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# PUBLIC NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS OF

**Commonwealth Casino Commission** 

Juan M. Sablan, Chairman

PRIOR PUBLICATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH REGISTER AS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS Volume 39, Number 07, pp 039755-039757, of July 28, 2017

#### **Regulations of the Commonwealth Casino Commission**

ACTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS: The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC) HEREBY ADOPTS AS PERMANENT amendments to the Proposed Regulations which were published in the Commonwealth Register at the above-referenced pages, pursuant to the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act,1 CMC § 9104(a). The CCC announced that it intended to adopt them as permanent, and now does so. (Id.). I also certify by signature below that, as published, such adopted regulations are a true, complete and correct copy of the referenced Proposed Regulations, and that they are being adopted without modification or amendment, except as stated as follows:

(no changes)

THE SUBJECTS AND ISSUES INVOLVED: These rules and regulations:

Initial Gaming Facility. 1. "§ 175-10.1-635 2. **\*§ 175-10.1-801 Temporary Live Training Facility Authorized. Cessation of Live Training Facility.** 3. "§ 175-10.1-815

PRIOR PUBLICATION: The prior publication was as stated above. The CCC adopted the regulations as final on September 21, 2017.

MODIFICATIONS FROM PROPOSED REGULATIONS, IF ANY: Modifications were made as specified above. These are non-material modifications. I further request and direct that this Notice of Adoption be published in the Commonwealth Register.

AUTHORITY: The CCC is required by the Legislature to adopt rules and regulations regarding those matters over which the CCC has jurisdiction, See Public Laws 18-56 and 19-24.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9105(b), these adopted regulations are effective 10 days after compliance with the APA, 1 CMC §§ 9102 and 9104(a) or (b), which, in this instance, is 10 days after this publication in the Commonwealth Register.

COMMENTS AND AGENCY CONCISE STATEMENT: Pursuant to the APA, 1 CMC sec. 9104(a)(2), the agency has considered fully all written and oral submissions respecting the proposed regulations (no written comments submitted). Attached hereto are CCC responses to all public comments received. (none) Upon this adoption of the regulations, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either prior to adoption or within 30 days thereafter, will issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption, incorporating therein its reasons for overruling the considerations urged against its adoption.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL for non-modified regulations or regulations with NON-material modification: The adopted regulations were approved for promulgation by the Attorney General in the above-cited pages of the Commonwealth Register, pursuant to 1 CMC sec. 2153(e) (To review and approve, as to form and legal sufficiency, all rules and regulations to be promulgated by any department, agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth government, including public corporations, except as otherwise provided by law).

I DECLARE under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on the 20th day of January, 2018, at Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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Date	

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 2153(e) (AG approval of regulations to be promulgated as to form) and 1 CMC § 9104(a)(3) (obtain AG approval) the certified final regulations, modified as indicated above from the cited proposed regulations, have been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the CNMI Attorney General, and shall be published (1 CMC § 2153(f) (publication of rules and regulations)).

Dated the <u>26</u> day of <u>Tanuan</u>, 2018

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- (b) Notwithstanding any other regulation to the contrary, upon issuance of all required CNMI Government permits and consent from the Casino Commission, the Licensee may transfer the operations of the temporary live training facility authorized to operate on the first floor of the T Galleria under this section to the completed casino portion of the initial gaming facility project at any time prior to completion of the required 250 five star quality rooms of the hotel portion of the initial gaming facility."

#### "§ 175-10.1-815 Cessation of Live Training Facility.

- (a) The casino licensee shall cease operations at the temporary live training facility prior to the opening of the initial gaming facility, whether located in the T Galleria facility or in the casino portion of the initial gaming facility project. In no event shall the licensee operate the temporary live training facility beyond April 30, 2017 August 31, 2018. The Commission may extend this date for good cause shown. If the casino licensee transfers operations of the live training facility to the initial gaming facility project pursuant to §175-10.1-801(b), operations at the live training facility need not cease prior to the opening of the initial gaming facility.
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