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Public Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Regulations for the

Department of Finance, Division of Customs

Notice of Intended Action: The Department of Finance, Division of Customs (Customs) approved the publication of the following amendments to its Customs Service Regulations. It intends to adopt these regulations as permanent, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, 1 CMC § 9104(a). If adopted, these amendments will become effective ten days after 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 § 25201, 4 CMC § 1104, 4 CMC § 1402, 4 CMC § 1425 and 4 CMC § 1820.

Terms and Substance: The purpose of the amendments to Customs Service Regulations Chapter 70-10 is to establish policy and procedures to implement and provide uniform enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands administered by Customs; to require Customs to control imports of all articles, wares, or merchandise for the assessment and collection of taxes; and for the interception of harmful elements and other contraband.

Directions for Filing and Publication: These proposed amendments 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)).

Comments: Interested parties may submit written comments on the proposed regulations to Larrisa C. Larson, Secretary of Finance, via U.S. mail to the Department of Finance, P.O. Box 5234, CHRB Dandan Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950, 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 of this notice. 1 CMC § 9104(a)(2).

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I certify, pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3), that I have reviewed and approved these regulations as to form and legal sufficiency.

Date: 9-11-17

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