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Section 502. (a) Laws of the United States in existence on the effective date of this Section, and subsequent amendments to such laws, which apply to the Territory of Guam shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent to the Northern Mariana Islands, except

(1) as otherwise provided in this Agreement;

(2) to the extent such laws are not of general applicability; and

→ (3) to the extent such laws would govern intra-territorial matters within the Northern Mariana Islands,

(b) The Micronesian Claims Act shall continue to apply to the Northern Mariana Islands.

(c) The Public Services Act shall apply to the Northern Mariana Islands to the same extent and in the same manner as it applies to the Territory of the Virgin Islands.

(d) Those laws not described in Subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this Section which, on the effective date of this Section, apply to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, shall continue to apply to the Northern Mariana Islands; but subsequent amendments to such laws shall not apply to the Northern Mariana Islands unless such amendments specifically

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so provide. Unless expressly otherwise provided, the laws described in this Subsection will cease to apply to the Northern Mariana Islands upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

Section 503. The following laws of the United States, presently inapplicable to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, will not apply to the Northern Mariana Islands except in the manner and to the extent made applicable by the United States Congress by law after termination of the Trusteeship Agreement:

(a) The immigration and naturalization laws of the United States;

(b) 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, provided however that such laws shall apply to the Northern Mariana Islands as provided in Section 502 to the extent they concern United States Government shipments; and

(c) The minimum wage provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act, provided however that the minimum wage provisions of laws relating to employees and contractors of the United States Government shall apply as provided in Section 502.

[Section 504. Appropriate officials of the United States Government will be empowered to issue regulations providing that persons who are nationals but not citizens

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of the United States and who are domiciled in the Northern Mariana Islands will be considered citizens of the United States for the purpose of such provisions of the maritime and shipping laws of the United States as such officials deem appropriate.]

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[Section 50[?]. (a) At such time as the naturalization laws of the United States are made applicable to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands they shall apply in a manner consistent with Subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this Section.

(b) 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.

(c) Persons born outside the United States of parents either or both of 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.

(d) For purposes of Subsections (b) and (c) of this Section, and for the purposes of a person who becomes a national of the United States pursuant to this Agreement becoming a citizen of the United States, and for no other purpose, residents or physical presence in the Commonwealth shall satisfy any residence or physical presence requirement of the naturalization laws of the United States to the same

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extent as residence or physical presence respectively in a State of the Union.

(e) The courts of record of the Commonwealth and the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands shall have jurisdiction to naturalize persons as citizens of the United States with accordance with applicable law.]