J.R. 2954(a), 22 N.J.R. 63(a).
 In (f)5: deleted "either" from phrase and added new 5iii.
 Amended by R.1991 d.229, effective May 6, 1991.
 See: 22 N.J.R. 3205(a), 23 N.J.R. 1455(a).
 In (j)3, revised text read "accounting" copy; in (o), added "Slot Counter Checks."
 Amended by R.1991 d.231, effective May 6, 1991.
 See: 22 N.J.R. 3711(a), 23 N.J.R. 1463(a).
 In (e): added text providing casino licensees with an additional method to verify patron identification.
 Amended by R.1991 d.300, effective June 17, 1991.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 397(a), 23 N.J.R. 1964(a).
 In (i): added options of slot booth and slot cashier.
 Amended by R.1991 d.301, effective June 17, 1991.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 191(a), 23 N.J.R. 1963(b).
 In (b): added rule text to describe expanded check exchanges procedures.
 Amended by R.1992 d.13, effective January 6, 1992.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 3087(a), 24 N.J.R. 110(a).
 Added new (h)7iii; winnings from slot machine payoffs.
 Amended by R.1992 d.110, effective March 2, 1992.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 3243(a), 24 N.J.R. 858(c).
 In (d)1.v.: added text defining "day" as used in subparagraph; in (p): stylistic revisions.
 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.
 Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 3464(a).
 Amended by R.1994 d.473, effective September 19, 1994.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 2216(a), 26 N.J.R. 3893(a).
 Administrative Correction.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 4216(a).
 Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 4445(a).
 Amended by R.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).
 Amended by R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).
 Added (f)5v and (g)2vii(5).
 Amended by R.1995 d.466, effective August 21, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 2113(a), 27 N.J.R. 3219(a).
 Added casino checks and annuity jackpot trust checks in (b) and (e) through (g); added winnings from table game progressive payouts at (f)5v and (g)3vii(5); and renumbered existing (g)3 as (g)2 and inserted new (g)2.
 Amended by R.1995 d.620, effective December 4, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 3307(a), 27 N.J.R. 4909(a).
 Amended by R.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.441, effective September 16, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 3245(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(a).
 Amended by R.1998 d.148, effective March 16, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 36(a), 30 N.J.R. 1059(a).
 In (i), inserted "or cash at the simulcast counter or keno booth" and "pari-mutuel cashier, keno writer".
 Amended by R.1998 d.267, effective June 1, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 807(a), 30 N.J.R. 2076(a).

Rewrote (e)2; and in (k)1i; substituted references to signature files for references to credit files throughout the introductory paragraph.

Cross References

Casino licensee's right to apply chips, plaques, slot tokens or prize tokens presented by a patron towards redemption of patron's counter checks, see N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.5 and N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.35.

Case Notes

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

Regulation requiring on back of original countercheck a restrictive endorsement "for deposit only" to casino licensee's bank account does not require depository bank's name. *GNOG, Corp. v. Endico, C.A.2 (N.Y.)* 1989, 876 F.2d 1076.

Common-law contract defenses of incapacity, duress, and unconscionability exist, in action to have casino markers declared void. *Lomona-co v. Sands Hotel Casino and Country Club*, 259 N.J.Super. 523, 614 A.2d 634 (L.1992).

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

Casino operator's write-off of patron's indebtedness as bad debt without reasonable attempt to collect was properly disallowed. *Adamar of New Jersey, Inc. v. State, Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Div. of Gaming Enforcement*, 250 N.J.Super. 275, 593 A.2d 1237 (A.D. 1991).

Commission did not violate procedural due process when it considered regulations not cited in complaint. *Adamar of New Jersey, Inc. v. State, Dept. of Law and Public Safety, Div. of Gaming Enforcement*, 250 N.J.Super. 275, 593 A.2d 1237 (A.D.1991).

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

Check not dated. *Resorts Intern. Hotel, Inc. v. Salomone*, 178 N.J. Super. 598, 429 A.2d 1078 (App. Div., 1981).

Former regulation concerning procedure for casino clerk exchange of counter checks at gaming tables valid. *Playboy-Elsinore Associates v. Strauss*, 189 N.J.Super. 185 (Law Div.1983).

