



Liquor and Gaming
Authority of Manitoba

GAMING INTEGRITY STANDARDS

GAMING CHIP COVERS

Background

The Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba (LGA) regulates licensed and provincial gaming in Manitoba to ensure that gaming is conducted honestly, with integrity and in the public interest. This authority is established by *The Liquor and Gaming Control Act* (the “Act”). All lottery schemes are required to have LGA gaming integrity approval, including approval of any associated gaming equipment. Suppliers intending to provide gaming equipment must be licensed by the LGA. Continued licence approval requires compliance with Gaming Supplier Terms and Conditions, including ensuring that at all times equipment supplied complies with any applicable Gaming Integrity Standards. The LGA reserves the right to amend these standards at any time.

Purpose

This document is intended to provide regulatory guidance to manufacturers, suppliers and purchasers of gaming equipment by providing Gaming Integrity Standards for gaming chip covers, their production and distribution. These standards ensure that gaming equipment used in lottery schemes in the province of Manitoba meet the tests for fairness, honesty, security, safety, and auditability.

Definitions

The following definitions are provided for use with these standards, the Gaming Integrity Terms and Conditions of approval and quality assurance testing.

1. “Design Schematic” means a true rendering of the proposed gaming equipment.
2. “Gaming Chip Cover” means a cover or lid, designed to prevent access of gaming chips, other gaming equipment and documents stored within a designated area on a gaming table and to keep these items secure. A gaming chip cover may also be referred to as a non-value chip cover or a bank cover.
3. “Gaming Centre Provider” means a person who, under an agreement with MLLC, owns or operates premises in which MLLC operates provincial gaming.
4. “Gaming Operator” means a person who, under an agreement with MLLC, owns or operates premises in which the person operates provincial gaming.
5. “Lottery Scheme” means a lottery scheme within the meaning of paragraph 207 (4) of the *Criminal Code* (Canada).
6. “MLLC” means the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation and is also referred to as the “applicant” or “purchaser”.
7. “Play” means the patron wagers his/her own currency to obtain a chance for realizing a reward.

8. "Provincial Gaming" means a lottery scheme referred to in paragraph 207(1) (a) of the *Criminal Code* (Canada).
9. "Unique Manufacturer Identifier (UMI) means the manufacturer's assigned part number or serial number which identifies the equipment, and may also include, but not limited to; the premises in which the gaming equipment was manufactured for, the brand or model, and the manufacture date.

LGA Gaming Supplier Licence

The supplier is required to be a LGA licensed gaming supplier, if their product is intended to be offered for play. The manufacturer may also be required to be a licensed gaming supplier.

Gaming Equipment Specifications

Quality assurance testing is required for gaming integrity approval of the gaming equipment. A design schematic may also be required if any custom design features are used in the construction of the gaming equipment.

1. A design schematic is to be supplied if the gaming equipment contains any custom design features, i.e., unique manufacturer identifier, security features or premises name/logo.
2. Each design schematic must be a true rendering showing the following characteristics:
 - a. Physical dimensions and specifications in metric or imperial measurement
 - b. Security feature(s)
 - c. Type of material/substance used
 - d. Colour of the substance used
 - e. Premises name/logo, if any
 - f. Manufacturer's name, logo or an identifying mark
 - g. Unique manufacturer identifier; part number or serial number

The schematic should reference the manufacturer's name, logo, and address; indicate the brand or style of gaming chip cover; and provide section for the purchaser to approve and accept the schematic for production.

3. Whenever a shipment is received the MLLC, gaming operator or gaming centre provider is required to:
 - a. conduct quality assurance testing to ensure the gaming equipment meets the standards and conforms to the approval issued; and
 - b. apply some form of identification to the gaming equipment, for inventory purposes

The MLLC and the gaming operator or gaming centre provider should also refer to the [LGA Gaming Integrity Application and Approval Requirements](#) for further information and guidelines on the application process.

Standards

At any time gaming chip covers do not meet the following standards, the equipment may be returned to the supplier.

Construction

Gaming chip covers vary greatly in size and style, therefore, no physical dimensions are enforced by LGA as there is no part of the cover where tolerances can be applied, or are critical, for its satisfactory operation. The MLLC is responsible to ensure the dimensions and specifications are compatible with the gaming table.

1. The body of the cover must be solidly constructed from a clear and transparent material, with no loose panels that may conceal hidden compartments.
2. The cover must be designed in such a manner to be affixed securely to the gaming table when the table is not in operation or offered for play.
3. The cover must be designed in such a manner to allow surveillance to easily view and determine the amount of chips and other equipment, when securely locked on the gaming table.
4. The cover must be designed and constructed with a dual locking mechanism to securely close and lock the cover to the gaming table.
5. When securely locked to the gaming table, the cover must be designed to prevent the ability of anything being inserted within the area and stored therein, from being removed.
6. The cover may be permanently marked with some form of unique manufacturer identification (part number, serial number, etc), manufacturer name or logo.
7. The premises name or logo may be imprinted upon each gaming chip cover.

Distribution/Packaging

1. Each package, box, or other container must be sealed at the factory with a tamper resistant seal or tape, including a warning to the purchaser that it may have been tampered with if the package, box or other container was received with the seal broken. The seal or tape must be visible from outside the package, box, or container and must be of such construction as to guarantee that should the container be opened or otherwise tampered with, evidence of the opening or tampering would be easily detected.
2. A label shall be placed on, or be visible from, the exterior of each carton to easily determine the intended premises, the type of equipment, amount contained within and the supplier.
3. A packing slip is required inside the carton listing the same information in point 2.
4. The supplier's name, logo or identifying mark must be placed on each packaged shipment or alternatively placed on each box/package containing individual gaming equipment.