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**DIVISION 1: FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)**

**§ 12102. Definitions.**

As used in this chapter, the term –

(a) “Casino” means a place, area, structure, subject to license under 10 CMC § 12131 for the conduct and playing of one or more games, including associated activities, such as money counting, surveillance, accounting, and storage, related to such conduct and playing. Provided, that such term shall not include areas of a resort complex or other facility exclusively devoted to other activities, such as a hotel, golf course, etc., in which no game is conducted or played;

(b) “Casino service provider” means a person subject to license under 10 CMC § 12132 that offers goods or services directly related to gaming, including such persons as gaming equipment manufacturers, importers, distributors, or repairers; schools that teach gaming, including playing, dealing, or other techniques; and casino security services;

(c) “Commission” means the Rota Casino Gaming Commission established by 10 CMC § 12111;

(d) “Commissioner” means a commission member of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission;

(e) “Commission officer” or “employee” means any person appointed as a member, an officer or employee of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission whose duties and responsibilities are related to or are in support of the effectual administration of this chapter;

(f) “Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

(g) “Council” means the Rota Municipal Council;

(h) “Domicile” means that place in which a person maintains a residence with the intention of continuing that residence for an unlimited or indefinite period, and to which that person has the intention of returning whenever absent, even for an extended period. Recourse shall be had to the relevant provision of the Northern Mariana Islands Election Reform Act of 2000 for further assistance on the term “domicile.”

(i) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission;

(j) “Financial year” means the period of 12 months ending on 30 September in any year or, where the Rota Casino Gaming Commission approves some other date as the terminating date of a financial year in a particular case, the period of 12 months ending on a date so approved.

(k) “Game” means any activity that includes elements of prize, consideration, and chance;

(l) “Gaming” means the playing of any game;

(m) “Mayor” means the Mayor of Rota;

(n) “Municipality” means the Municipality of Rota in the First Senatorial District, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas;

(o) “Operator” means a person that actually provides the overall management of the operations of a casino, whether by ownership, lease, contract, agreement, or otherwise; and

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(p) “Person” includes a natural person, as well as a partnership, corporation, association, joint venture, or other business entity;

(q) “Rota Casino Gaming Commission” or “Commission” means the regulatory agency of local government established by this chapter;

(r) “Technical amendment” means changes in the Rota Casino Act necessary to bring into conformance with constitutional principles and/or Commonwealth-wide law as interpreted by the Commonwealth Court System or necessary to remove ambiguities, which may be amended for clarification pursuant to the Local Law Act of 1983 [1 CMC §§ 1401-1408], as presently constituted or hereafter amended.

(s) “Treasurer” means the Rota Municipal Treasurer.

**Source:** Rota Local Initiative 1 (2007), § 2, modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission modified this section pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(c), (d), (f) and (g). The Commission substituted “chapter” for all occurrences of “act “ or “title,” changed section references to agree with renumbered code sections, changed capitalization and inserted the bracketed citation. The Commission added a semi-colon at the end of subsection (g) to correct a manifest error.