

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003
AND on an application by
**CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS
LIMITED** for approval to use a new
electronic device

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves (Chief Gambling Commissioner)
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**DECISION ON AN APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED
FOR APPROVAL TO USE A NEW ELECTRONIC DEVICE**

Introduction

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited ("**CCL**") applied to the Commission, under condition 10 of CCL's operator's licence, for approval to deploy a new electronic device, U-Spin, on its Roulette tables.

Licence condition

2. The relevant licence condition is as follows:

CCL's operator's licence

10. The approval of the Commission is required prior to the use by the operator of any electronic version of the game types specified in condition 9 above or electronic aids or enhancements or changes to table game rules which create new wagering opportunities.

CCL's submissions

3. CCL submitted, in summary, as follows:
 - (a) It seeks approval to deploy a new electronic device on its Roulette tables, U-Spin.

- (b) The U-Spin device comprises of two parts; a launcher, which is fitted to the roulette wheel rim, and a remote release button, that spins the ball. The U-Spin device will add a more interactive dimension to Roulette.
- (c) As U-Spin only releases and spins the ball onto the roulette wheel, it will not increase the speed of play, rather it will probably reduce the speed as it is the customer who decides when the ball is released (rather than the dealer).
- (d) The Roulette tables still require a dealer to alternate the direction of the wheel, and clear bets. As such, the dealer is still at the table to monitor for all host responsibility requirements.
- (e) The game operation is unaffected by the presence of U-Spin and it can be operated with or without the U-Spin being used, even with the launcher connected to the wheel rim.
- (f) Its testing confirms that gambling opportunities are not increased by the use of the U-Spin device; it simply adds a more interactive dimension to the game of roulette.

The Secretary's submissions

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

Analysis

5. CCL wants to deploy the U-Spin device on its Roulette tables. This application follows an earlier application by SCML to deploy, *inter alia*, U-Spin on its Roulette tables at the Auckland, Hamilton, Queenstown and Wharf casinos (see decision GC20/18).
6. U-Spin was approved for use in New Zealand casinos by the Department of Internal Affairs on 27 August 2018, but the Secretary's approval alone is insufficient to permit casino operators to deploy the device; each casino has a condition attached to its operator's licence which requires the operator to obtain Commission approval "prior to the use by the operator of any ... electronic aids or enhancements."
7. U-Spin is clearly "an electronic aid or enhancement" so CCL was required to seek Commission approval, pursuant to condition 10 of its operator's licence, before deploying U-Spin on its casino floor.
8. Condition 10 was intended to ensure that increases in opportunity would not occur as a result of *subsequent* changes in rules or technology which were not considered by the Commission when it approved existing game mixes. It allows the Secretary to approve

changes to game rules and the use of technology without having to be concerned about consequent increases in opportunities for casino gambling in breach of section 11 of the Act. Applications under condition 10 require the Commission to consider whether the introduction of the change, being a new electronic aid or enhancement, has the potential to increase the speed of a casino game and, therefore, to increase opportunities for casino gambling.

9. CCL submitted that U-Spin would not increase opportunities, and would probably reduce the speed of a Roulette game, given the increased player involvement in the game. In order to assist the Commission with its assessment of the devices, CCL also provided it with a video clip which demonstrated the U-Spin device in operation on a Roulette wheel.
10. The Commission, through its Executive Director, attended a live demonstration of U-Spin in use on a Roulette wheel at a training room at the Auckland casino. As part of this demonstration, the Executive Director participated in mock Roulette games in which he deployed the U-Spin device as part of the game.
11. The Commission considered the information relayed to it by its Executive Director, the video provided by CCL and the submissions made by CCL and the Secretary. The Commission was satisfied that the deployment of a U-Spin device on the Roulette tables would not increase the speed of Roulette.
12. As a result, the Commission was satisfied that the deployment of the U-Spin device on the operational game mixes presently deployed at the Christchurch casino (currently B-AU), would not increase opportunities for casino gambling. Accordingly, it approved the proposed amendment.

Decision

13. The Commission approved, under condition 10 of CCL's operator's licence, CCL's application for approval to deploy a new electronic device, U-Spin, on its Roulette tables. The Commission has amended the current approved game mix Annex to record CCL's ability to deploy U-Spin on its operational game mixes (B-AU). The amended Annex is **attached**.

Right of appeal

14. 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 November 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
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 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
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Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 4 games
Electronic Roulette – 1 game
Casino War – 1 game
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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
 Midi Baccarat Style A – 1 game
 Midi Baccarat Style B – 6 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 8 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game
- U. 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 – 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
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 7-Box Black Jack/Pontoon – 8 games
 Caribbean Stud Poker – 1 game
 3-Card Poker – 1 game
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 Midi Baccarat Style B – 5 games
 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 10 games
 Electronic Roulette – 1 game



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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
3-Card Poker – 1 game
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Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 4 games
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Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Poker – 6 games
Casino War – 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
Poker – 6 games
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Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
3-Card Poker – 1 game
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Money Wheel – 1 game
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Money Wheel – 1 game
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Electronic Roulette – 1 game



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 Money Wheel – 1 game
 Poker – 4 games
 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.
6. The Licence Holder is permitted to deploy U-Spin devices approved by the Department of Internal Affairs on the Roulette tables in game mixes B-AU.

