Claims

1. A management system that manages casino supplies used in a casino, wherein

each of the casino supplies belongs to one of multiple groups each of which is grouped by attribute of the casino supply,

the casino supplies are received from outside the casino at the backyard of the casino and then used at gaming tables in the casino,

each of the casino supplies holds information to identify which of the multiple groups the casino supply belongs to, the information including a unique ID that uniquely identifies the casino supply,

the management system comprising:

a database configured to store the unique ID of the casino supply in association with the group to which the casino supply belongs;

a reading system installed at each of multiple locations in the casino, including the backyard and the gaming tables, and configured to read at least part of the information from the casino supply;

a management controller configured to register the casino supply whose information is read by the reading system in the backyard as an available casino supply in the database, wherein

the reading system in the backyard reads the at least a part of the information of a plurality of the casino supplies to be handled as a single unit at the same time, and

the database stores the at least a part of the information of the plurality of the casino supplies read by the reading system in the backyard, or the at least a part of the information of the plurality of the casino supplies contained in data provided by a supplier of the casino supplies.

2. The management system according to claim 1, further comprising a collation device configured to collate the unique IDs read by the reading system at each of the plurality of locations in the casino, including the gaming tables, with the unique IDs registered in the database as unique IDs of the available casino supplies.

3. The management system according to claim 2, wherein the collation device detects an unavailable casino supply that is not allowed to be used by matching the at least a portion of the information read by the reading system at or near the gaming table with the at least a portion of the information of the casino supply registered in the database.

4. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the reading system at the gaming table reads at least the unique ID when the casino supply is brought to the gaming table.

5. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the reading system reads the unique ID from the casino supply when the supply is moved to a reading position of the reading system.

6. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the management control devise de-registers the casino supply stored in the database as an available casino supply when the casino supply meets a predetermined condition.

7. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the management control device de-registers the casino supply to be discarded.

8. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the management controller determines the currently registered casino supplies by subtracting the de-registered casino supplies from the previously registered casino supplies.

9. The management system according to claim 2, wherein the information held by the casino supply includes information on the group to which the casino supply belongs, and

the collation device further determines whether the group identified by the at least a part of the information read by the reading system provided at each of the plurality of locations in the casino match the group associated with the unique ID of the casino supply in the database.

10. The management system according to claim 2, wherein the collation device performs ~~the~~ collation at predetermined time intervals.

11. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the reading system reads the unique ID of the casino supply when exiting the backyard to an area where the plurality of gaming tables are located.

12. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the casino supply is stored at or near the gaming table after being transported from the backyard before being used at the gaming table,

the reading system at or near the gaming table reads the unique ID of the stored casino supplies.

13. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the group represents at least one of the following attributes: a casino where the casino supply is used, a supplier of the casino supply, and a production lot of the casino supply.

14. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of casino supplies to be handled as a single unit is a plurality of casino supplies housed in the same housing.

15. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the management controller uses reading results of the plurality of reading systems to determine the casino supplies that are not owned by the casino.

16. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the management controller registers a time of start of use of the casino supply and/or a time of end of use of the casino supply in the database.

17. The management system according to claim 1, wherein when an event relating to a predetermined security item occurs with respect to the casino supply, the occurrence of the event is associated with the at least a part of the information of the casino supply and stored in the database, and the plurality of the gaming tables share an existence of the event stored in the database.

18. The management system according to claim 1, wherein the management controller registers the unique ID read by the reading system into the database together with the information of the location where the unique ID was read.

19. The management system according to claim 1, wherein at each of the plurality of locations, the management controller determines the casino supplies present at the location by subtracting the casino supplies read by the reading system as they leave the location from the casino supplies brought into the location and read by the reading system.

20. The management system according to claim 19, wherein the management and controller identifies the number, location, and/~~or~~ unique ID of a lost casino supply by comparing currently registered unique IDs of the casino supplies with unique IDs of the casino supplies present in the plurality of locations.

21. A management system for managing casino supplies used in a casino~~-~~, wherein

each of the casino supplies belongs to one of multiple groups each of which is grouped by attribute of the casino supply,

the casino supplies are received from outside the casino at the backyard of the casino and then used at gaming tables in the casino,

each of the casino supplies holds information to identify which of the multiple groups the casino supply belongs to, the information including a unique ID that uniquely identifies the casino supply,

the management system comprising:

a reading system installed at each of multiple gaming tables and configured to read at least a part of the information from the casino supply when the casino supply from the backyard is brought to the gaming table,

a controller configured to identify the group to which the casino supply belongs based on the at least a part of the information read by the reading system.

22. The management system according to claim 21, wherein the controller identifies the group to which the casino supply belongs when the casino supply is brought out onto the gaming table during game operations.

23. The management system according to claim 21, further comprising a database configured to store the unique IDs of available casino supplies that is allowed to be used in the casino, wherein the controller matches the unique ID read by the reading system with the unique ID stored in the database.

24. The management system according to claim 21, wherein the information includes group information indicating the group to which the casino supply belongs.

25. The management system according to claim ~~21~~23, wherein the controller is further configured to identify the group to which the casino supply belongs by referring

to the database and identifying the group information associated with the unique ID read by the reading system.

26. The management system according to claim 21, wherein the controller is further configured to obtain the group information of an expected group and determine whether the group identified by the controller is the same as the expected group.

27. The management system according to claim 26, further comprising a database configured to store the unique ID of the casino supply and the group information of the group to which the casino supply belongs in association with the unique ID, wherein

the controller is further configured to obtain the group information associated in the database with the unique ID read by the reading system as the group information of the expected group.