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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE MARPI PUBLIC CEMETERY UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

EMERGENCY ADOPTION AND IMMEDIATE EFFECT: The Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR) finds that the attached amendments to DLNR's Rules and Regulations shall be adopted immediately on an emergency basis because, for reasons stated below, the public interest so requires. 1 CMC § 9104(b), (c); 1 CMC § 9105(b)(2). These emergency regulations shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Commonwealth Register and delivery to the Governor, 1 CMC § 9105(b)(2), and shall remain in effect for 120 days thereafter. 1 CMC § 9104(b).

AUTHORITY: The Secretary of Lands and Natural Resources ("Secretary") has the authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of his duties and responsibilities. 1 CMC § 2654; 3 CMC § 2624. Further, 1 CMC § 9104(b) of the Administrative Procedure Act provides that:

If an agency finds that the public interest so requires, or that an imminent peril to the public health, safety, or welfare requires adoption of a regulation upon fewer than 30 days' notice, and states in writing its reasons for that finding, it may, with the concurrence of the Governor, proceed without prior notice or hearing or upon any abbreviated notice and hearing that it finds practicable, to adopt an emergency regulation. The regulation may be effective for a period of no longer than 120 days, but the adoption of an identical regulation under subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section is not precluded.


REASON FOR EMERGENCY ADOPTION: The construction of the Marpi Public Cemetery is complete and has already been in operations since August 1st, 2025. The Marpi Public Cemetery is critical as the other public cemeteries have exceeded their capacity. The Commonwealth needs another public cemetery at which it can bury its deceased. This overcrowding at the other cemeteries poses an imminent threat to public health. Accordingly, these regulations must be adopted immediately so that operation of the Marpi Public Cemetery can operate under established rules and regulations.

For the forgoing reasons, DLNR finds that the public interest requires the adoption of regulations upon fewer than 30 days' notice. Adoption of regulations through the emergency process will ensure that the public health threat associated with overcrowded cemeteries is addressed as soon as possible.


THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: The attached emergency regulations govern burials at the Marpi Public Cemetery in the Commonwealth and use and maintenance of the cemetery. Most importantly, the regulations establish the interment permit system and fees.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILING AND PUBLICATION: The Secretary of DLNR will take appropriate measures to make these Emergency Rules and Regulations known to the persons who may be affected by them. (1 CMC § 9105(b)(2)).


The attached Emergency Regulations are approved by the Secretary of DLNR on the date listed below.

Submitted by: 
SYLVAN O. IGISOMAR
Secretary of the Department of
Lands and Natural Resources

3/02/26
Date

Received by: 
JEAN PAUL B. REYES
Governor's Special Assistant for
Administration

3/06/2026
Date

Concurred by: 
DAVID M. APATANG
Governor

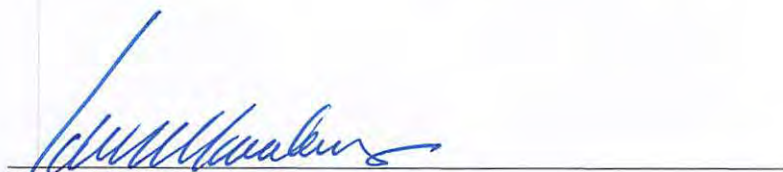
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Filed and
Recorded by: 
ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS
Commonwealth Registrar

3.12.2026
Date

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 11 day of March 2026.


Edward E. Manibusan
Attorney General

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
TITLE 85
DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES REGULATIONS

Regulation Title: Northern Mariana Island Administrative Code
Title 85 (Department of Lands and Natural Resources)
Chapter 85-110 (Marpi Public Cemetery Regulations)

This chapter 85-110 is hereby repealed and replaced by the following:

Part 001- General Provisions

§ 85-110-001 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to establish rules for the public cemeteries in the Commonwealth. It is the goal of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to maintain the Marpi Public Cemetery to ensure a quiet and beautiful resting place for the deceased and to provide for their proper burial.

§ 85-110-005 Definitions

As used in this rule unless otherwise provided:

- (a) "Cemetery" means the Marpi Public Cemetery in the Commonwealth.
- (b) "Commonwealth" means the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- (c) "Department" means the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.
- (d) "Grave" means the space of ground in the cemetery used, or intended to be used, for burial of human remains
- (e) "Interment" means the disposition of human remains by burial or inurnment.
- (f) "Liner" means a grave liner or vault.
- (g) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Lands and Natural Resources or his or her designee.
- (h) "Space" means area in the cemetery used, or intended to be used, for interment or inurnment of human remains.

§ 85-110-010 Authority

- (a) The Secretary shall be authorized to enforce the regulations in this chapter and may delegate his or her duties to enforce the regulations.

Part 100 – Maintenance Standards

§ 85-110-105

- (a) The Department shall ensure that the grounds are kept in a condition so as to prevent the cemetery's offensive deterioration, and shall ensure that maintenance activities do not interfere with burial services.

§ 85-110-105 Floral and Decorative Objects

- (a) The following items are prohibited and may not be placed on graves, or otherwise left in the cemetery:
 - (1) Potted plants;
 - (2) Permanent plantings;
 - (3) Artificial flowers or plants;
 - (4) Vigil lights;
 - (5) Commemorative items;
 - (6) Toys; and
 - (7) Glass containers or objects.
- (b) Cut natural flowers, wreaths, and sprays in containers may be placed on, but not attached to, graves. Department personnel shall remove faded or withered floral displays.
- (c) Candles are permitted for ceremonial purposes; however, the candles must be extinguished and removed from the cemetery at the end of the ceremony

Part 200 - Burials

§ 85-110-201- Map of Burial Plots; Register

- (a) The Department shall survey the cemetery and develop a master map of the burial plots and number each burial plot.
- (b) The master map shall be used to assign burial plots.
 - (1) To obtain a burial plot, the requesting party shall fill out a burial plot assignment application and submit it, along with the interment fee, to the Department. The requesting party shall also submit a copy of the decedent's death certificate and a copy of his or her burial permit obtained from the Department of Public Health.

- (c) The Department shall also maintain a register for the assignment of burial plots. The register shall contain the name, date of birth, date of death, date of burial, and burial plot number of the person interred at the cemetery.

§ 85-110-205 Interment Permit Fees

- (a) A person seeking to inter remains at the cemetery must first obtain an interment permit from the Department.
 - (1) To obtain a permit, the person must provide the death certificate of the deceased and the burial permit from the Department of Public Health.
- (b) The interment permit fee is \$500 and covers the following: opening and closing of gravesites and the maintenance of cemetery grounds.

§ 85-110-210 Burials

- (a) All burials at the cemetery shall be carried out by the Department or its contractor.
- (b) The Department shall be responsible for providing uniform grave markers; opening and closing the crypts, and lowering the body; assigning burial plots.
 - (1) Grave markers that are not issued by the Department shall not be placed in the cemetery.
- (c) All expenses incurred by the survivors or representative for the funeral services and supplies provided by a funeral director of their choice and transportation shall be the responsibility of the survivors or representative.
- (d) Graves may be temporarily marked using a temporary grave marker until the survivors or representative provides the permanent marker.
- (e) All graves shall have a liner and remains shall be in a casket that complies with the Department's requirements.

