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(a) The following laws of the United States shall be effective in the Northern Marianas on the effective date of this section:

(1) Those laws which on that date apply to Guam and are of general application in the several States or have been made applicable to one or more territories of the United States in addition to Guam, provided however that the following such laws applicable to Guam shall not apply: [List]

(2) Those laws which on that date apply to the Northern Mariana Islands as a part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands provided, however, that upon the establishment of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands only such of the foregoing laws which are also of general application in the several States shall remain applicable in the Commonwealth. Insofar as any such laws may conflict with Subsection (a)(1), above, the laws applicable to Guam shall prevail.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2) of this subsection:

(i) the follwing laws of the United States shall be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands: [List]
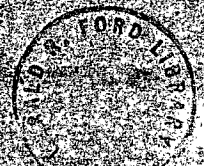
(ii) the following laws of the United States shall not be applicable to the Northern Mariana Islands: [List]

(b)   Any law of the United States enacted during the period between the signature of this Covenant [Agreement] and the effective date of this section which becomes applicable to the Northern Marianas by virtue of Subsection (a) above, shall be subject to special review by the U.S. Congress at the request of the Government of the Northern Marianas

(c)   Any law of the United States which would otherwise be applicable to the Northern Marianas under Subsection (a) shall become effective only upon the establishment of the Commonwealth if the President declares that the application of such law to the Northern Marianas prior to the termination of the trusteeship would be inconsistent with the Trusteeship Agreement.

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[Joint Commission on Review of Laws]