

**IN THE MATTER** of the Gambling Act 2003


**AND** on an application by  
**CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS  
 LIMITED** for approval of a new  
 game mix

**BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION**

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)  
 L M Hansen  
 A K Foote  
 R D Bell

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 of Decision:  March 2014

**DECISION ON AN  
 APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED  
 FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW GAME MIX**

**Introduction**

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited ("CCL") applied to the Commission, under condition 9 of CCL's operator's licence, for approval of a new game mix, AB.

**Licence condition**

2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

**CCL's operator's licence**

9. The Licence Holder may operate on casino gaming tables the game types and game mixes specified in Annex A attached to this Licence. The Licence Holder shall obtain the prior approval of the Commission for any change to the game types and/or game mixes specified.

**CCL's submissions**

3. CCL submitted that:
  - (a) It wants to deploy one new game mix, AB. The new game mix would provide a game mix with five Poker tables, and would bring the total number of approved game mixes to 28.
  - (b) Although not definitive, the method for calculating theoretical gambling opportunities is to take the decision rate and multiply it by the potential or



assessed player spaces for each game type. It has generated a table which applied this methodology and demonstrates that the new game mix is below its theoretical maximum gambling opportunities. (CCL provided arithmetical information in support of its submission.)

#### Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary submitted that the theoretical gambling opportunities associated with the proposed new game mix are less than those associated with the benchmark game mix. He has no regulatory concerns regarding the introduction of the new game mix.

#### Analysis

5. The Commission's approach with applications of this nature is to compare a proposal with the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities for casino gambling and form a view, in the round, on whether that proposal will increase opportunities for casino gambling. The Commission makes the assessment on a commonsense basis, rather than by calculating opportunities based upon a formula.
6. Game mix A is the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities for casino gambling at the Christchurch casino.
7. The Commission compared proposed game mix AB with game mix A and was satisfied that, in the round, it would not increase opportunities for casino gambling.

#### Decision

8. The Commission approved game mix AB, under condition 9 of CCL's operator's licence. CCL's new Annex A is **attached**.

  
 Graeme Reeves  
 Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the  
 Gambling Commission

18<sup>th</sup> March 2014



## ANNEX A

Pursuant to condition 9 the following game mixes may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- A. Roulette – 10 games  
Black Jack – 14 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
Midi Baccarat – 3 games  
Mini Baccarat – 1 game  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 2 games  
Tai Sai – 1 game  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- B. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 3 games  
Tai Sai – 1 game  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- C. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Tai Sai – 1 game  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- D. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- E. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- F. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- G. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- H. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 3 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- I. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- J. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 3 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game



- K. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 3 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- L. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- M. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- N. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- O. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 7 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 8 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- P. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 8 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- Q. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- R. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai (Single) – 1 game
- S. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 7 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai (Single) – 1 game
- T. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai (Single) – 1 game



- U. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai (Single) – 1 game
- V. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai (Single) – 1 game
- W. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 3 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai (Single) – 1 game
- X. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 3 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- Y. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- Z. Roulette – 8 games  
 7-Box Black Jack – 8 games  
 5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game  
 3-Card Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
 Money Wheel – 1 game  
 Poker – 8 games  
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game  
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- AA. Roulette – 8 games  
 7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
 5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game  
 3-Card Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
 Money Wheel – 1 game  
 Poker – 8 games  
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- AB. Roulette – 8 games  
 7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
 5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
 3-Card Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
 Money Wheel – 1 game  
 Poker – 5 games  
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game  
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game

**Notes**

1. The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the above table game mixes, subject to providing the Inspectorate with weekly advice of the table game mix to be used for the forthcoming week, and five working days notice of any change from one approved game mix to another.
2. The Licence Holder is permitted to operate automatic shufflers on:
  - 50% of open Black Jack tables specified in Game Mix A;
  - all Black Jack and Poker tables specified in Game Mixes B- AB; and
  - its Mini Baccarat table in game mixes B-AB.
3. The Electronic Roulette table in game mix A comprises 14 terminals and one manual table. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes B-AB comprises up to 20 terminals and no manual table.
4. Each Tai Sai table is a single table.
5. The Licence Holder is permitted to deploy dealing Style A on a maximum of one Midi Baccarat table per game mix in game mixes B-AB.