§ 85-110-215 Disinterment

- (a) Interment of eligible decedents shall be considered to be permanent and final.
- (b) Disinterment and removal of remains shall be permitted only with the prior approval of the Secretary and the Department of Public Health.
- (c) All arrangements and all expenses in connection with a disinterment shall be the responsibility of the requesting individual or agency. These arrangements shall include compliance with the Commonwealth health laws or rules, engagement of a funeral director to accomplish the disinterment, necessary re-casketing of the remains, rehabilitation of the old grave, and compliance with any special instruction of the Secretary.

- (d) The Secretary or a designated cemetery official shall supervise disinterment's at the gravesite.
 - (1) Special care and concern shall be shown for adjacent graves and markers
 - (2) Department personnel shall reopen the grave down to one foot above the top of the grave liner or vault.

- (e) When a disinterment has been completed, the open grave shall be reused at the earliest practical date.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Governor
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS**

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER AS PROPOSED REGULATIONS
Volume 46, Number 07, pp. 051154-051161, of July 15, 2024

**AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMERCIAL USE OF MANAGAHA ISLAND
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Office of the Governor, Department of Public Lands (DPL) HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT amendments to the DPL Commercial Use of Managaha Island Rules and Regulations, which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above-referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 1 CMC § 9101 et seq. These amendments restrict the consumption of outside food and beverages in the Exclusive Concession Area.

I certify by signature below that as published, such adopted regulations are a true, complete, and correct copy of the referenced proposed revisions to NMIAC § 145-30-101 (Uses and Privileges), and that they are being adopted without modification, as described below.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: These regulations were published as proposed regulations in Volume 46, Number 07, pp. 051154-051161 of the Commonwealth Register dated July 15, 2024.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted regulations were approved for promulgation by the Attorney General in the above-cited pages of the Commonwealth Register pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e).

MODIFICATIONS FROM PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: The Public Notice of Proposed Amendments also proposed to amend NMIAC § 145-30-101(a) (Uses and Privileges) to add language stating that “Personal floatation devices brought in by visitors shall not be used in the Designated Swimming Area,” and DPL is not proceeding with adoption of that language at this time. In addition, the Public Notice of Proposed Amendments also proposed amendments to NMIAC § 145-30-015 (Definitions) to further define the type of “commercial activity” that may only be provided by the main Concessionaire and a limited number of subconcessionaires mutually agreed upon by DPL and the Concessionaire, and DPL is not proceeding with adoption of any amendments to NMIAC § 145-30-015 (Definitions) at this time.

AUTHORITY: These amendments are promulgated under the authority of DPL pursuant to 1 CMC § 2806 to develop administrative policies, procedures, and controls related to public land.

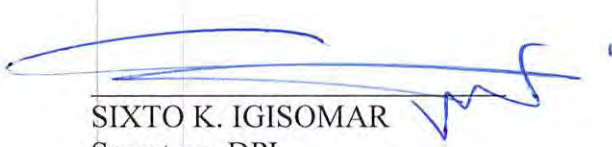
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EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9105(b), these adopted amendments are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b), which, in this instance, is 10 days after publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT: Written comments regarding the proposed regulations were submitted during the comment period. DPL will, if requested to do so by any interested person within 30 days of this adoption of the amendments, issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the date indicated below at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Submitted by:



SIXTO K. IGISOMAR
Secretary, DPL

02/24/2026
Date

Filed and recorded by:



ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS
Commonwealth Registrar

03-04-2026
Date

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), the certified final regulations, modified as indicated above from the cited proposed regulations, have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General, and shall be published in accordance with 1 CMC § 2153(f).



EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General

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Date



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION ON REGULATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER
AS PROPOSED REGULATIONS
60-20 and 60-30 Technology Use Regulation
Volume 47, Number 12, pp 053418-053435, of December 15, 2025

Regulations of the State Board of Education

ACTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, State Board of Education (the Board), HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT regulations the PSS Procurement Rules and Regulations, which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above-referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Board announced that it intended to adopt as permanent and now does so.

The Proposed Amendment to 60-20 and 60-30 Technology Use Regulation has been published; such adopted regulations are a true, complete, and correct copy of the referenced Proposed PSS Rules and Regulations, and they are being adopted.

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The Board approved the regulation at its Special Board meeting on December 13, 2024.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY:
None. The regulations were adopted as proposed and published.

AUTHORITY: The Board is required by the Legislature to adopt rules and regulations regarding those matters over which the State Board of Education has jurisdiction.

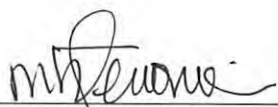
EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC § 9105 (b), these adopted regulations are effective ten (10) days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§9102 and 9104 (a) or (b), which, in this instance, is ten (10) days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC §9104(a) (2), the agency has considered fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed regulations. Upon this adoption of the regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within thirty (30) days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, incorporating therein its reasons for overruling the considerations urged against its adoption. Please see the following pages for this agency's concise statement, if there are any, in response to filed comments.


ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL FOR NON-MODIFIED REGULATIONS: The adopted regulations were approved for promulgation by the Attorney General in the above-cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC §2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form and legal sufficiency). As such, further approval is not required.

I DECLARE under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 18th day of February 2026, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and ordered by:

Submitted by: 
Maisie B. Tenorio, Chairperson
19th CNMI State Board of Education

02.18.26
Date

Filed and Recorded by: 
Esther R.M. San Nicolas
Commonwealth Registrar

02.23.2026
Date



Technology Use Regulation

CNMI PSS
Version 1.0
July 30, 2024

Executive Summary

This proposed update aims to ensure the CNMI Public School System's policies remain current, relevant, and effective in safeguarding its educational environment while promoting innovation and digital literacy. With defined roles and oversight led by the Technology Oversight Committee, these updates will support responsible technology use and promote equal access to digital resources. This proposal outlines the rationale, key updates, and responsibilities for successful implementation.

Introduction

The CNMI PSS is committed to providing a secure, equitable, and innovative digital environment for all students and staff. To uphold this commitment, PSS is revisiting and updating its technology use regulations, last revised 23 years ago (in 2001). This proposal outlines necessary updates to address the current technological landscape and ensure our policies reflect best practices in cybersecurity, digital literacy, and equitable access.

Rationale

Updating the technology use regulation for the CNMI PSS is essential to address the evolving landscape of digital tools and safe, responsible use of technology in education. As technology rapidly advances, new devices, software, and online platforms continuously reshape the learning environment and administrative processes. Outdated regulations can leave the district vulnerable to security risks, inefficiencies, and inequities in access. By revising these regulations, the district ensures that technology use aligns with current best practices, enhances educational opportunities, and protects sensitive data.

The CNMI PSS hereby recognizes that: (a) Use of technology, when effectively applied, is necessary to enhance educational outcomes and support the district's mission; and (b) Reasonable measures must be adopted and implemented to ensure that technology is used in a manner that is safe, ethical, and aligned with the CNMI PSS's values.

