

1 **Title 36 MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY**

2 **Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

3 **Chapter 02 Table Games Equipment**

4 **Authority: State Government Article, §§9-1A-02 and 9-1A-04, Annotated Code of Maryland**

5 **.16 Cards — Receipt, Storage, Inspection, and Removal.**

6 A. through G. (text unchanged)

7 H. Envelopes and containers used to hold or transport cards shall be:

8 (1) ~~Transparent;~~

9 (2) Designed or constructed with seals so that any tampering is evident; **and**

10 (3) Submitted to the Commission and approved under COMAR 36.05.03.16.

11 I. through N. (text unchanged)

12 O. ~~Facility operators~~ **A facility operator** shall submit to the Commission for approval internal control
13 procedures for:

14 (1) A card inventory system, which includes, at a minimum, records of the:

15 (a) Balance of decks of cards on hand;

16 (b) Decks of cards removed from storage;

17 (c) Decks of cards returned to storage or received from a manufacturer or supplier;

For May 26, 2016 Commission.

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- 1 (d) Date of each transaction; and
- 2 (e) Signatures of the employees involved;
- 3 (2) A daily reconciliation of the decks of cards distributed, destroyed or cancelled, returned to the
4 storage area and any the decks of cards in the card reserve; **and**
- 5 (3) A physical inventory of all decks of cards at least once every 3 months;
- 6 (a) A physical inventory shall be performed by an individual with no incompatible
7 functions and shall be verified to the balance of decks of cards on hand required in
8 §O(1)(a) of this regulation.
- 9 (b) Discrepancies shall immediately be reported to a Commission compliance
10 representative.

11 **P. Destruction or Cancellation.** Except for plastic cards used at poker which are of sufficient quality for
12 reuse, decks of cards in an envelope or container that are inspected as required under §N of this regulation
13 and found to be without any indication of tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or
14 any indication of unfair play shall be destroyed or cancelled within 5 days of collection.

- 15 (1) Cards submitted to the Commission shall be destroyed or cancelled within 5 days of release
16 from the Commission.
- 17 (2) Destruction of cards must be by shredding.
- 18 (3) Cancellation of cards must be by drilling a circular hole of at least 1/4 inch in diameter
19 through the center of each card in the deck.
- 20 (4) The destruction or cancellation of cards shall take place in a secure location in the licensed
21 facility covered by the facility operator's surveillance system, the physical characteristics of
22 which shall be approved by the Commission under COMAR 36.05.03.16.

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1 Q. through S. (text unchanged)

2 **T. Card Rotation. The facility operator shall change:**

3 **(1) The decks of cards used for all banked table games except the games set forth in § T(2) -**
4 **(5) of this regulation at least every:**

5 **(a) Four hours, if the cards are dealt by hand; and**

6 **(b) Eight hours, if the cards are dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe;**

7 **(2) The decks of cards used in blackjack at least every:**

8 **(a) Four hours, if the cards are dealt by hand; and**

9 **(b) Twenty four hours, if the cards are dealt from a manual or automated dealing**
10 **shoe;**

11 **(3) The decks of cards used in mini baccarat at least every twenty-four hours, if the cards**
12 **are dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe;**

13 **(4) The decks of cards used in midi baccarat after the play of each dealing shoe; and**

14 **(5) The two decks of cards used in poker at least every 24 hours.**

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