19:45-1.25A Procedure for exchange of slot counter checks by slot patrons

(a) A casino licensee may offer credit to slot patrons pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.27. Slot Counter Checks may be prepared by slot cashiers at slot booths and coin redemption locations and by general cashiers at the cashiers' cage in exchange for which patrons may receive any combination of coin, currency or slot tokens. For casino licensees which issue credit to slot players, the following procedures and requirements over Slot Counter Checks shall be observed:

1. Slot Counter Checks shall be serially prenumbered forms. Each series of Slot Counter Checks shall be used in sequential order; however, nothing in this subsection shall preclude a casino licensee from issuing Slot Counter Checks from the same numbering sequence used for the issuance of Counter Checks pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25. The series numbers of all Slot Counter Checks shall be accounted for by employees with no incompatible functions.

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; electrically 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), the dates 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, and the availability or unavailability to the patron of the optional cash equivalent value authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A(m). The display need only contain the name or a brief description of the merchandise or thing of value offered, provided that a sign containing all of the information specified in (a)4ii above shall be displayed in a location near the slot machine as 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. 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 slot machine upon 30 days notice. If no time limit may be established as provided in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(n), the display shall state that the progressive jackpot amount may not be removed until won by a patron. The display need not contain this information provided that a sign which does contain this information shall be displayed in a location near the slot machine as approved by the Commission;

iv. If the slot machine is equipped with a payout-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; and

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.

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 pay out, 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 or payment of cash in lieu of any merchandise or thing of value pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40A, or cash or noncash complimentary issued pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.9(I), or any projected progressive 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 or the progressive jackpot meter required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39(b)2.

(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 any jackpot that is offered by a slot machine is greater than 34 million to one, the slot machine shall not be approved by the Commission unless it is a linked progressive slot machine.

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).

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 complimentarys 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 complimentarys 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.

19:45-1.38 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 machines

(a) This section shall apply to any slot machine with a "progressive meter(s)" that increases as the machine is played.

(b) Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, each progressive slot machine in a casino shall have the following identifying 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 linked progressive slot machine connected to a common progressive meter ("common display unit") shall:

1. Be the same denomination and have the same probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot as every other 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 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 progressive slot machine connected to a common progressive display unit shall submit to the Commission for approval the location and manner of installing the common progressive display unit.

(e) No progressive slot machine 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 machine; 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.

(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 time limit for the progressive jackpot established pursuant to (i) below has expired; or
4. The change is necessitated by a slot machine or meter(s) malfunction, in which case an explanation must be entered on the Progressive Slot Summary required in (k) below and the Commission inspector must preapprove the resetting in writing.

(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 time limit for offering the progressive jackpot established pursuant to (i) below has expired.

(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, at any time, establish a time limit of not less than 30 days for the offering of a progressive jackpot by providing notice of the time limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4. Upon the expiration of such time limit, the casino licensee may reduce the amount of the progressive jackpot meter, remove the progressive slot machine from the casino floor, or decrease the probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot. A casino licensee may also establish a payout limit for a progressive jackpot by providing notice of the payout limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4 prior to the time the payout limit is registered on the progressive meter. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the immediate and permanent removal by a casino licensee of a linked progressive slot machine from the casino floor provided that one or more progressive slot machines in the same link remain on the casino floor.

(j) Slot machines which are linked to offer the same progressive 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.

(k) The amount indicated on the "progressive meter(s)" and "in meter" on each slot machine 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 progressive slot machine 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 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 not greater than the denomination accepted by the slot machine which was removed. Any time limit for the offering of a progressive jackpot shall be extended by the number of days during which the progressive jackpot was not offered as the result of any action taken by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection. This subsection shall not apply to the temporary removal by a casino licensee, for a period not to exceed 30 days, of all linked progressive 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) Progressive slot machines 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, if the probability of hitting the combination which shall award any progressive jackpot is greater than 34 million to one, a casino licensee may not reduce the amount on the progressive jackpot meter, remove the progressive slot machine from the casino floor or decrease the probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot until the progressive amount has been actually paid to a winning patron. A casino licensee may, however, with written approval from the Commission, transfer the progressive jackpot amount, in its entirety, to slot machines with the same probability or reasonably similar probability and the same or lower denomination. If a progressive jackpot governed by this subsection is transferred to a slot machine where the probability of hitting the progressive jackpot award will be less than 34 million to one, that progressive jackpot shall still be governed by the provisions of this subsection and shall not be removed or reduced pursuant to (i) 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.