Proposed Changes to the Current Regulation

- **Existing Regulations:** This proposed regulation will *replace* the following regulations in their entirety:
 - §60-20-540 Library, Media, Technology Services and Network; Student Internet Usage and
 - § 60-30.2-370 Internet Usage
 - § 60-30.3-268 Internet Usage
- **Proposed Regulation:**
 - (1) The CNMI Public School System (PSS) is committed to establishing clear guidelines for the use of technology by students, staff, and stakeholders.
 - (2) The CNMI PSS, through its Commissioner of Education and in conjunction with the Technology Oversight Committee, shall be responsible for drafting, adopting, and publishing policies for the appropriate use of technology. These policies shall be binding on the CNMI PSS, its staff and students. It shall be the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Education's to determine when and what policies are necessary to govern the use of technology for the CNMI PSS. The CNMI Board of Education reserves the right to promulgate overarching policies

as necessary for the CNMI PSS but it shall be the Commissioner's responsibility to draft specific policies for everyday governance.

- (3) The CNMI PSS will establish and enforce policies to ensure safe and responsible technology use to protect users from harmful material while allowing internet use for education.
- (4) The CNMI PSS will adopt digital literacy policies to empower students and staff with the critical skills, ethical understanding, and technical proficiency to responsibly participate in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.
- (5) The CNMI PSS will adopt cybersecurity policies to ensure the protection of sensitive data, maintain the integrity of its systems, and safeguard against cyber threats.
- (6) The CNMI PSS will adopt digital equity policies to ensure that students have equitable access to high-quality digital resources, tools, and opportunities regardless of their socioeconomic status, geographic location, or personal circumstances.
- (7) The CNMI PSS will ensure this regulation undergoes periodic review and revision as necessary to maintain its effectiveness and relevance.
- (8) Regulations shall be published by the CNMI PSS in the following manner:
 - Shall be published on its website and accessible to the general public
 - Shall be distributed via email to everyone who has a CNMI PSS email
 - Shall administer an electronic acknowledgment form, accessible via a unique link, where each recipient must review and formally acknowledge their understanding and consent to abide by the regulations.

Responsibilities:

The successful implementation of the revised Technology Use Regulation relies on clearly defined responsibilities across various departments and roles to ensure a secure and compliant digital environment. The Director of the Office of State Infrastructure Technology will establish a Technology Oversight Committee responsible for monitoring and maintaining the Technology Regulation and associated policies for staff and students. Key responsibilities include:

- Office of SIT: As the leader of the Technology Oversight Committee, the System Administrator ensures the effective implementation and oversight of the Technology Regulation and associated policies.
- Office of Instructional Technology & Distance Education: Develops digital literacy programs and trains staff and students on responsible technology use, ensuring educational tools are safe and aligned with instructional goals
- Department of Accountability, Research & Evaluation: Evaluates the effectiveness of technology policies and digital equity initiatives, reporting findings to support data-informed improvements in technology use.
- Data Governance Committee Representative: Ensures data governance aligns with privacy standards, trains staff on data security, and regularly audits data access to maintain compliance with regulations.

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Appendix

- CNMI PSS Instructional Technology Appropriate Use Regulation Board of Education Action No. 2021.17.09 Approved on September 30, 2021
- CNMI PSS Acceptable Use Policy
- CNMI PSS Acceptable Use Agreement

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Marianas Visitors Authority

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION
OF REGULATIONS OF
The Marianas Visitors Authority**

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER
AS PROPOSED REGULATIONS
Volume 48, Number 01, pp 053503-053518, of January 15, 2026

**Regulations of Marianas Visitors Authority: Title 90-20 Marianas Visitors Authority
Procurement Rules and Regulations**

NMIAC § 90-20-205	Competitive Sealed Bidding; Invitation for Bid
NMIAC § 90-20-210	Small Purchases
NMIAC § 90-20-215	Sole Source Procurement
NMIAC § 90-20-240	Destination Enhancement Projects
NMIAC § 90-20-245	Airlift Development
NMIAC § 90-20-250	Change Order

ACTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Marianas Visitors Authority ("MVA"), HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT regulations the Proposed Regulations which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above-referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The MVA announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent, and now does so. I also certify by signature below that:

as published, such adopted regulations are a true, complete and correct copy of the referenced Proposed Regulations,

and that they are being adopted without modification or amendment

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The MVA Board adopted the regulations as final at its meeting of April 10, 2025 and July 31, 2025.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: None. I further request and direct that this Notice be published in the Commonwealth Register.

AUTHORITY: The MVA Board of Directors is required by the Legislature to adopt rules and regulations regarding those matters over which the Board of Directors has jurisdiction, including its regulation of the Marianas Visitors Authority. PL 11-15, the "Marianas Visitors Authority Act of 1998," (4 CMC §§ 2124, eff. June 17, 1998), and section 11(d) ("the Act").

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9105(b), these adopted regulations are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b), which, in this instance, is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9104(a)(2), the agency has considered fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed regulations. Upon this adoption of the regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, incorporating therein its reasons for overruling the considerations urged against its adoption. Please see the following pages for this agency's concise statement, if there are any, in response to filed comments.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL: The adopted regulations were approved for promulgation by the Attorney General in the above-cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC sec. 2153(e) (To review and approve, as to form and legal sufficiency, all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department, agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I DECLARE under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 13th day of March, 2026, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Certified and ordered by:



Vicky I. Benavente
Chairperson (Acting)
Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors

3/13/2026

Date

Dated the ____ day of _____, 2026.

Filed and
Recorded by:



ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS
Commonwealth Registrar

03.13.2026

Date

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MEMORANDUM

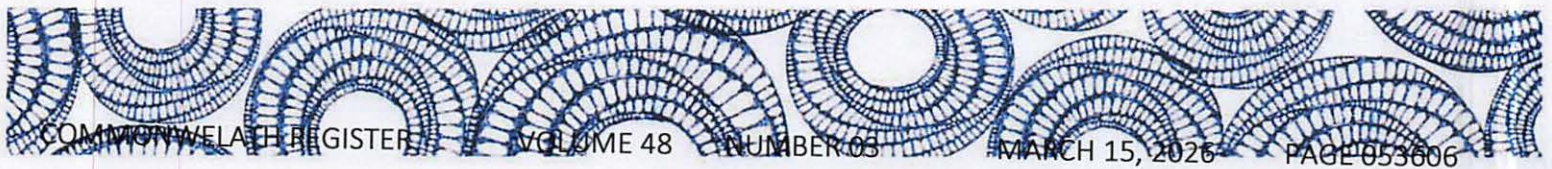
DATE : March 8, 2026
TO : Board of Directors
Managing Director
Division Managers
FROM : Chairman, Board of Directors
SUBJECT : Delegation of Authority- Acting Chairwoman, Board of Directors

I will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from **Sunday, March 8, 2026 to Friday, March 13, 2026.**

During my absence, Vice-Chairwoman Vicky I. Benavente, will be serving as Acting Chairwoman. I kindly ask that you extend your full cooperation and support to Acting Chairwoman Benavente as she assumes this additional responsibility.

Thank you.


