

Table Inventory Container; Chip Reserve Compartment  
Accounting and Internal Controls

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:44-1.20

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-63, 69, 70, 99 and 100

The temporary rules follow:

**Summary**

In an effort to reduce the number of Fills (additional gaming chips brought to a gaming table from the cashiers' cage) needed at gaming tables, a casino licensee has requested permission to use a modified table inventory container.

In addition to holding the traditional horizontal stacks of gaming chips that are used to take and pay wagers or to make change, the temporary rules permit up to 50 percent of a table inventory container to be used as a separate "chip reserve compartment" for additional gaming chips. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2. Chips in that compartment are required to be separated by type or denomination into either vertical or horizontal stacks of twenty chips each, and vertically stacked chips are limited to one stack of twenty. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2i(1) and (2).

To prevent pilferage and the inadvertent use of reserve chips to pay winning wagers or make change, the chip reserve compartment has to be covered at all times by a transparent cover while the table is open for gaming activity, unless chips are being placed into or removed from the chip reserve compartment. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2ii.

Chips can be placed in the chip reserve compartment only during a Fill, or if a stack of twenty chips is being moved directly from the table inventory container to the chip reserve compartment. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2iii(1) and (2). Chips can be removed from the chip reserve compartment only to: replenish a stack of twenty chips in the table inventory container; in accordance with a Request For Credit; at the closing of the gaming table; or for the mandatory daily counting of the

chips in the chip reserve compartment. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2iv(1) through (4).

Before any chips are placed into or are removed from the chip reserve compartment, the dealer is required to provide advance verbal notice to a casino supervisor, and must also verify the denomination or type of chips and count them. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2v. At least once during each gaming day and in the presence of a casino supervisor, all chips in a chip reserve compartment are required to be removed, verified as to denomination or type and counted. The chips shall then be immediately returned to the chip reserve compartment or removed and returned to the cashiers' cage in accordance with a Request for Credit. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)2vi.

The Commission has also taken this opportunity to codify the location and description of a "table inventory container" in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20(b)1. This device (commonly referred to as a "float") is used at all gaming tables except for craps and roulette to hold the table inventory of chips in a single layer of separate horizontal stacks, by type or denomination. In accordance with existing practices, if there are more than twenty chips in a stack, the stack must be divided into groups of twenty chips each, and each group must be separated from the other groups or chips in that stack by a clear disk.

**Full text** of the temporary adoption follows (additions are indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions are indicated in brackets [thus]):

19:45-1.20 Table inventories; **table inventory container; chip reserve compartment**

(a) (No change.)

**(b) The table inventory at each gaming table other than a craps or roulette table shall be kept in a table inventory container whenever the table is open for gaming activity. The table inventory**

**container shall be positioned on the gaming table in a location approved by the Commission.**

**1. A table inventory container shall hold all the chips, coins and plaques in a single layer of horizontal stacks, separated by type or denomination. If there are more than 20 chips in a stack, the stack shall be divided into groups of 20 chips each, and each group shall be separated from the other groups of chips in that stack by a clear disk.**

**2. A casino licensee may designate no more than 50 percent of the surface area of a table inventory container as a separate “chip reserve compartment,” provided that:**

**i. The chip reserve compartment shall hold the chips in horizontal or vertical stacks separated by type or denomination and:**

**(1) If the chips are stacked horizontally, there shall be no more than a single layer of chips and each stack shall be divided into groups of 20 chips each, and each group shall be separated from the other groups in the stack by a clear disk; or**

**(2) If the chips are stacked vertically, each stack shall consist of one group of 20 chips;**

**ii. Unless chips are being placed into or removed from the chip reserve compartment, the chip reserve compartment shall be covered at all times by a transparent cover while the table is open for gaming activity;**

**iii. Chips shall not be placed into the chip reserve compartment unless:**

**(1) Pursuant to a Fill performed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.22; or**

**(2) A stack of 20 chips is moved directly from the table inventory container to the chip reserve compartment;**

**iv. Chips shall not be removed from the chip reserve compartment unless:**

**(1) Pursuant to a Request For Credit performed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.23;**

**(2) A stack of 20 chips is moved directly to the open portion of the table inventory container;**

**(3) The gaming table is being closed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.31; or**

**(4) The chips are being counted in accordance with (b)2vi below;**

**v. Before any chips are placed into or removed from the chip reserve compartment, the dealer shall provide advance verbal notice to a casino supervisor and shall verify the denomination or type of chips and count them; and**

**vi. At least once during each gaming day and in the presence of a casino supervisor, all chips in a chip reserve compartment shall be removed, verified as to denomination or type and counted; thereafter, the chips shall immediately be returned to the chip reserve compartment or removed and returned to the cashiers' cage in accordance with a Request For Credit pursuant to (b)2iv(1) above.**

[(b)] (c) Whenever a gaming table is not open for gaming activity, the table inventory and the Table Inventory Slip prepared in conformity with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.31 shall be stored [in a separate, locked clear] **and secured in the table inventory** container **by locking a clear cover on the container**, which shall be clearly marked on the outside with the game and the gaming table number to which it corresponds. The information on the Table Inventory Slip shall be visible from the outside of the container. All **table inventory** containers shall be stored either in the cashiers' cage or secured to the gaming table,

provided that there is adequate security, as approved by the Commission.

[(c)] **(d)** The keys to the locked **table inventory** containers [containing the table inventories] shall be maintained and controlled by the casino department in a secure place and shall at no time be made accessible to any cashiers' cage personnel or to any person responsible for transporting such table inventories to or from the gaming tables.