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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CONTENTS: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Commonwealth Register, Vol. 17, No. 4, at 13275, (April 15, 1995), Rule 3:

RULE 3. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER.

(See Attached Proposed Rules)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: All interested persons may submit written comments about the proposed amendments to the Secretary, Department of Commerce, P.O Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, on or before February 15, 2000.

AUTHORITY: The Department of Commerce is authorized to promulgate regulations pursuant to 1 CMC §§ 2454, 9104.

FRANKIE B. VILLANUEVA Secretary, Dept. of Commerce

Recieved by:

JOSE 1. DELEON GUERRERO Governor's Special Ass't for Administration

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153, as amended by P.L. 10-50, the rules and regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General's Office.

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SOLEDAD B. SASAMOTO

Registrar of Corporations

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NUTISIAN PUPBLIKU PUT I INTENSION PARA U MA ADAPTA I AMENDASION SIHA GI AREKLAMENTON I DIPPATAMENTON KOMETSIU

PROPOSITU NA AMENDASION GI AREKLAMENTON SUHETU: I DIPPATAMENTON KOMETSIU Commonwealth Register, vol. 17, no. 4, gi 13275, (Abrit 15, 1995), na Areklamentu 3:

AREKLAMENTU 3. APUNTAN I HEARING OFFICER.

(Areglos Propositu Gaigi Na)

KOMENTUN PUPBLIKU: Todu man enteresau na taotao pot i propositu amendasion, pot fabot, tugi papa ya na halom gi Ofisina Secretariu, Dippatamenton Kometsiu, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 gi dia Febreru 15, 2000.

ATURIDAT: I Dippatamenton Kometsiu ma aturisa para u famatinas Regulasion sigun gi sinangan i 1 CMC §§ 2454, 9104.

FRANKIE B. VILLANEUVA

Ma Resibi as:

Secretariu, Dippatamenton Kometsiu

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As:

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2000.

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OWINGELAR LLIWEL MELLOL OWTOL ALLEGHUL U DIPATAMENTOOL KOMETSIU Commonwealth Register, Vol. 17, No. 4, rel 13275, (Abrit 15, 1995), rel Talil 3:

TALIL 3. APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER.

(<u>Atool</u> kkal Alleghul)

TIPEER ME MANGEMANGIIR TOWLAP: Aramas ye e tipali nge emmwel schagh bwe ebwe ischiitiw meta tipal me mangemangil reel lliiwel kkaal nge raa afanga ngali Secretariu, Dipatamentool Kometsiu, P.O. Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 mwal Febreero 15, 1998.

BWANG: Dipatamentool Kometsiu eyoor bwangil bwe ebwe ffeer Alleghul sangi bwangil me aileewal mille 1 CMC §§ 2454, 9104.

FRANKIE B. VILLANEUVA Secretariu, Dipatamentool Commerce

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Citation of Statutory Authority: The Department of Commerce proposes regulations pursuant to 1 CMC § 2454,

regulations pursuant to 1 CMC § 2454, (modified by Section 302(c) of Executive Order 94-3 text printed in Reorganization Plan No. 2, E.O. 94-2, Comm. Reg. Vol. 16, No. 6, at 11931 [June 15, 1994]), and codified in P.L. 10-44 (effective date February 7, 1997) to be codified at 4 CMC §§ 5901-11.

Short Statement of Goals and Objectives:

The proposed COMMERCE REGULATIONS are made to expedite the administrative hearing process within the Department of Commerce to reduce the practice of Appellants making motions for reconsideration following the conclusion of the administrative hearing process, previous and supplement COMMERCE REGULATIONS proposed in the Commonwealth Register at Vol. 17, No. 4, at 13273-76, effective date June 25, 1995.

Brief Summary of the Proposed Regulation:

These COMMERCE REGULATIONS supplement previously adopted COMMERCE REGULATIONS and provide for a more comprehensive, efficient administrative hearing process.

For further information contact:

Mr. Lee C. Cabrera, Director, Division of Economic Development, Department of Commerce, 664-3017.

Citation of Related and/ or Affected Statutes, Regulations, and Orders:

Regulations, and Orders: P.L. 10-44 (effective date February 7, 1997) to be codified at 4 CMC §§ 5901-11, and the previous COMMERCE REGULATIONS proposed in the Commonwealth Register at Vol. 17, No. 4, at 13273-76, effective date June 25, 1995.



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RULE 3 APPOINTMENT OF HEARING OFFICER

In all actions pursued by the Secretary, his designees, and/or other litigants, whether the action is for an Administrative Declaratory Ruling or an Administrative Contested Case, the Secretary shall appoint a person or persons as Hearing Officer(s) who are competent, impartial, and familiar with the administrative hearing process.

Following the opening of the administrative record, the proceedings will continue, and may recess from time to time if necessary, until the administrative record is closed. Once the administrative record is closed no further written or oral submissions may be received into the administrative record. Following the issuance of a written decision, after the close of the administrative record, no requests to reopen the record or reconsider the written decision shall be entertained without the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, or his designee.

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