WARREN F. VILLAGOMEZ



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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS
WHICH ARE AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MARIANAS
VISITORS AUTHORITY, PROCUREMENT DIVISION**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS: The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) approved the publication of the following amendments to its Procurement Regulations at its Board Meeting on April 10, 2025/ July 31, 2025. It intends to adopt these regulations as permanent, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). The Regulations would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

AUTHORITY: These amendments are promulgated under the authority of 4 CMC 2124(d), which authorizes MVA to adopt procurement and supply regulations consistent with those of the Commonwealth government, and 4 CMC, 2128, which grants MVA the authority to adopt rules and regulations.

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: These proposed amendments would increase the Competitive Sealed Bid threshold. These proposed amendments would modify the way the MVA conducts Small Purchases. These proposed amendments would bring this regulation into compliance. These proposed amendments would implement adjustments to the current Title 90-20-240 Destination Enhancement. These proposed amendments would add a regulation to MVA Title 90-20.


THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: MVA Procurement Rules and Regulations:
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NMIAC § 90-20-205	Competitive Sealed Bidding; Invitation for Bid
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NMIAC § 90-20-245	Airlift Development
NMIAC § 90-20-250	Change Order


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 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 George Sablan (procurement@mymarianas.com), *Attn: New Procurement Rules and Regulations*, at the above address, fax or email address, with the subject line "New Procurement Rules and Regulations". 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))

These proposed regulations were approved by the Board of Directors on April 10, 2025 and July 31, 2025.

Submitted by: 
WARREN F. VILLAGOMEZ
Chair, Board of Directors
Date: 1.13.26

Received by: 
JEAN PAUL REYES
Governor's Special Assistant for Administration
Date: 1/14/2026

Filed and Recorded by: 
ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS
Commonwealth Registrar
Date: 01.15.2026

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 _____ day of _____, 2025.



EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General

1/14/2026

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**NUTISIAN PUBLIKU PUT I MANMAPROPONI NA AREKLAMENTU YAN
REGULASIÓ NI MANMA'AMENDA GI AREKLAMENTU YAN REGULASIÓ SIHA GI
DIBISIÓ PROCUREMENT I MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY**

NUTISIAN I AKSION NI MA'INTENSIONA: I Mariñas Visitors Authority (MVA) ha aprueba i publikasion nu i mantinãtti na amenda siha gi iyon-ñiha Regulasion "Procurement" gi huntan-ñiha gi Abrit 10, 2025/ Hului 31, 2025. I intensiõna para u adãpta esti na regulasiõn siha komu petmanienti, sigun para i Åktun "Administrative Procedure", 1 CMC § 9104(a). I regulasiõn siempre umifektibu gi halum dies dihas dispues di adaptasiõn yan publikasion gi halum i Rehistran Commonwealth. (1 CMC 9105(b))

ÅTURIDÅT: Esti na amenda siha manmacho'gui gi pãpa' i aturidãt nu 4 CMC 2124(d), ni aturisa i MVA para u adãpta i regulasiõn "procurement" yan suplika regulasiõn siha ni kunsisti yan atyu nu i gubietnamentun Commonwealth, yan 4 CMC, 2128, ni munã'i i MVA i aturidãt para u adãpta i areklamentu yan regulasiõn siha.

I TEMA YAN SUSTÅNSIAN I PALÅBRA SIHA: Esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha siempre ha aomenta i "Competitive Sealed Bid threshold". Esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha siempre ha mudifika i maneran i MVA makundukta i Mandikiki' Finãhan siha. Esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha siempre ha tãtti mo'na esti na regulasiõn. Esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha siempre ha implimenta ahustamentu siha gi presenti na Titulu 90-20-240 "Destination Enhancement". Esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha siempre ha implimenta ahustamentu siha gi presenti na Titulu 90-20-245 "Airlift Development". Esti i manmaproponi na amenda siha siempre ha na'hãlum i regulasiõn MVA Titulu 90-20.

SUHETU NI MASUMÅRIA YAN ASUNTU NI TINEKKA: I Areklamentu yan Regulasiõn Procurement MVA siha:

NMIAC § 90-20-205 Competitive Sealed Bidding; Invitation for Bid

NMIAC § 90-20-210	Small Purchases
NMIAC § 90-20-215	Sole Source Procurement
NMIAC § 90-20-240	Destination Enhancement Projects
NMIAC § 90-20-245	Airlift Development
NMIAC § 90-20-250	Change Order


DIREKSION SIHA PARA U MAPO'LU YAN PUPBLIKASION: Esti i Manmapropoñi na Regulasi3n siha debi na u mapupblika gi halum i Rehistran Commonwealth gi halum i maproponi na seksiona yan nuebu ma'adapta na regulasi3n siha (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) yan u mapega gi halum i kumbinienti na lugat gi halum i Civic Center yan gi halum ufisinan gubietnamentu siha gi kada distritun senadot, parehu Inglis yan i dos na lingguahi natibu (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

PARA MAPRIBENIYI UPIÑON SIHA: Na'hanao pat intrega halum i upiñon-mu siha guatu as George Sablan (procurement@mymarianas.com), *Attn: Nuebu na Areklamentu yan Regulasi3n Procurement siha*, gi sanhilu' na address, fax osino email address, yan i suhetu na raya "Nuebu na Areklamentu yan Regulasi3n Procurement siha". I upiñon-mu siha debi di u fanhalum gi halum trenta (30) dihas ginin i fetcha publikasi3n esti na nutisia. Put fabot na'halum i imfutmasi3n, upiñon pat agumentom-mu siha.

Esti i manmaproponi na regulasi3n siha ma'aprueba ni i Kuetpun Mandirekt3t siha gi Abrit 10, 2025/ Huluiu 31, 2025.

Nina'halum as: 
 WARREN F. VILLAGOMEZ
 Kabesiyu, Kuetpun Mandirekt3t

1.13.26
 Fetcha

Rinisibi as: 
 JEAN PAUL REYES
 Ispisiat Na Ayudanti Para I Atministrasi3n


1/14/2026
 Fetcha

Pine'lu yan Ninota as: 
 ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS
 Rehistran Commonwealth

01.15.2026
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Sigun i 1 CMC § 2153(e) (inapruewan AG nu i regulasi3n siha para u macho'gui komu para fotma) yan 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (hentan inapruewan AG) i maproponi na regulasi3n siha ni mañechettun guini manmaribisa yan ma'aprueba komu para fotma yan ligat sufisienti ginin i CNMI Abugadu Hinerat yan debi na u mapupblika, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (publikasi3n areklamentu yan regulasi3n siha).

Mafetcha gi diha 14 gi January, 2025. 6


Edward Manibusan
Abugadu Hinerat

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**ARONGORONGOL TOULAP REEL PPWOMWOL ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUT
IYE E LO BWE LIIWEL NGÁLI ALLÉGH ME MWÓGHUTUGHUTÚL
MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY, BWULASIYOL PROCUREMENT**

**MÁNGEMÁNGIL MWÓGHUT REEL REBWE ADÓPTÁALI PPWOMMWOL ALLÉGH ME
MWÓGHUTUGHUT:** Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) ra átirowa bwe ebwe
arongowow liiwel ikka e amwirimwiritiw bwe Mwóghutughutúl Procurement igha re
yéélagh wóól Sééta 10, 2025/ Wuun 31, 2025. Rebwe adóptáali mwóghutughut kkaal
bwe ebwe lléghló reel fféerúl, sáangi Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a).
Ebwe bwunguló Mwóghutughut kkaal seigh ráal mwiril aar adóptáali me akkatééwowul
me Ilól Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

BWÁNGIL: Ebwe arongowow liiwel kkaal faal bwángil 4 CMC 2124(d), iye e ayoorai
bwángil MVA reel rebwe adóptáali mwóghutughutúl "procurement" me "supply" iye e
weewe fengál me bwulasiyol gobetnameentol Commonwealth, me 4 CMC, 2128, iye e
ngaleer MVA bwááng rebwe adóptáali allégh me mwóghutughut kkaal.

