

**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  
W N Harvey

Date of Application: 25 August 2016

Date of Decision: 9 September 2016

Date of Notification  
of Decision: 15 September 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 containing game mixes A-AD.

**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 has reviewed its Annex of approved game mixes and noted inconsistencies between what it thought it had sought approval for, and what the Commission ultimately approved.



- (b) Rather than going through each game mix to identify the individual errors, it has decided that it is simpler to seek approval for a whole new game mix Annex (with the game mixes it wants to deploy set out accurately).
- (c) It has mathematically compared the proposed game mixes with its benchmark game mix, game mix A, and concluded that, in the round, the proposed game mixes all offer fewer gambling opportunities.
- (d) Although the mathematical calculations are not definitive, they are a strong indicator of the opportunities available pursuant to each game mix. They are set out below:

Game mix	Player spaces	Overall opportunities
A	718	19214
B	685	15279
C	686	15264
D	699	15531
E	699	15909
F	664	14061
G	658	14397
H	677	14706
I	671	15042
J	663	14469
K	683	15252
L	656	14375
M	642	13740
N	684	15242
O	670	14607
P	669	14622
Q	677	15588
R	664	14943
S	689	14916
T	683	14874
U	697	15509
V	694	15475
W	683	15483
X	692	15663
Y	689	14538
Z	695	14613
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 the application.

### Analysis

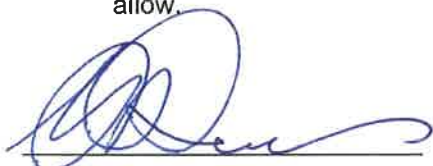
5. CCL sought Commission approval for a new game mix Annex containing game mixes A-AD. CCL already has approval to deploy game mixes A-AD but as the operable game mixes (B-AD) may contain errors, it sought approval for a new Annex with each game mix set out accurately.
6. The Commission's usual approach 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.
7. Game mix A is the approved game mix that provides the most opportunities for casino gambling at the Christchurch casino. As some of the existing approved game mixes may contain errors, the Commission compared each operable game mix with game mix A as if it were an entirely new game mix (rather than treating them as having been approved previously, and then identifying any errors).
8. Having compared each game mix with game mix A, the Commission was satisfied in the round, that none of the game mixes B-AD would increase opportunities for casino gambling.

### Decision

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

### Right of appeal

10. 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

15<sup>th</sup> September 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 – 11 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
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        7-Box Black Jack – 11 games  
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        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
- E.     Roulette – 8 games  
        7-Box Black Jack – 12 games  
        Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games  
        3-Card Poker – 1 game  
        Midi Baccarat – 6 games  
        Money Wheel – 1 game  
        Poker – 4 games  
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3-Card Poker – 1 game  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 8 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  
Midi Baccarat – 5 games  
Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 8 games  
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Money Wheel – 1 game  
Poker – 6 games  
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- 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
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#### 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.

