

TITLE 2: NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION 2 : PORTS

§ 2112. Definitions.

In this division, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions apply:

(a) “Authority” means the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

(b) “Ports” means all publicly owned sea and air ports together with all lands and facilities a part thereof and adjacent waters to the extent of three nautical miles in the Commonwealth. These include, but are not limited to:

(1) The seaports in the Port of Saipan, Port of Tinian/Tinian Harbor, and Rota West Harbor; and

(2) The airports at Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

(c) “Board” means the board of directors of the Ports Authority.

(d) “Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(e) “Government” means the government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(f) “Person” means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, body politic, municipal corporation, including any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative thereof.

(g) “Rules and regulations” means rules and regulations of general application issued by the authority regulating the application of this division, but shall not apply to the internal operation of the authority, nor to management of ports owned or operated by the authority.

(h) “Executive director” means the executive director of the Ports Authority.

(i) “Port-Connected Purpose” means any lawful purpose directly relating to, collateral to, or incidental to the use, development, or expansion of a port, port services, or port facilities, lands, or waters. All activity occurring within the boundaries of the seaport or airport facilities shall be deemed port-related use and attendant and part of the activities of the Commonwealth Ports Authority jurisdiction. A port-related use or port-connected purpose is not limited to merely aircraft or vessels or cargo but is defined to include all commercial and non-commercial activities such as ferry service and other vessel transportation services occurring within the Commonwealth Ports Authority areas. For purposes of permitting and construction by federal or local agencies as to activities, operations and facilities within the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, this definition shall specifically apply.

(j) “Port-Related Operation” means any activity conducted within a port connected purpose as defined in subsection (i).

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Commission Comment: The Commission changed “3” to “three” in (b) and struck “of this section” after “subsection (i)” in (j) pursuant to 1 [CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).