KKAPASAL ME AWEEWEEEL: Ebwe lapaló mille "Competitive Sealed Bid threshold"
sáangi ppwomwol liiwel kkaal. Ppwomwol liiwel kkaal ebwe liiweli efaisúl MVA rebwe
lemeli mwóghutughutúl "Small Purchases". Ppwomwol liiwel kkaal ebwe ayoora
mwóghutughut me angúúngúl. Liiwel kka re mángemáangi nge ebwe awela "Title
90-20-240 Destination Enhancement" ye ighila. Ppwommwol liiwel ebwe aschuulong eew
mwóghutughut ngáli MVA Title 90-20. Liiwel kka re tingór nge ebwe ayóóralong Ilól "MVA
Title 90-20" bwal eew pwommwol mwóghutughut.

KKAPASAL ME AUTOL: Alléghúl me Mwóghutughutúl MVA:

NMIAC § 90-20-205	Competitive Sealed Bidding; Invitation for Bid
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AFAL REEL AMMWELIL ME AKKATÉÉWOWUL: Ebwe akkatééwow Ppwommwol

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Mwóghutughut kkaal me llól Commonwealth Register llól táilil ppwommwol me ffél mwóghut ikka ra adóptáali (1 CMC § 9102(a)(1)) me ebwe appaschetá llól civic center me bwal llól bwulasiyol gobetnameento, fengál reel English me mwáliyaasch. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

REEL ISIISILONGOL KKAPAS: Afanga ngare bwughiló yóómw ischil kkapas ngáli George Sablan (procurement@mymarianas.com), "Attn: New Procurement Rules and Regulations", reel féféfé imwu e lo weiláng, fax ngare email address, fengál wóól subject line bwe "New Procurement Rules and Regulations". Ebwe toolong kkapas llól eliigh ráál mwiril aal akkatééwow arongorong yeel. Isiisilong yóómw data, views ngare angiingi. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2))

Aa átirow ppwommwol mwóghutughut kkaal sáangi Board-il Directors wóól Sééta 10, 2025/ Wuun 31, 2025.

Isáliyalong:	 WARREN F. VILLAGOMEZ Chair, Board-il Directors	<u>1.13.26</u> Ráál
Bwughiyal:	 JEAN PAUL REYES Governor's Special Assistant ngáli Administration	<u>1/14/2026</u> Ráál
Ammwelil:	 ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS Commonwealth Registrar	<u>01.15.2026</u> Ráál

Sáangi 1 CMC § 2153(e) (sáangi átirowal AG reel mwóghutughut bwe aa fil reel fféerúl me ebwe arongowow) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (sáangi átirowal AG) reel ppwommwol mwóghutughut ikka e appasch bwe ra takkal amwuri fischiiy me átirowa bwe aa lléghló reel fféerúl me "legal sufficiency" sáangi Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalopal CNMI me ebwe akkatééwow, 1 CMC § 2153(f) (arongowowul allégh me mwóghutughut).

Ghikkill 14 ráálil January, 2025/6
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EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Soulemelemil Allégh Lapalap

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§ 90-20-205 Competitive Sealed Bidding; Invitation for Bid

(a) The purchase of all supplies and materials and all construction works when the expenditure exceeds ~~\$10,000~~ \$50,000 shall be by contract let to the lowest responsible bidder.

TITLE 90: MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

§ 90-20-210 Small Purchases

(a) Any procurement not exceeding ~~\$10,000~~ \$50,000 may be made in accordance with small purchase procedures with this section. Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided as to constitute a small purchase.

(b) Small Purchases of ~~\$1,000~~\$25,000 or Less.

(1) The Chair of the MVA Board delegates the expenditure authority for purchases of ~~\$1,000.00~~\$25,000.00 or less to the Managing Director.

(2) The Managing Director may make small purchases of ~~\$1,000~~\$25,000 by any commercially reasonable method and shall exercise best efforts to ensure responsible expenditure of MVA funds. Purchase orders may be used for such transactions. Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase of ~~\$1,000~~\$25,000 or less.

(3) The Managing Director shall maintain a small purchase log. For each small purchase, the log shall contain:

- (i) The date of the purchase;
- (ii) The name of the vendor;
- (iii) The goods or services purchased; and
- (iv) The purpose of the purchase.

(4) Insofar as it is practical for small purchases of goods or services between \$10,000.01 and \$25,000, no less than three businesses shall be solicited to submit written, electronic, or oral quotations that are recorded and placed in the procurement file. If fewer than three businesses submit quotations, the Authority shall certify, in writing, that there are fewer than three vendors available. In the event the Managing Director deems it is in the best interest of the CNMI and the Authority that purchases of goods and services of \$25,000 or less does not require multiple solicitations, the Managing Director shall submit written justification to the MVA Board of Directors supporting the decision. Award shall be made to the business offering the lowest acceptable quotation. Small purchases made under this provision will be completed through commercially reasonable methods and best efforts to ensure responsible expenditure of MVA funds will be applied.

(c) The Managing Director shall provide the small purchase log to any board member upon request.

(d) Small Purchases between ~~\$1,000.01~~\$25,000.01 and ~~\$10,000~~\$50,000.

(1) The Chair of the MVA Board is the expenditure authority for small purchases between ~~\$1,000.01~~\$25,000.01 and ~~\$10,000~~\$50,000.

(2) Insofar as it is practical for small purchases of goods or services between \$25,000.01 ~~1,000.01~~ and ~~\$10,000~~\$50,000, no less than three businesses shall be solicited to submit written, electronic, or oral quotations that are recorded and placed in the procurement file. If fewer than three businesses submit quotations, the ~~Managing Director~~ requesting party shall certify, in writing, that there are fewer than three vendors available. Award shall be made to the business offering the lowest acceptable quotation.

(3) The names of the businesses solicited to submit quotations, the names of the businesses submitting quotations, and the date and amount of each quotation shall be recorded and maintained as a public record.

