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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS to
the DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, DIVISION OF CUSTOMS SERVICE**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS:

The Department of Finance – Division of Customs Service intends to amend the Customs Service Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 1 CMC § 9104(a). If adopted, these amendments will become effective ten days after the publication of a Notice of Adoption in the Commonwealth Register. 1 CMC §9105(b)

AUTHORITY: These amendments are promulgated under the authority set forth in the Commonwealth Code, including but not limited to 1 CMC §2553, 1 CMC §2557, 1 CMC §252021, 1 CMC §1104, 1 CMC §1402, 4 CMC §1425 and §1820.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The purpose of the amendment to the Customs Service Regulations is to implement a gradual increase in the rates of Customs & Quarantine (CQ) charges for arriving passengers. The seven-dollar passenger fee shall remain at \$1 per arriving passenger. Effective October 1, 2018, the fee will increase to \$2.50 per arriving passenger. Effective April 1, 2019, the fee will increase to \$4.50 per arriving passenger. Effective October 1, 2019, the fee will increase to \$7.00 per arriving passenger.

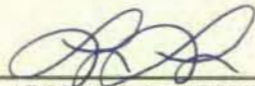
DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These proposed amended regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on Proposed and Newly Adopted Regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each senatorial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

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed regulations to Larrisa C. Larson, Secretary of Finance, via US mail to the Dept. of Finance, P O Box 5234 CHRBS, or via hand-delivery to the Office of the Secretary of Finance, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP. Comments, data, views, or arguments are due within 30 days from the date of publication in this notice.

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These proposed regulations were approved by the Secretary of Finance on March 26, 2018.

Submitted by:



LARRISA C. LARSON
Secretary of Finance
Department of Finance

7/10/18
Date

Received by:



SHIRLEY P. CAMACHO-OGUMORO
Governor's Special Assistant for Administration

7/13/18
Date

Filed and
Recorded by:



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Commonwealth Register

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Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General and shall be published, pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(f)

Dated this 17 day of July, 2018.



EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General