



**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION**

**INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS:** The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Casino Commission (“the Commission”) intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached Proposed Regulations, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> CMC § 9104(a). The Regulations would become effective 10 days after adoption and publication in the Commonwealth Register. (1 CMC § 9105(b))

**AUTHORITY:** The Commission has the authority to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties and responsibilities pursuant to Public Laws 18-56 and Public Law 19-24, including but not limited to 4 CMC 2314(b).

**THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE:** The attached Rules and Regulations supplement the current regulations that govern and regulate the Casino Gaming Industry on Saipan. The amendments declare unsuitable certain methods of operation that would negatively affect the gaming industry in the CNMI.


**THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED:** These rules and regulations:

1. Amend 175-10.1-1805(b) to declare unsuitable the methods described in subsections (1)-(17) (Inclusive) of 175-10.1-1805(b).
2. Add subsection (14) to 175-10.1-1805(b) to declare unsuitable immediately providing requested information to the Commission’s members, agents or employees.
3. Add subsection (15) to 175-10.1-1805(b) (15) to declare unsuitable failing to honor a contractual obligation owed to a service provider, vendor, employee or other person without sufficient (in the discretion of the Executive Director) legal or equitable justification.
4. Add subsection (16) to 175-10.1-1805(b) (15) to declare unsuitable failing to timely honor a contractual obligation owed to a service provider, vendor, employee or other person without sufficient (in the discretion of the Executive Director) legal or equitable justification.
5. Add subsection (17) to 175-10.1-1805(b) (15) to declare unsuitable failing the operation any game or conducting any gaming activity in a manner not approved by the Commission or in a manner violative of an applicable law, regulation, internal control or rule of the game.

**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; the notice shall be both in English and in the principal vernacular. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(1)).

**TO PROVIDE COMMENTS:** Send or deliver your comments to Commonwealth Casino Commission, *Attn: New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations*, at the above mailing address, fax or email address, with the subject line “New Casino Commission Rules and Regulations”. Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Please submit your data, comments, views or arguments. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2))

The Commonwealth Casino Commission approved the attached Regulations on August 25, 2017.

Submitted by:   
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Chairman of the Commission

Sept. 29, 2017  
Date

Concurred by:   
HON. RALPH DLG TORRES  
Governor


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Date

Filed and Recorded by:   
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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 pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(f), *publication of rules and regulations*.

Dated the 29 day of September, 2017.

  
HON. EDWARD MANIBUSAN  
Attorney General