§ 90-20-215 Sole Source Procurement

(a) A contract may be awarded for a supply, service, or construction item without competition when: ~~the contracting officer determines in writing that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or construction item.~~

~~(b) A contract may be awarded when the supplies or services to be rendered are unique and the Managing Director determines it is in the best interest of the Bureau to procure the supplies or services without competitive bidding. A written justification for the sole source procurement shall be prepared by the contracting officer and the written determination shall state the unique capabilities required and why they should be procured without competition bidding.~~

~~(c) The Board shall approve all sole source procurement.~~

(1) The Board determines in writing, after reviewing the expenditure authority's written justification pursuant to § 90-20-205, that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or construction;

(2) The purpose is to obtain equipment or services identified as interoperable for the use of enhancing and protecting the Commonwealth homeland security from suppliers determined capable to deliver such equipment or services for the purpose specified or for purposes relating to the needs of agencies designated as homeland providers;

(3) Professional services are needed to facilitate the process of obtaining needed critical infrastructure funding to harden and enhance the capability of protecting critical infrastructure of the Commonwealth;

(4) Professional services are needed for the purpose of facilitating the establishment of a unit authorized in a federal defense appropriation act;

(5) The purpose is to obtain expert witnesses for litigation;

(6) The purpose is to obtain legal services;

(7) The purpose is to procure policy consultants of the Governor, Lt. Governor, or presiding officers of the Legislature;

(8) The purpose is to obtain the services provided by lecturers, speakers, trainers, or facilitators when the vendor uses specialized training methods or techniques or has expertise in the subject matter; or

(9) The purpose is to purchase registration or workshop fees for conferences or training.

(b) For any sole-source procurement pursuant to subsection (a)(1), a written justification for sole-source procurement shall be prepared by the official with expenditure authority and

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submitted to the Director. This written justification shall contain the specific unique capabilities required; the specific unique capabilities of the contractor; the efforts made to obtain competition; and the specific considerations given to alternative sources and specific reasons why alternative sources were not selected.

(c) For any sole source procurement pursuant to subsections (a)(2), (a)(3) or (a)(4), the official with expenditure authority shall provide a written copy of the applicable federal grant or act under which the services are authorized or required.

TITLE 90: MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

§ 90-20-240 Destination Enhancement Projects

(a) Any contract for destination enhancement of ~~\$25,000~~\$150,000 or less may be conducted pursuant to this section.

(b) The Chair of the MVA Board is the expenditure authority for destination enhancement purchases of ~~\$15,000.01 or greater~~\$50,000.01 up to \$150,000. The Chair of the MVA Board delegates the expenditure authority for destination enhancement purchases of ~~\$15,000~~\$50,000 or less to the Managing Director.

(c) MVA may make destination enhancement purchases of ~~\$15,000~~\$150,000 or less by any commercially reasonable method and shall exercise best efforts to ensure responsible expenditure of MVA funds. If the destination enhancement purchase is for ~~\$5,000~~\$150,000 or less, MVA may use a purchase order for the transaction. Procurement requirements shall not be artificially divided so as to constitute a destination enhancement purchase under this section.

(1) The Managing Director shall maintain a destination enhancement purchase log. For each destination enhancement purchase of ~~\$15,000~~\$50,000 or less, the log shall contain:

- (i) The date of the purchase;
- (ii) The name of the vendor;
- (iii) The goods or services purchased; and
- (iv) The purpose of the purchase.

(2) The Managing Director shall provide the destination enhancement purchase log to any board member upon request.

(3) For destination enhancement purchases ~~of between \$5,000.01 and \$15,000~~up to \$50,000, at least one business shall be solicited to submit written, electronic, or oral quotations that ~~are~~ recorded and placed in the procurement file. Award shall be made to the business offering the lowest acceptable quotation. The names of the businesses solicited to submit quotations, the names of the businesses submitting quotations, and the date and amount of each quotation shall be recorded and maintained as a public record.

(d) Insofar as it is practical for destination enhancement purchases of between ~~\$15,000.01 and \$25,000~~\$50,000.01 and \$150,000, no less than three businesses shall be solicited to submit written, electronic, or oral quotations that are recorded and placed in the procurement file. If fewer than three businesses submit quotations, the Managing Director shall certify, in writing, that there are fewer than three responsive vendors available. Award shall be made to the business offering the lowest acceptable quotation. The names of the businesses solicited to submit quotations, the names of the businesses submitting quotations, and the date and amount of each quotation shall be recorded and maintained as a public record.

§ 90-20-245 Airlift Development

(a) General

(1) The Airlift Development procurement category is established to support initiatives aimed at retaining current air service, increasing flight frequency, or attracting new air service from additional airlines to the CNMI.

(2) Expenditures under this category shall be made in the best interest of the CNMI, with a focus on maintaining or enhancing air connectivity to support tourism and economic development.

(3) For the purpose of Airlift Development, 'best interest of the CNMI' shall mean actions that demonstrably support sustained or increased air connectivity, passenger volume, or economic benefit from tourism.

(b) Expenditure Authority

(1) The Chair of the MVA Board is the expenditure authority for Airlift Development purchases of \$100,000.01 or greater but not exceeding \$250,000.

(2) The Chair of the MVA Board delegates the expenditure authority for Airlift Development purchases of \$100,000 or less to the Managing Director.

(3) Expenditures over \$250,000 require board approval.

(4) Both the Chairperson and Managing Director must justify and document the strategic benefit of the expenditure, including a brief cost-benefit analysis and data supporting the expected impact on air connectivity.

(c) Procurement Method

(1) Procurement will focus on the strategic goal of retaining or enhancing air service, with decisions based on demonstrated best interest to the CNMI.

(2) The Managing Director shall exercise best efforts to ensure responsible expenditure of MVA funds and shall document the rationale for each procurement, including expected impacts on air connectivity.

(d) Record Keeping

(1) The Managing Director shall maintain a log for all Airlift Development expenditures. For each purchase, the log shall contain:

(i) Date of the purchase;

(ii) Name of the vendor or service provider;

(iii) Description of goods or services procured;

(iv) Purpose of the purchase;

(v) Amount expended;

(vi) Justification for the expenditure including strategic benefits and impact on air connectivity.

(2) The Managing Director shall provide the Airlift Development log to any board member upon request.

(e) Public Record

(1) Procurement records related to Airlift Development shall be maintained as a public record and made available for inspection in accordance with applicable laws.

(f) Applicability

(1) All procurement made under this section will be made in compliance to Department of Finance §70-30.3-225 Sole Source Procurement.

§ 90-20-250 Change Order

(a) Execution of a change order shall only be allowed if an increase, decrease, or change in the scope of work is required which was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of the formation of the contract.

(1) Change in Account Number. When a change in account number is necessary, the expenditure authority shall execute a writing as prescribed by the Department of Finance to change the account number for an otherwise valid contract for the Director's approval. No change order is drafted for internal accounting purposes.

(2) For-Cost Change Order. The sum of all change orders cannot exceed 25 percent of the original contract amount.

(3) No change order resulting in an increase in contract cost or time is allowed when it is a direct result of the contractor's inexperience, inefficiency, or incompetence.

(b) Before adding significant new work to existing contracts, the expenditure authority shall provide a thorough written assessment explaining why it is or is not more advantageous to seek competition. Change orders on construction and architect-engineer contracts which exceed 25 percent of the cumulative contract price shall automatically be procured through the appropriate competitive procedure that uses full and open competition, except when the procurement of the additional work is authorized without using full and open competition.

(c) Contractors shall not be allowed to continue working beyond the expiration term of an original contract or change order in the absence of an approved new contract or change order. The expenditure authority shall circulate change orders not less than 30 days prior to expiration using the procedures for processing new contracts in Chapter 90-20. Change orders placed into circulation after the stated date of expiration of the underlying contract shall be denied.

