

**TITLE 1:**  
**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 102. Commonwealth: Defined.**

“Commonwealth,” when used in this code to describe a geographical area, means the Northern Mariana Islands, as defined in 1 CMC § 101; otherwise, it means the government established under the Constitution which became effective on January 9, 1978.

**Source:** N.M.I. Const. Sched. on Transit'l Matters § 9, modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission inserted a colon in place of a dash in the heading of this section to conform the heading to the style used elsewhere in the code. According to PL 3-90, § 7(a) (reprinted in the preface material, prior to title 1), “section headings . . . do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions of this Code.”