



# **NOTICE ON PLAYING CARDS**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This notice is issued by the Authority pursuant to regulation 20(2) of the Casino Control (Gaming Equipment) Regulations 2009.
- 1.2 This notice shall take effect from 24 April 2015.
- 1.3 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 (Cap. 33A) (the “Act”) and any regulations made thereunder.

### **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 gaming 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 shall be designed in such manner so as to diminish as far as possible the ability of any person to place concealed markings thereon.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7 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

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respectively, and shall not cause the approved shuffler or card shoe to jam or malfunction.

- 3.8 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).
- 3.9 Proposed playing card designs shall first be submitted to the Authority for preliminary evaluation before production of such playing cards commences. The Authority reserves the right to review all actual production playing cards to ensure compliance with the initial proposed design before granting approval in accordance with the Act and any regulations made thereunder.
- 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.

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