(d) Extension of Services. Award of contracts for recurring and continuing service requirements are often delayed due to circumstances beyond the control of contracting offices. To avoid negotiation of short extensions to existing contracts, the Director may include an option clause in solicitations and contracts which will enable the Government to require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. The option provision may be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance thereunder shall not exceed 6 months.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Amendments to the Personnel Regulations of the Commonwealth Ports Authority

The Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA") hereby notifies the public that the Commonwealth Ports Authority intends to promulgate amendments to its Personnel Regulations.

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PERSONNEL REGULATIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to 1 CMC § 9104(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act that the Commonwealth Ports Authority intends to promulgate the following amendments to its Personnel Regulations.

TERMS, SUBSTANCE, AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These proposed regulations amend NMIAC § 40-40-901 to amend the CPA Military Leave Policy to comply with CNMI Public Law 24-18, also known as the "Military and Emergency Service Leave Act of 2025." The public law increases paid military leave days to 30 working days per calendar year and expands eligibility to include employees serving in federally-recognized uniformed services such as the National Guard, Reservists in the U.S. Armed Forces, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps, and any uniformed service covered under USERRA.

AUTHORITY: The substance of the following proposed amendments was approved by the CPA Board of Directors on January 29, 2026, by majority vote. These proposed amendments are for publication in the Commonwealth Register for Notice and Comment pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act and for approval by the Attorney General pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e). The Commonwealth Ports Authority has the authority to promulgate these regulations pursuant to 2 CMC § 2122.

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

TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Persons or entities wishing to submit comments must do so in writing to Ms. Estrellita S. Ada, Executive Director, CPA, by means of one of the following: Email, mail, or hand-delivery to the CPA Administration Office located on the second floor of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport with the subject line "Comments on Proposed Personnel Regulations."

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All written comments shall be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice.

Submitted by:  2/19/2026
ESTRELLITA S. ADA
Executive Director, CPA
Date

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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).

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EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General
Date



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NUTISIAN PUBLIKU

Maproponi na Tinilaika siha gi Regulasion Personnel i Commonwealth Ports Authority

I Eksakatibu Direktot gi Commonwealth Ports Authority (“i CPA”) ha ifotma guini i publiku na i Commonwealth Ports Authority ha intensiona para u implimenta i tinilaika gi iyon-ñiha regulasion Personnel siha.

I AKSION NI MA’INTENSIONA PARA U ADÁPTA ESTI I MANMAPROPONI NA TINILAIKA SIHA GI REGULASAIION PUETTU I COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY: I nutisia guini mannánã’i sigun para 1 CMC § 9104(a) gi Akton “Administrative Procedure” na i Commonwealth Ports Authority ha intensiona para u implimenta i sigenti na tinilaika gi iyon-ñiha Regulasion Personnel siha.

I TEMA, SUSTANSIA, YAN I DISKRIPSION I SUHETU NI MASUMÁRIA YAN ASUNTU NI TINEKKA: Esti siha na proponi regulasion ma amenda NMIAC § 40-40-901 para u amenda i polisian i Military Leave Policy para u komplási kon i CNMI Public Law 24-18, mäs matungo’ña as “Military and Emergency Service Leave Act of 2025”. I lain i publiku ha aomenta i inapas i military leave para trenta dihas kada kalendáriun i sakkan yan ha aomenta i nombrayon kumuenta i impliao siha ni ma putátãhi gi federát ni ma rikokninisa unifotmi setbisiu siha as National Guard, Reservists giya i U.S. Armed Forces, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps, yan maseha háfa na setbisiun unifotmi tinampi papa’ USERRA.

ATURIDAT: I sustansian i sigenti manmaproponi na tinilaika siha ginen maninapreba ni i Kuetpun Mandirektot gi Eneru 29, 2026, ni mayoria na botu. Esti i maproponi na tinilaika siha para publikasion gi halum Rehistran Commonwealth para Nutisia yan Upiñon sigun gi Akton Administrative Procedure yan para u inapreba ni Abugádu Henerát sigun para 1 CMC § 2153(e). I Commonwealth Ports Authority gai aturidát para u implimenta esti siha na regulasion sigun gi 2 CMC § 2122.

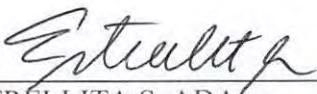
DIREKSION PARA U MAPO’LU YAN PUBLIKASION: Esti i Manmaproponi na Regulasion siha debi na u ma publika gi halum Rehistran Commonwealth gi halum seksiona ni Manmaproponi na Regulasion siha, 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1), ya u ma pega hálum gi kumbiñenti na lugát gi halum civic center yan gi halum ufisinin gubetnamentu gi kada distritun senadot, parehu Inglis yan i prinsipat na lingguáhin natibu 1 CMC § 9104(a)(1).

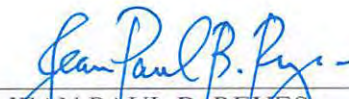
PARA U MAPRIBENIYI UPIÑON SIHA: I pitsona siha pat atyu i malagu’ manna’hálum upiñon siha debi di u macho’gui gi tinigi’ para guatu as Senora Estrellita S. Ada, Eksakatibun Direktot, CPA gi unu na tinattiyi na manera: Email, fax, mail osino


intrega hálum gi Ufisinan Atministrasion i CPA ni gaigi gi Sigundu na Biibienda gi plasan Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport yan “I Upiñon siha gi Manmaproponi na Regulasion Personnel.”

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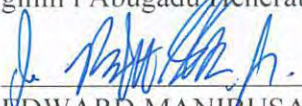
Todu i tinigi’ na upiñon siha debi na u fanhalum gi halum trenta (30) dihas dispues di publikasion nu esti na nutisia.

Nina’hálum as:  2/19/2026
ESTRELLITA S. ADA Fetcha
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Rinisibi as:  2/26/2026
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Acting Ispisiat na Ayudanti para i Atministrasion

Pine’lu yan Ninota as:  03-04-2026
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Rehistran Commonwealth

Sigun i 1 CMC § 2153(e) yan i 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) I manmaproponi na regulasion siha ni mañechettun guini ni manmaribisa yan manma’apreba kumu fotma yan sufisienti ligat ginin i Abugâdu Henerât CNMI yan debi na u mapublika, 1 CMC § 2153(f).

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ARONGORONGOL TOULAP

Ppwomwol Liiwel ngali Alléghúl Schóór Angaang loll Commonwealth Ports Authority

Executive Direktol Commonwealth Ports Authority e kke arongangaliir towlap bwe Commonwealth Ports Authority ebwele liiweli Alléghúl Schóór Angaang.

MWÓGHUTUGHUT KKA COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY EBWE FÉÉRU BWE EBWE YALI LIIWEL KKAAL NGALI YÁÁLI ALLÉGHÚL SCHÓÓR ANGAANG: Commonwealth Ports Authority, faal 1 CMC § 9104(a) rel Administrative Procedure Act, e kke aronga ngaliir toulap bwe ebwe fééru liiwel ngali yaal Alléghul Schóór Angaang.

