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# NOTICE TO LICENSEES

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Notice #2025-02

Issuing Division: Technology Division

**DATE:** January 9, 2025

**TO:** All Licensed Manufacturers, Operators, and Interested Persons

**FROM:** Technology Division

**SUBJECT:** Technical Standard 3.150 Wagering Instrument Issuance

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Technical Standard 3.150(11) requires a gaming device or gaming device interface component, hereafter referred to as a SMIB, to implement a secure encryption method to uniquely identify the wagering instrument, verify the wagering instrument was issued by the approved cashless wagering system, and validate the amount of the voucher. In the event the gaming device or SMIB is incapable of generating such a secure encryption method, the gaming device or SMIB must print no more than one wagering instrument during a loss of communications with the cashless wagering system.

Nevada Gaming Commission (NGC) Regulation 14.050(8) provides for the Nevada Gaming Control Board (Board) Chair to waive for good cause shown the requirements of a technical standard for a gaming device or associated equipment with full authority to specify conditions or limitations. The Technology Division has reviewed the current implementation and operation of cashless wagering systems and has determined that compensating controls can be implemented as an alternative to the current requirement of Technical Standard 3.150(11) while maintaining the integrity of the cashless wagering system.

Therefore, until such time as Technical Standard 3.150(11) is amended, the requirement to implement a secure encryption method to issue more than one wagering instrument when a SMIB is not communicating with the cashless wagering system is waived in accordance with NGC Regulation 14.050(8), with the following conditions:

1. Any technology used to facilitate the issuance or redemption of a wagering instrument while a SMIB and the cashless wagering system are not communicating may be

considered associated equipment and must be reviewed by the Board prior to use. Such technology includes without limitation hand-held scanners, mobile applications, and desktop applications.

2. The SMIB must prevent the issuance of more than 35 wagering instruments while not communicating with the cashless wagering system.
3. In the event of a power loss, the SMIB must retain for a period of at least 72 hours all data related to wagering instruments issued while communications are down between the SMIB and cashless wagering system.
4. A licensee must update their minimum internal control standards (MICS) or minimum internal control procedures (ICP) as appropriate.

This waiver and the associated conditions apply to wagering instruments issued at both a game and a gaming device.

This waiver does not waive any MICS or ICP. A licensee remains responsible for compliance with all applicable MICS and ICPs as required by NGC Regulation 6.090.

A cashless wagering system must be certified to be: (1) in compliance with the requirements of Technical Standard 3.150(11), or (2) the alternate conditions specified in this waiver, and approved by the Board prior to use.

Please contact the Board's Technology Division at (702) 486-2043 with any questions.