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Section 403. Upon the effective date of this section and until such time as they may by law be made inapplicable (except as herein otherwise provided) the following laws will be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands:

(a) The laws of the United States expressly made applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands.

(b) The existing laws of the United States applicable to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

(c) The laws of the United States applicable in the territory of Guam as well as in the several states in the same manner and to the same extent those laws are of general applicability;

(d) The laws of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, of the Marianas District Legislature and local municipalities, and all other executive and district orders of a local nature now applicable to the Mariana Islands District, and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States set forth in subsection (a) to (c), will remain in force and effect until repealed unless repealed by the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The term "laws of the United States" includes statutes, joint resolutions, treaties and Executive Agreements, proclamations, Executive Orders, judicial decisions, and regulations issued by the several departments, agencies, and regulatory commissions.

Section 402. (a) Except insofar as the applicability of a law of the United States is determined by other sections of this Commonwealth Agreement, and except insofar as the authority of the United States to make laws applicable within the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands is limited by other provisions of this Commonwealth Agreement,

(1) every law of the United States which has provisions making it effective within the Territory of Guam on the effective date of this section and which is of general application within the several States on the effective date of this section, shall be applicable within the Commonwealth of the Marianas Islands in the same manner and to the same extent as it is applicable within the several States, except that any such law which provides financial assistance or which is part of the federal banking laws shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent as it applies within the Territory of Guam, and except that Sections 6(a), (b) and (f) of the Fair Labor Standards Act shall not apply within the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands; and *and*

(2) the following laws shall apply within the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands as follows:

- (i) Titles I, X, XIV, and XVI of the Social Security Act shall apply within the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply within the Territory of Guam; and
- (ii) Those provisions of the Public Health Services Act which do not come within the provisions of subsection (a) (1) of this Section, Title III of the Consolidated Farmers Home Administration Act, and the Federal Crop Insurance Act shall apply within the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply within the several States.

(b) [reserved for any provisions relating to lower local matching contributions, use of funds from federal sources for such contributions, or to gradual imposition of certain *social security or to provide flexibility for the introduction of taxes, e.g., taxes to finance unemployment compensation*]

(c) ~~The provisions of this Section 402 shall continue in effect except to the extent that they are changed pursuant to Section ___ [Joint Commission]~~

The laws made applicable or inapplicable by this section 402 shall continue to be applicable or inapplicable as its case may be until such time as this applicability or inapplicability shall be altered pursuant to the Commonwealth Agreement.

Section 403. The statutory laws, executive and district orders, ordinances and judicial decisions of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or its political subdivisions, applicable in the Marianas Islands District on the effective date of this Section, shall remain in force and effect [to the extent compatible] with this Commonwealth Agreement until and unless repealed or altered by the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands pursuant to local law.