A-TOL, AUTOL, ME TAPPAL:

Reel allégh kka rebwe liiweli ngali NMIAC § 40-40-901, nge rebwe liiweli yal CPA allégh rel yaar Sulólu rebwe asésé bwe ebwe aweeyngali yaal CNMI Allégh 24-18, iye elo faal “Military and Emergency Service Act of 2025.” Reel CNMI Allégh yeel nge e atéwta yaar ráálil asésé sulólu ngali eliigh (30) ráál llól ráálil angaang ngali angaang kka elo faal federally-organized uniform services tapal National Guard, Reservists melól U.S. Armed Forces, NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps, me bwal schóó kka relo faal USERRA.


BWANGIL: Wóól January 29, 2026, Board of Directors merel Commonwealth Ports Authority re tipiyew ngali autol liiwel kkal. Ara isálilong liiwel kkal llól Commonwealth Register for Notice and Comment bwele ilaal mille e tétiw merel allégh ye Administrative Procedure Act bwal ngare Attorney General e tipáli faal allégh ye 1 CMC § 2153(e). Fal allégh ye 2 CMC §2122, emwel bwe Commonwealth Ports Authority ebwe fééru allégh kkal.

AFAL REEL AMMWELÚL ME ARONGORONG: Arongorong kkaal nge rebwe isaliilong llól Commonwealth Register faal section we Proposed Regulations, 1 CMC § 9102(a)(1), iwe bwal appaschata, llól ischil mwáliyach fengál me llól ischil English, llól civic center me bwal bwulasiol gobetnameento me llól Senatorial Districts kka eluuw, Luta, Tchuliyól, me Seipél. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(1).

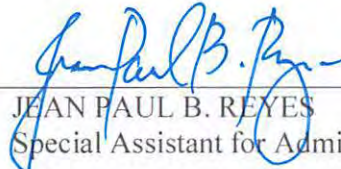
REEL ISIISILONGOL YÁÁMI ÓÓLEGH: Ngare eyoor schóó kka re tipáli bwe rebwe isiislong meefiyéér reel Allégh yeel nge emmwel bwe rebwe fafai me ngare isch ngali ilimwár ye Estrellita S. Ada, Executive Director rel Commonwealth Ports Authority. Elo bwulasiol reel 2nd Floor reel Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Yaal contact iye elo faal:

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Ngare u tipeli bwe ubwe afangafang email ngare isch katta nge uwa bwughi ngali ilimwár yeel, nge ubwe ischitiw wóol subject line ngare katta bwe “Comments on Proposed Airport Regulations.” Ówbwe atolongeey alongal ólegh reel meefiyami llól eliigh (30) ráálil mwiril arongorong yeel.

Isaliyalong: 
ESTRELLITA S. ADA
Executive Direktol, CPA

2/19/2026
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Bwughiyal: 
JEAN PAUL B. REYES
Special Assistant for Administration

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Ammwelil: 
ESTHER R.M. SAN NICOLAS
Commonwealth Registrar

03.04.2026
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Sangi 1 CMC § 2153(e) me 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), ppwommwol mwoghutughut ikka e appasch ra takkal amwuri fischiiy me ara tipiyew bwe aa fil reel fféerul me legal sufficiency sangi CNMI Attorney General me ebwe akkateewow sangi 1 CMC § 2153(f).


EDWARD MANIBUSAN
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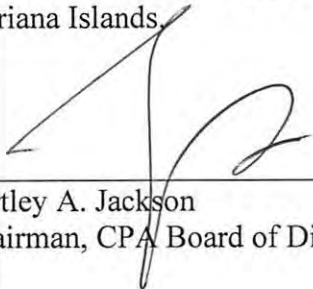
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

§ 40-40-460 Military and Emergency Service Leave

Military and Emergency Service leaves of absence with pay, not to exceed ~~15~~ 30 working days in any calendar year, regardless of the number of training periods ~~in~~ within the year, ~~may~~ shall be granted by the Executive Director to employees who are members of the United States National Guard, ~~and~~ Reserve components of the United States Armed Forces, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Reservist Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps, or any other uniformed service covered by the Uniformed Service Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) 38, U.S.C. §§ 4301 et seq. ~~when directed under orders issued by proper military authority.~~ Such leave shall be granted upon presentation of valid military orders or other appropriate documentation for:

- (i) Performing active duty
- (ii) Training
- (iii) Emergency response, or
- (iv) Other authorized service under competent military, federal, or state authority, including service in response to a national emergency, disaster, or other major incident.

DULY ADOPTED THIS 29th day of January, 2026, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



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Secretary, CPA Board of Directors



JOSEPH PATRICK FITIAL
Chairperson, CSC

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JOSEPH M. PANGELINAN
Director of Personnel

NOTICE OF RENEWAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
FINANCIAL AUSTERITY MEASURES

On October 1, 2025, the Governor issued Directive 2025-008 declaring the need for financial austerity measures that affect the Personnel Service System. Based on this directive, the Civil Service Commission filed a Notice of Implementation of Financial Austerity Measures as an emergency rule with the Commonwealth Register on October 15, 2025. On October 30, 2025, the Governor issued Directive 2025-008A (Revised Austerity Measures for Executive Branch Departments and Agencies for Fiscal Year 2026), which superseded the original directive and remains in effect. Pursuant to 1 CMC §9104(b), the emergency rule filed on October 15, 2025 is effective for a period not longer than one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of filing.

Because the Commonwealth continues to be in a state of financial austerity as declared by the Governor, and as further reflected in the currently operative Directive 2025-008A, the Civil Service Commission hereby renews the emergency implementation of Financial Austerity Measures.

Under authority of 1 CMC §8117, and Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations, Part 1100, Subpart A, § 10-20.2-1101, the Civil Service Commission hereby notifies the general public that all provisions of the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations that require increases in employees' salaries due to permanent or temporary promotions, acting or detail assignments, reallocation or reclassification of positions, and step increases based on attendance at workshops or other training programs are suspended. The expiration of the suspension will not entitle employees to retroactive salary adjustments for salary increases suspended by this action.

This rule is renewed and filed pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC §9104(b). Since this is a rule that is a statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, the provisions of 1 CMC §9104 relating to the adoption of regulations apply.

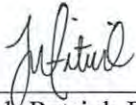
EMERGENCY: This renewal of the rule implementing Financial Austerity Measures is adopted as an emergency rule pursuant to 1 CMC §9104(b), based on the Governor's initial declaration under Directive 2025-008 upon which the Commission originally acted, and the continuing state of financial austerity as reflected in the currently operative Directive 2025-008A. This

emergency rule shall be effective upon filing with the Commonwealth Register and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of filing, unless sooner terminated by subsequent notice in the Commonwealth Register. It is in the public interest that this renewed rule becomes effective upon filing with the Commonwealth Register.

I hereby approve the attached Notice of Renewal of Implementation of Financial Austerity Measures, and further certify that the attached Notice of Renewal of Implementation of Financial Austerity Measures is a true copy of the Notice as adopted by the Civil Service Commission.

Submitted by:

Date: 02/20/2026



Joseph Patrick Fitial
Chairperson, Civil Service Commission

File and Recorded by:

Date: 3.12.2026



Esther R.M. San Nicolas, Commonwealth Registrar

Pursuant to 1 CMC §2153(e) and 1 CMC §9104(a)(3), this notice has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the Attorney General and shall be published, 1 CMC §2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations).



Edward Manibusan, Attorney General

Date: 3/11/2026