

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

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

**BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION**

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)  
R D Bell  
D C Matahaere-Atariki  
W N Harvey

Date of Application: 22 March 2016

Date of Decision: 8 April 2016

Date of Notification  
of Decision: 26 April 2016

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

**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 Annex. The application involved the removal of 13 game mixes and the introduction of four new game mixes.

**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 remove 13 game mixes (K, L, N, S, U, V, AC, AD, AE, AG, AH, AJ and AK) and to introduce four new game mixes (AA, AB, AC and AD).
  - (b) It wants to remove all 5 Box Black Jack games, all five table Poker games, all two table 3-Card Poker games, and all two table Lunar Poker games.



- (c) The removal of the obsolete game mixes necessitates the renaming of the remaining game mixes.
- (d) It has mathematically compared the four new game mixes with its benchmark game mix. In the round, game mixes AA, AB, AC and AD offer less opportunities than game mix A, as follows:

Game mix	Player spaces	Overall opportunities
A	718	19214
AA	669	14244
AB	689	15147
AC	670	14838
AD	676	14271

### Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary submitted that CCL's proposal will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, and he does not have any regulatory concerns in relation to this application.

### Analysis

5. CCL sought Commission approval to remove 13 game mixes and to introduce four new game mixes. The Commission's usual approach with applications of this nature is to compare a proposal with the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities and form a view, in the round, on whether the proposal will increase opportunities for casino gambling. The Commission makes the assessment on a common sense basis, rather than by calculating opportunities based upon a formula, or tables of data.
6. Game mix A is the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities for casino gambling at the Christchurch casino. A table comparing game mix A with the proposed game mixes is as follows:

Game mix	A	AA	AB	AC	AD
Black Jack (manual shuffle) (7 box)	7	0	0	0	0
Black Jack (automatic shuffle) (7 box)	7	9	9	9	9
Roulette	10	9	8	8	8
Electronic Roulette (manual table and 14 terminals)	1	0	0	0	0
Electronic Roulette (20 terminals)	0	1	1	1	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	3	2	2	2
3-Card Poker	0	1	1	1	1
Lunar Poker	0	1	1	1	1
Midi Baccarat – Style A	3	1	1	1	1
Midi Baccarat – Style B	0	5	6	5	6
Mini Baccarat	1	0	1	1	0
Money Wheel	1	1	1	1	1
Poker	2	4	4	6	6
Tai Sai – Single	1	1	1	0	0
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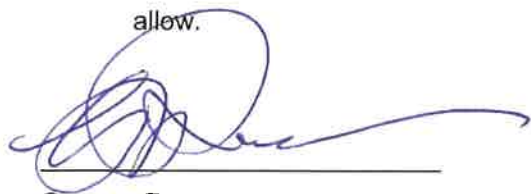
7. The Commission compared the proposed game mixes with game mix A, and was satisfied that, in the round, they would not increase opportunities for casino gambling. In particular the Commission noted that game mix A is capable of deploying more Black Jack tables than the proposed game mixes, and that the new game mixes all have comparatively high numbers of Poker tables as well as 3-Card Poker and Lunar Poker.

#### **Decision**

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

#### **Right of appeal**

9. Pursuant to section 235 of the Act, a person affected by this decision may appeal that decision to the High Court. An appeal must be made within 15 working days of the date of notice of the Commission's decision, or any longer period that the High Court may allow.



Graeme Reeves  
Chief Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the  
Gambling Commission

16 April 2016



**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
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        7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
        5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
        Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
        3-Card Poker – 1 game  
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        Money Wheel – 1 game  
        Poker – 4 games  
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        Money Wheel – 1 game  
        Poker – 6 games  
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        Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
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        Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
        Money Wheel – 1 game  
        Poker – 6 games  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
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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  
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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
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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 – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 11 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
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3-Card Poker – 1 game  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 8 games  
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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
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Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- Q. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 12 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- R. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 11 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- S. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 7 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- T. Roulette – 9 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
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       3-Card Poker – 1 game  
       Lunar Poker – 1 game  
       Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
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       Poker – 3 games  
       Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
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       Lunar Poker – 1 game  
       Midi Baccarat – 7 games  
       Money Wheel – 1 game  
       Poker – 4 games  
       Tai Sai – Single – 1 game  
       Electronic Roulette – 1 game



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 Lunar Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 7 games  
 Money Wheel – 1 game  
 Poker – 6 games  
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- AA. Roulette – 9 games  
 7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
 3-Card Poker – 1 game  
 Lunar Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
 Money Wheel – 1 game  
 Poker – 4 games  
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
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 7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
 3-Card Poker – 1 game  
 Lunar Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 7 games  
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 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
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 7-Box Black Jack – 9 games  
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
 3-Card Poker – 1 game  
 Lunar Poker – 1 game  
 Midi Baccarat – 7 games  
 Money Wheel – 1 game  
 Poker – 6 games  
 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-AD; and
  - its Mini Baccarat table in game mixes B-AD.
3. The Electronic Roulette table in game mix A comprises 14 terminals and one manual table. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes B-AD 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-AD.

