

**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)  
L M Hansen  
R D Bell  
D C Matahaere-Atariki

Date of Application: 25 February 2015

Date of Decision: 13 March 2015

Date of Notification of Decision: 18 March 2015

**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 with six new game mixes, AF-AK.

**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 introduce six new game mixes, AF-AK. The proposed new game mixes will provide it with the flexibility that it needs as part of its planning for the future.
  - (b) Although not definitive, the method employed to calculate theoretical gambling opportunities is to take the decision rate and multiply it by the potential or



assessed player spaces for each game type. It generated a table which applied this methodology and demonstrates that the new game mixes are below its theoretical maximum gambling opportunities. Game mixes AF-AK and the casino's benchmark game mix, game mix A, are as follows:

Game mix	Player spaces	Overall opportunities
A	718	19214
AF	683	15483
AG	669	14616
AH	678	15405
AI	692	15663
AJ	678	14796
AK	678	15027

- (c) In the round, the proposed game mixes offer less casino gambling opportunities than game mix A.

#### **Secretary's submissions**

4. The Secretary submitted that, in the round, the new game mixes will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, and he does not have any regulatory concerns over their proposed introduction.

#### **Analysis**

5. CCL applied for approval to introduce six new game mixes, AF-AK. 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 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, or upon tables of data.
6. Game mix A is the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities for casino gambling at the Christchurch casino. A table comparing game mix A with the proposed game mix is as follows:

Game mix	A	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK
Black Jack (manual shuffle)	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black Jack (automatic shuffler)	7	10	10	10	10	10	9
Roulette	10	8	8	8	9	9	9
Electronic Roulette (manual table and 14 terminals)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Electronic Roulette (20 terminals)	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
3-Card Poker	0	1	2	2	1	2	2
Lunar Poker	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Midi Baccarat – Style A	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Midi Baccarat – Style B	0	5	5	5	5	5	5
Mini Baccarat	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Money Wheel	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poker	2	4	4	4	4	4	4
Tai Sai – Single	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
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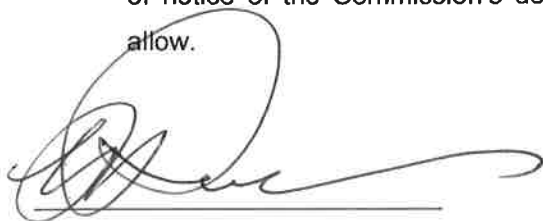
7. The Commission compared proposed game mixes AF-AK with game mix A and was satisfied that, in the round, they would not increase opportunities for casino gambling. In particular the Commission noted that the proposed game mixes are all capable of deploying more Poker tables, including 3-Card Poker and Lunar Poker, than game mix A, and that game mix A is capable of deploying an additional four or five 7-box Black Jack tables, compared to the proposed game mixes.

#### Decision

8. The Commission approved games mixes AF-AK, 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

18 March 2015



## 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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       5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
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       3-Card Poker – 1 game  
       Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
       Money Wheel – 1 game  
       Poker – 4 games  
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       Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
       Money Wheel – 1 game  
       Poker – 6 games  
       Electronic Roulette – 1 game
  
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       5-Box Black Jack – 2 games  
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       Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
       Money Wheel – 1 game  
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       Electronic Roulette – 1 game



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



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7-Box Black Jack – 10 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 5 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- V. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 12 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 5 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- W. Roulette – 8 games  
7-Box Black Jack – 12 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
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Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
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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



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Lunar Poker – 1 game  
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Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
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7-Box Black Jack – 11 games  
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
Lunar Poker – 2 games  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 3 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game  
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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 1 game  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 2 games  
Lunar Poker – 1 game  
Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 4 games  
Electronic Roulette – 1 game

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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
3-Card Poker – 2 games  
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Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
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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-AK; and
  - its Mini Baccarat table in game mixes B-AK.
3. The Electronic Roulette table in game mix A comprises 14 terminals and one manual table. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes B-AK 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-AK.

