



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Office of the Governor  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS



NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER  
AS PROPOSED REGULATIONS  
Volume 40, Number 7, pp 040814-040825, as of July 28, 2018

**ACTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED REGULATIONS:** The Department of Public Lands (the "Department") HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT REGULATIONS the Proposed Regulations which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Department announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent, and now does so. (Id.) I also certify by signature below that: as published, such adopted regulations are a true, complete and correct copy of the referenced Proposed Regulations and that they are being adopted without the modifications described below.

**PRIOR PUBLICATION:** The prior publication was as stated above.

**THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE:** The proposed regulations set forth to allow for agricultural homesteading activities on the island of Rota by adopting rules and regulations governing the Rota Agricultural Homestead Program.

**THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED:** These rules and regulations:

1. Establish procedures for agricultural homestead applications.
2. Establish standards of eligibility.
3. Provide requirements necessary for the homestead program.
4. Regulate the permitting and inspection process.
5. Implement penalties.
6. Establish administrative hearing procedures.

**AUTHORITY:** The Department has the inherent authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to Article IX of the Commonwealth Constitution and 1 CMC § 2801 et. seq.

**DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION:** These Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial, both in English and in the principal vernacular (1 CMC § 9104 (a)(1)).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These regulations were proposed in July 2018 and are hereby being adopted as Permanent Regulations of the Department of Public Lands pursuant to 1 CMC § 9104. They will become permanent ten (10) days after publication in the June 2017 Commonwealth Register.

**COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT:** Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9104(a)(2), the agency has considered fully all written submissions respecting the proposed regulations. Upon this adoption of the regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, incorporating therein its reasons for overruling the considerations urged against its adoption.

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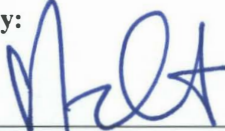
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**ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL:** The adopted regulations for the Rota Agricultural Homestead Program were approved for promulgation by the CNMI Attorney General in the above cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153 (e) (to review and approve, as to form and legal sufficiency, all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department, agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

**I DECLARE** under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct copy and that this declaration was executed on the 24 day of September, 20 18, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

**Submitted by:**

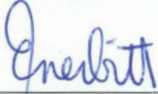


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