

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 4: LAND RESOURCES

§ 4334. Village Homesteading Program Prior to January 9, 1978.

(a) The Department of Public Lands shall administer all village homesteading programs in accordance with the provision of statutes, rules and regulations, and policies in effect prior to January 9, 1978, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

(b) The following are the existing village homesteading programs:

(1) Teneto-Sinapalo new village subdivision—Rota.

(2) San Jose new village subdivision—Tinian.

(3) Sugar King new village subdivision—Saipan.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Department of Public Lands may, for good cause shown, waive rules and regulations and policies which are applicable to village homesteading programs established prior to January 9, 1978.

Source: PL 1-42, § 4; (a) and (c) global amendments by PL 15-2, § 4.

Commission Comment: For statutory designations of public lands to be used for homesteading, see 67 TTC §§ 351-355 (Kagman and Marpi areas on Saipan); 67 TTC §§ 361-364 (Pagan); 67 TTC §§ 371-375 (Teneto and Sinapalo areas on Rota); and DL 4-203 (north of San Jose village on Tinian).

With respect to the reference to the “Marianas Public Land Corporation,” see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001; see also the comment to 2 CMC § 4142.

PL 15-2, which was enacted on February 22, 2006, abolished the Marianas Public Lands Authority and created a Department of Public Lands in its place. PL 15-2 contained short title, legislative findings and declaration of policy, repealer, global amendment, transition, severability, and savings clauses. See 1 CMC § 2801 for detailed information regarding PL 15-2.