19:45-1.39A Progressive slot machines interconnected in more than one casino

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

(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.

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

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

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

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

19:45-1.39B Table game progressive payout wagers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which operates the progressive meter or other means by which to preclude any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the progressive meter;

6. Dual key control by the Commission and the casino licensee of the location in which the supercontroller and CPU disk drive are housed, which location shall be approved by the Commission; and

7. Storage of and access to the utility disk for the computer that controls the system shall be in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(c) A casino licensee may use a percentage of each progressive payout wager that is accepted at a table to fund a portion of the reset amount for the progressive meter. If a reset fund is established by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection, each table shall have the following features in addition to those specified in (b) above:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "reset meter" which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which records the amount which shall be transferred to the progressive meter, inclusive of any reset amount funded by the casino licensee, when the entire amount on the progressive meter is won by a player;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. Such other procedures or features that may be required by the Commission as a result of the operation of the specific table game progressive wager.

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

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

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

3. The time limit for the progressive payout established pursuant to (g) below has expired; or

4. The change is necessitated by a table or meter malfunction, in which case an explanation must be entered on the Table Game Progressive Summary required in (i) below and the Commission shall preapprove the resetting in writing.

(g) When a casino licensee decides to permanently remove the offer of a table game progressive payout, with approval from the Commission, a time limit of not less than 30 days shall be established and notice of the time limit shall be provided at each table. Upon the expiration of such time limit, the casino licensee may remove the table game progressive payout from the casino or casino simulcasting facility or establish another time limit of not less than 30 days. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the immediate and permanent removal by a casino licensee of a table game progressive payout from a gaming table provided that one or more table games offering the progressive payout remain on the casino floor or in the casino simulcasting facility.

(h) Once the time limit in accordance with (g) above has expired, the amount on any progressive meters shall be documented in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission. The initial or reset amount may be retained by the casino licensee and deducted from the ending amount on any meters and the remaining portion shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund. If a reset meter is utilized in accordance with (c) above, the entire amount on the reset meter, less the reset amount funded by the casino licensee, shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund.

(i) The amount indicated on the "progressive payout meter," "progressive meter," "in-meter" and, if applicable, "reset meter" on each gaming table offering a progressive payout wager shall be recorded on a Table Game Progressive 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 Table Game Progressive 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. If an adjustment to the progressive meter is necessary, the adjustment shall be made by a member of the table games department as follows:

1. Supporting documentation shall be maintained to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the progressive meter, which documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date, the number of the table, the amount of the adjustment, the reason for the adjustment and the signature of the table games department member making the adjustment; and

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

(j) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, any gaming table offering a progressive payout wager may only be removed from the casino or casino simulcasting facility for a period not to exceed five gaming days. The amount on the progressive meter and, if applicable, reset meter upon the return or replacement of the gaming table shall not be less than the amount at the time of removal. Any time limit for the offering of a progressive payout pursuant to (g) above shall be extended by the number of days during which the progressive payout was not offered as the result of any action by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection.

(k) Each gaming table offering a progressive payout wager shall have such other devices, equipment, features and capabilities as may be required by the Commission for the game after the prototype model is examined by the Commission.

New Rule, R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.315, effective July 15, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 1947(a), 28 N.J.R. 3623(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.440, effective September 16, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2537(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(b).
 Administrative correction.
 See: 29 N.J.R. 2184(a).
 Amended by R.1999 d.281, effective August 16, 1999.
 See: 31 N.J.R. 1171(a), 31 N.J.R. 2372(a).

In (g), substituted a reference to table game progressive payouts for gaming tables in the second sentence, and added the last sentence.

19:45-1.40 Jackpot payouts of cash or slot tokens that are not paid directly from the slot machine

(a) Whenever a patron wins a jackpot of coins or slot tokens that is not totally and automatically paid directly from the slot machine, 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.

