

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS AFTER CONSIDERING PUBLIC COMMENT: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Department of Public Lands (“the Department”) intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Regulations pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Regulations would become effective ten (10) days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

AUTHORITY: The Department has the inherent authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to Article IX of the Commonwealth Constitution and 1 CMC § 2801 et. seq.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The proposed regulations will allow the Department to implement an agricultural homestead program for the Northern Islands in an effort to allow for homesteading activities to eligible Northern Marianas descent.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These rules and regulations:

1. Establish procedures for agricultural homestead applications.
2. Establish standards of eligibility.
3. Provide requirements necessary for the homestead program.
4. Regulate the permitting and inspection process.
5. Implement penalties.
6. Establish administrative hearing procedures.

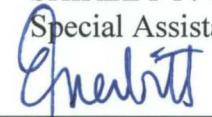
DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: These Proposed Regulations shall be published in the Commonwealth Register in the section on proposed and newly adopted regulations (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) and this notice shall be posted in convenient places in the civic center and in local government offices in each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

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Send or deliver your comments to the Department of Public Lands Attn: Secretary, at the above address, fax or email address. Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Please submit your data, views or arguments. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

The Department of Public Lands approved the attached Proposed Regulations on the date listed below.


Submitted by:  21 SEP 2018
MARIANNE CONCEPCION-TEREGEYO Date
Secretary, Department of Public Lands

Received and filed by:  9/24/18
SHIRLEY P. CAMACHO-OGUMORO Date
Special Assistant for Administration

Filed and Recorded by:  09.24.2018
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Commonwealth Registrar

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) 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, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).

Dated the 24 day of September 2018.


Hon. EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General