

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

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

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

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

Date of Application: 27 July 2018

Date of Decision: 8 September 2018

Date of Notification of Decision: 14 September 2018

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

Introduction

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

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, in summary, as follows:
 - (a) It wants to update and amend its approved game mixes.
 - (b) The proposal follows changing demands in both the VIP market, and on the Main Gaming Floor. It wants to remove 11 game mixes that incorporate "Snake Eyes" and to introduce new game mixes, Z-AU.

- (c) The proposal means that a number of existing game mixes have been renamed, with the new game mixes added at the end of the sequence.
- (d) 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.
- (e) Although the mathematical calculations are not definitive, they are a strong indicator of the opportunities available pursuant to each game mix. The new game mixes, and the benchmark game mix, are set out below:

Game mix	Player spaces	Overall opportunities
A	718	19061
Z	680	14937
AA	706	15180
AB	692	14550
AC	684	13977
AD	670	13347
AE	711	15237
AF	691	14943
AG	705	15804
AH	711	15615
AI	711	15195
AJ	698	14592
AK	670	14103
AL	648	12900
AM	705	15573
AN	699	15867
AO	680	14979
AP	711	15573
AQ	691	14565
AR	695	14928
AS	667	14439
AT	662	13488
AU	691	14901

The Secretary's submissions

4. The Secretary submitted that he has no regulatory concerns with CCL's proposal.

Analysis

5. CCL has approval to deploy game mixes A-AX at the Christchurch casino. It now seeks approval to rename a number of these game mixes and to introduce a number of new game mixes, Z-AU.
6. The Commission's general approach for approving new game mixes is to compare the proposed game mixes with the approved game mix which provides the most opportunities

for casino gambling and form a view, in the round, on whether they 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 at Christchurch casino. The proposed new game mixes all generate less player spaces and theoretical opportunities than game mix A.
8. Having compared each new game mix with game mix A, the Commission was satisfied that, in the round, none of them will increase opportunities for casino gambling.

Decision

9. The Commission approved the new game mix Annex, under condition 9 of CCL's operator's licence for Christchurch casino. The 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

14 September 2018



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 Style A – 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/Pontoon – 11 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Tai Sai – 1 game
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- C. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 11 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 6 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- D. Roulette – 9 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 11 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 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/Pontoon – 12 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game



- F. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 8 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- G. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 10 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 4 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 8 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- H. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 10 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 6 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- I. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 11 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 4 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 6 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- J. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 10 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 4 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 8 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game



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



- P. Roulette – 9 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3 Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
 Mini Baccarat – 1 game
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Casino War – 1 game
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 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
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 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 4 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 6 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Casino War – 1 game
- R. Roulette – 9 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 10 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3 Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 4 games
 Mini Baccarat – 1 game
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Casino War – 1 game
- S. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3 Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
 Mini Baccarat – 1 game
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Casino War – 1 game
- T. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
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 Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 8 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game



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 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 11 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3 Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 4 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Casino War – 1 game
- V. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 9 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- W. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Lunar Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
 Mini Baccarat – 1 game
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
- X. Roulette – 8 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 8 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 10 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- Y. Roulette – 9 games
 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 9 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
 Lunar Poker – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- Z. Roulette – 8 games
7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 8 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
3-Card Poker – 1 game
Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Poker – 6 games
Casino War – 1 game
Tai Sai – Single – 1 game
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Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game
3-Card Poker – 1 game
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Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
Money Wheel – 1 game
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3-Card Poker – 1 game
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 Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
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 Casino War – 1 game
 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-AU; and
 - its Mini Baccarat table in game mixes B-AU.
3. The Electronic Roulette table in game mix A comprises 14 terminals and one manual table. The Electronic Roulette table in game mixes B-AU 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-AU.

