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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED BETEL NUT CONTROL
RULES AND REGULATIONS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO CONTROL DIVISION**

INTENDED ACTION TO ADOPT THESE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division, intends to adopt as permanent regulations the attached proposed regulations, pursuant to requirements of 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: The Secretary of Commerce (“Secretary”) has authority to adopt rules and regulations regarding matters that fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce, including betel nut control license. 1 CMC § 2454 (Department of Commerce general authority to adopt rules and regulations); 4 CMC § 51920 (authority to adopt rules and regulations for betel nut control licenses); 1 CMC §§ 9101–9115 (procedures for adoption of regulations under the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act).

THE TERMS AND SUBSTANCE: These proposed regulations provides the regulatory guidelines for the betel nut control license regulations consistent with Public Law No. 19-66, Betel Nut Control Act.

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These proposed regulations include the following subject areas:

1. Implementation of application fees and other application requirements for betel nut control licenses.
2. License Requirement
3. License Applications
4. Class Type of Licenses
5. License Duration
6. License Renewal
7. License Restrictions
8. Qualifications of Prospective Licensee
9. Application Review

10. Transfer of License
11. Responsibilities of the Licensee.
12. Prohibitions
13. Condition of Premises: Betel Nut Display and Required Sign
14. Enforcement: Fines, Penalties, Suspension and Revocation of Licenses
15. Right to Administrative Hearing
16. Procedure on Suspension and Revocation of License
17. Procedure on Unlicensed Sales of Betel Nut "Areca Nut" - Disposal of Confiscated Betel Nut "Areca Nut".


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 notice of the intended action to adopt this proposed regulation shall be 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 Mark O. Rabauliman, Secretary of Commerce, at the above address, with the subject line "Alcoholic Beverage Control License Regulations." Comments are due within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. (1 CMC § 9104(a)(2)).

These proposed regulations were approved by the Secretary on June 26, 2017.

Submitted by: 
 MARK O. RABULIMAN
 Secretary of Commerce

11/7/17
 Date

Received by: 
 SHIRLEY CAMACHO-OGUMORO
 Governor's Special Assistant for
 Administration

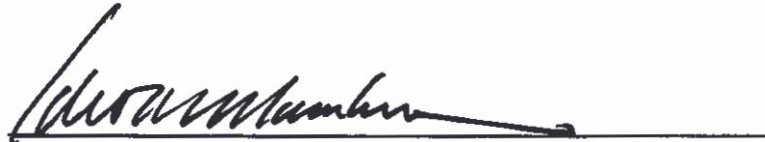
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 Recorded by: 
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Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the proposed regulations attached hereto have been 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 20 day of Nov 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Manibusan", is written over a horizontal line.

EDWARD MANIBUSAN
Attorney General