



NOTICE ON PLAYING CARDS

Version 5.0

The Existing Notice (Version 4.0) shall remain in effect until 20 September 2026 (the “Date of Cessation”). The New Notice (Version 5.0) shall take effect from 21 September 2026 (the “Date of Commencement”).

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Pursuant to regulation 20(2) of the Casino Control (Gaming Equipment) Regulations 2009, gaming equipment for use in any casino shall comply with:
 - a. the Existing Notice (Version 4.0) until the Date of Cessation (inclusive); and
 - b. the New Notice (Version 5.0) from the Date of Commencement (inclusive).
- 1.2 All terms used in this notice, unless the context otherwise requires or otherwise defined, shall have the same meanings as in the Casino Control Act 2006 (the “Act”) and any regulations made thereunder as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.3 Any reference to legislation refers to such legislation as may be amended from time to time.

2. UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES

- 2.1 The evaluation of gaming equipment serves to ensure that the operation of a casino is and remains free from criminal influence or exploitation and that casino gambling and promotional games in a casino is conducted honestly.
- 2.2 Hence, all gaming equipment must be designed and manufactured to allow operations of a casino to be conducted in a manner that is honest, secure, auditable and reliable.

3. REQUIREMENTS FOR PLAYING CARDS

- 3.1 The cut of each playing card shall be identical to every other playing card in the same deck.
- 3.2 The front of each playing card shall indicate clearly the value of the card even when only a third of the card is visible.
- 3.3 The back of each playing card in the deck shall be identical and no card shall contain any marking, symbol or design that will enable a person to know the identity of any element printed on the face of the card, or that will in any way differentiate the back of that card from the back of any other card in the deck.
- 3.4 The back of each playing card shall be designed in such manner so as to diminish as far as possible the ability of any person to place concealed markings thereon.
- 3.5 The back of each playing card shall bear the name or logo of a casino operator, or any other form of artwork that would indicate that the playing card belongs to a particular casino operator.

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- 3.6 The material of each playing card shall be material that does not result in: (a) multiple playing cards being bunched or stuck together; or (b) a person removing more than one playing card at a time from a card shoe when the stack is dealt.
- 3.7 The material of each playing card shall allow the playing cards to be stacked and placed on a flat surface without the playing cards falling from the stack.
- 3.8 The material of each playing card shall be material which allows the smooth shuffling or dealing of cards whilst in any approved shuffler or card shoe respectively, and shall not cause the approved shuffler or card shoe to jam or malfunction.
- 3.9 The suit and value of each playing card shall be clearly visible and identifiable to casino employees (including when viewed using any surveillance system of a casino operator).
- 3.10 There shall be sufficient security measures, internal controls and quality verification criteria in place during the manufacturing, quality control, packing, storage, delivery and destruction of the playing cards.

4. GENERAL

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