

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION

§ 54004. Responsibilities.

The Department of Commerce shall:

- (a) Develop, or have developed, a design for the CNMI Product Seal;
- (b) Determine the viability of having a distinct product seal for the islands of Rota, Tinian, Saipan or any island to the north of Saipan or a single product seal for the entire CNMI;
- (c) Assess the local value added in the production processes of manufacturers applying for permission to place the seal upon their products;
- (d) Issue permits for use of the seal to eligible applicants;
- (e) Ensure ongoing compliance with the eligibility requirements by all manufacturers who have been issued permits;
- (f) Conduct field investigations of products bearing the seal, both on its own initiative and in response to information and complaints received from the public;
- (g) Levy fines on manufacturers, importers, distributors, and retailers found to be in violation of this Chapter;
- (h) Transmit information regarding the levy of fines to the Department of Finance; and
- (i) Take appropriate steps to notify businesses about the requirements of this Chapter.

Source: PL 20-89 §3(104) (Feb. 18, 2019), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission changed “Act” to “Chapter” in (g) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d), capitalized the first word of (a)–(i) for conformity pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f), and added a comma after “distributors” in (g) pursuant to 1 CMC § 386(g).