(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 to be paid to the winning patron;
5. The method of payment requested by the patron (cash, slot tokens or casino check);
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 to be paid to the winning patron; and

ii. The signature or identification code of the slot shift manager attesting to the characters constituting the jackpot and the amount to be paid to the winning patron 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 to be paid to the winning patron 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 to be paid from cashiers' cage, master coin bank or slot booth funds;
5. The location from which the amount is to be paid; and
6. 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 or any casino check issued 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 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 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) 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 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) 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).

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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

(a) This section shall apply to all jackpot payouts of merchandise or other things of value, including annuity jackpots as defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40B, except where such annuity jackpots are specifically exempted herein.

(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 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. The selection of merchandise or its cash equivalent value as made by the patron;
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, thing of value or, in accordance with (m) below, cash equivalent value shall be prepared by a representative of the casino licensee having no incompatible functions and shall be agreed to the triplicate copy of the Slip or stored data by a representative of the accounting department having no incompatible functions.

(l) 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) Except when the payout is an annuity jackpot, the casino licensee may permit a winning patron to request and receive the exact cash equivalent value of the merchandise or thing of value as determined in (b)1 through 4 above in lieu of the merchandise or thing of value. However, any cash so provided shall not be included in determining gross revenue or in determining the minimum 83 percent payout of any slot machine as required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37 (h). If a licensee chooses to offer a patron this option, the licensee shall advise the patron in advance of actual play pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.37(a)4 and 19:46-1.26(a)5.

(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 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; 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 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 not greater 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Has fidelity and fiduciary insurance or bonding coverage for 100 percent of the value of the annuity contract;
2. Has a combined capital and surplus of at least 100 million dollars, assets of at least one billion dollars, and an A.M. Best Company rating of A plus (superior); and
3. Is authorized to issue annuities in New Jersey by the State's Commissioner of Insurance and is either licensed to sell annuities in this State, or represented by an entity so licensed.

(d) If the trustee or trustees purchase United States treasury bonds, treasury notes or treasury bills in satisfaction of (b)2 above, a separate treasury bond, note or bill shall be purchased for each payment which is required to be made under the terms of the annuity jackpot. Each treasury bond, note or bill shall have a surrender value at maturity, excluding any interest which is paid before the maturity date, which is equal to or greater than the value of the corresponding annuity jackpot payment, and shall have a maturity date which is prior to the date the annuity jackpot payment is required to be made. All treasury bonds, notes or bills shall be purchased within 180 days after the annuity jackpot is won, and a copy of the bonds, notes or bills will be provided to the Commission and the Division within 30 days of their purchase. No treasury bond, note or bill purchased pursuant to this section shall be sold prior to its maturity date unless the proceeds are used to purchase another treasury bond, note or bill or an annuity contract in compliance with the requirements of this section to assure that the remaining deferred payments are made as promised, which purchase must be completed within 30 days of the sale of the bonds, notes or bills.

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

is won shall be jointly and severally liable for each jackpot payment required to be made under this subsection.

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

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

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

1. The date of purchase or sale;
2. The purchase or sale price;
3. A description of the investment; and
4. The signature of the person making the entry.

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

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

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

1. At the time of preparation, the Log shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- i. The patron's name and address;
- ii. The date the annuity jackpot was won;
- iii. The total amount of the annuity jackpot;
- iv. The amount of each annuity payment;
- v. The date each annuity payment is due; and
- vi. The signature of the preparer.

2. As annuity payments are made to the patron, the following information, at a minimum, shall be entered in the Log:

- i. The date of the payment;
- ii. The amount of the check;
- iii. The check number; and
- iv. The signature of the person making such an entry.

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

1. That the displayed jackpot will be paid over time and not in one lump sum;
2. The number of payments and the time interval between payments; and
3. That the right to receive the jackpot payments may not be encumbered, assigned, or otherwise transferred in any way except to the estate of the winner upon his or her death, and that any attempt to make a prohibited transfer may result in the winner forfeiting the right to receive future payments.

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

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

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

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

New Rule, R.1990 d.238, effective May 7, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 624(a), 22 N.J.R. 1381(a).

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

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

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

In (a): added internal citation reference.

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

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

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

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

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

Recodified existing (h) as (j).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Administrative Correction.

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

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

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

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

Case Notes

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

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

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