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TITLE V

Applicability of United States Laws

Section 501. The following laws of the United States in existence on the effective date of this Section, and amendments to such laws, shall apply within the Northern Mariana Islands in the following manner and to the following extent, except insofar as the applicability of such laws would be inconsistent with other sections of this Agreement:

(A) Those laws which provide financial assistance, or which are part of the Federal Banking Laws, or which are part of Titles I, X, or XIV of the Social Security Act shall apply as they apply within the Territory of Guam; and the Public Health Services Act shall apply as it applies in the Territory of the Virgin Islands;

(B) Those laws not described in Subsection (A) which have provisions making them applicable within the Territory of Guam, and which are of general application within the several States, shall apply as they are of general application within the several States;

(C) Those laws not described in Subsections (A) or (B) which have provisions making them applicable within

the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall apply in accordance with their terms until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement, and (except for the Micronesian Claims Act, which shall continue to apply in accordance with its terms) shall thereafter be inapplicable.

Section 502. Any law of the United States which would otherwise be applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands shall be inapplicable until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement if the President finds and declares that the application of such law prior to termination of the Trusteeship Agreement would be inconsistent with the Trusteeship Agreement.

Section 503. (A) The immigration laws of the United States shall not apply within the Northern Mariana Islands except in the manner and to the extent made applicable by Congress after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. Until such time as laws of the United States relating to immigration are made applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands shall have authority to regulate and control immigration into the Northern Mariana Islands, in a manner consistent with the international obligation of the United States.

(B) The Naturalization Laws of the United States shall not apply within the Northern Mariana Islands

until termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. After the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement the Naturalization Laws of the United States shall apply in accordance with this Subsection.

(1) After the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement immediate relatives (that is, children, spouse, brothers and sisters) of persons who are nationals or citizens of the United States who are domiciled in the Commonwealth, shall have a right to become naturalized citizens of the United States to the same extent as persons residing in the United States.

(2) After the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement persons born outside the United States of parents either of both whom are citizens or nationals of the United States who are domiciled in the Commonwealth shall become citizens of the United States at birth ( and shall have the right to retain such citizenship thereafter) under the same terms and conditions as persons born outside the United States of parents either or both of whom became citizens of the United States by virtue of being born in a State.

(3) For purposes of Subsections (B), (1) and (2) of this Section, and for the purpose of a national becoming a citizen of the United States, and for no other purpose, residence or physical presence in the Commonwealth

shall satisfy any residence or physical presence requirement of the Nationality and Naturalization Laws of the United States to the same extent as residence or physical presence respectively in a State of the Union.

(4) The Courts of Record established under the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth and the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands shall have jurisdiction to naturalize persons as citizens of the United States in accordance with applicable laws.

Section 504. (A) The Coastwise Laws of the United States, and any prohibition in the laws of the United States against foreign vessels landing fish or fish products in the United States, shall not apply within the Northern Mariana Islands except in the manner and to the extent made applicable by Congress after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

(B) The Secretary of Commerce shall issue regulations which provide that persons who are nationals but not citizens of the United States and who are domiciled in the Commonwealth shall be considered citizens of the United States for the purpose of such provisions of the Maritime and Shipping Laws of the United States as he deems appropriate in the circumstances.

Section 505. The minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act shall not apply within the Northern

Mariana Islands except in the manner and to the extent made applicable by Congress after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement. Provisions of federal laws providing for the establishment of a minimum wage in the Territory of the Virgin Islands may likewise be made applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands.

Section 506. The President of the United States shall appoint a Commission on Federal Laws, to consist of seven persons, at least of whom shall be citizens of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands who are and have been for at least three years domiciled continuously in the Northern Mariana Islands at the time of their appointment, to survey the field of federal statutory laws and to make recommendations to the Congress of the United States as to which statutes of the United States not applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands should be made applicable, and which statutes applicable should be made inapplicable. The Commission shall make its final report to the Congress within one year after the establishment of the Commonwealth, and before that time shall make such interim reports and recommendations to the Congress as it considers appropriate in light of its work and the relations between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States.

Section 507. The United States shall undertake through its constitutional processes such changes in its

statutory laws, regulations, and executive orders as are appropriate to effectuate expeditiously and without disruption the provisions of this Agreement, and to make such laws, regulations and orders consistent with this Agreement.