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Section 603. (a) The Northern Mariana Islands will not be included within the customs territory of the United States.

(b) The Government of the Northern Mariana Islands may, in a manner consistent with the international obligations of the United States, levy duties on goods imported into its territory from any area outside the customs territory of the United States, and impose duties on exports from its territory.

(c) Imports from the Northern Mariana Islands into the customs territory of the United States will be subject to the same treatment as imports from Guam into the customs territory of the United States.

(d) The United States will seek to obtain from foreign countries favorable treatment for exports from the Northern Mariana Islands, and will encourage other countries to consider the Northern Mariana Islands a developing territory.

[ (e) Articles going into the Northern Mariana Islands from the United States, its territories and possessions, will be subject to the same treatment for purposes of the internal revenue laws of the United States as like articles going into Guam from such places. ]

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Section 805. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, and notwithstanding the provisions of the Constitution or ~~Laws~~ of the United States applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands, the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, in view of the importance of the ownership of land for the culture and traditions of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands, and in order to protect against exploitation and to promote economic advancement and self-sufficiency, will [MPSC: be empowered to] regulate the alienation of interests in real property, other than short term interests, so as to restrict the acquisition of such interests to persons of ~~the~~ Northern Mariana Island descent ~~and~~ [US: ] and will regulate the extent to which land now classified as public land can be held by individuals].

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Section 1004. The provisions of this Agreement will become effective as follows, unless otherwise specifically provided:

(a) [Sections 105, 201-203, 503, 505, 605, and Article X] will become effective on approval of this Agreement;

(b) [Sections 102, 103, 204, 304, Article IV, Sections 501, 502, 506, 601, 603, 604, 606, Article VII, Sections 801-805, and 901-903] will become effective on a date to be determined and proclaimed by the President of the United States which is within 180 days after this Agreement and the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands have both been approved; and

(c) The remainder of this Agreement will become effective upon the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement and the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Notes:

-- Section numbers placed in brackets because the numbers will change as the Agreement continues to be drafted.

-- Subsection (c) presently covers Sections 101, 104, 301, 302, 303, [507], 602, 806, and 904.