

Pai Gow Tiles; Replacement Sets and Reconstructed Sets
Gaming Equipment

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19B

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

The temporary rules follow:

Summary

Under current rules, if one or more pai gow tiles in a set are damaged, scratched or marked in a way that makes them unsuitable for continued casino use, the remaining tiles in that set cannot be used in the creation of a new complete set. N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19B(m).

The temporary rule amendments permit a casino licensee to assemble a new set of pai gow tiles from one or more incomplete used sets, provided that certain procedures are followed. The tiles from an incomplete used set may be stored as a potential “replacement set” once proper documentation is created. See temporary rule N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19B(m)1 and 2. One or more of these replacement sets may then be used to create “reconstructed sets” of pai gow tiles if required precautions are taken to insure that each replacement tile possesses the same color, texture and finish as all other tiles making up the reconstructed set. See temporary N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.99B(m)3. A reconstructed set must be identified as such at all times, and is required to be stored in a container so labeled. See temporary rule N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.99B(m)3ii and iii.

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

19:46-1.19B Pai gow tiles; receipt; storage; inspections and removal from use;
replacement sets; reconstructed sets

(a) – (l) (No change.)

(m) If after completing the inspection procedures required in (l) above, it is determined that a complete set of 32 tiles removed from a gaming table is free from tampering, markings or alterations, that set may be returned to the pai gow storage area for subsequent gaming use in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission. [In no event may individual] **Individual** tiles from different sets **shall not** be used to make a complete set for subsequent gaming use; **provided, however, that a casino licensee may, in accordance with approved internal controls, create replacement and reconstructed pai gow tile sets in the following manner:**

1. If, after completing the inspection procedures required in (l) above, it is determined that any tiles have scratches or other markings on the back, sides or edges which make them unsuitable for continued casino use, they shall be removed from the set and destroyed in accordance with approved internal controls, and the remaining usable tiles from that set shall be designated as a “replacement set.” Any removed tiles shall be recorded on a 3-part form which, at a minimum, shall indicate the date and time of removal, identify the specific tile or tiles removed and sent for destruction, and contain the signature of the preparer. One copy of the form shall be retained with the remaining usable tiles of that set (the replacement set), another copy shall be delivered to the Commission and the third copy shall be retained by the casino security department.

2. The replacement set, accompanied by a copy of the form required in (m)1 above, shall be returned by the table games shift manager or casino supervisor thereof to the storage area and returned to the tile inventory, in a manner approved by the Commission. Replacement sets shall be inventoried and stored separately from any stored and complete new, used or reconstructed sets.

3. Tiles in one or more replacement sets may be used to create a complete set of tiles (a “reconstructed set”) using the following inspection procedures:

i. The table games shift manager or casino supervisor thereof shall conduct an inspection of each reconstructed set in the storage area, in the presence of a casino security department representative, and shall take all due precautions to insure that any replacement tile possesses the same color, texture and finish as all other tiles in the reconstructed set. The inspection process shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) The sorting of tiles by pairs and verification of the needed replacement tile or tiles; and

(2) The visual inspection of the sides, backs and edges of each tile in the reconstructed set for tampering, markings, and alterations and for a comparison as to shading, texture, and finish;

ii. Once a complete set of tiles has been satisfactorily reconstructed from replacement sets, the table games shift manager or casino supervisor thereof shall affix a label to a dedicated storage container for the reconstructed set. The label shall identify the date and time of reconstruction and shall contain the signature of the table game shift manager or casino supervisor thereof, and the casino security department representative. The label shall also identify the inspection steps that were followed in order to determine that the reconstructed set of tiles is suitable for casino use.

iii. The casino licensee shall submit and obtain approval of internal control procedures for returning the reconstructed set into inventory, identifying all reconstructed sets at all times, and maintaining an accurate inventory balance of remaining replacement sets.

(n) – (o) No change.