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NOTE: Public Law 22-112 (effective 10/1/94) separated the Customs & Quarantine Division of the Department of Commerce into its own separate CUSTOMS & QUARANTINE AGENCY. This was accomplished by adding a new §3127 to Title 5, GCA, creating this new Agency. Uncodified Section 3 of P.L. 22-122 effectuates the separation by providing:

(a) **Transfer of Personnel, Property, and Equipment from the Division to the New Customs and Quarantine Agency.** All personnel of the Division shall be transferred to the Agency established in §3127, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, as set out in Section 2 of this Act, with all duties, responsibilities, and compensation intact, and with no lapse in service to the government of Guam. In addition, all the property and equipment of the Division shall be transferred to the Agency.

(b) **Enforcement of Laws Relative to Customs and Quarantine.** The Agency is authorized to implement and enforce the provisions of Chapter II of Title XLIV of the Government Code [this Chapter of the Guam Code Annotated] and all rules, regulations, and executive orders relative to customs and quarantine functions of the government of Guam.

(c) **Reports to the Legislature: The Department of Law, the Department, the Division, and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research.** The Department of Law shall review the laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders now in effect on the customs and quarantine functions of the government of Guam and shall make a report with recommendations for updating and improving these laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders to the Legislature and to the Governor no later than June 1, 1994. The Department, the Division, and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research shall each review the impact of the creation of the Agency on the custom and quarantine responsibilities of the government of Guam and shall each submit a report on such impact to the Legislature and to the Governor no later than June 1, 1994.

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§ 73101. Imports Prohibited.

All persons are prohibited from importing into Guam the following:

(a) Printed matters or pictures of a seditious nature or of an obscene or immoral character.

(b) Any article, manufactured or for manufacture or sale, or adulterated or misbranded or deleterious food, drugs, medicines and liquors.

(c) [Repealed.]

SOURCE: GC § 47100. Subsection (c) added by P.L. 11-193 (12/07/72); amended by P.L. 13-187:231 (01/01/78). Subsection (c) repealed by P.L. 14-141:18 (08/31/78).

NOTE: P.L. 14-141 added a new Article to 9 GCA Chapter 67 (Uniform Controlled Substances Act) specifically dealing with the importation of controlled substances. Thus, this subsection became superfluous and was repealed accordingly.

CROSS-REFERENCES: 9GCA Chapter 67, Art. 6, commencing with §67.88.

See 10 GCA § 32303 regarding the importation of dogs and cats and other animals.

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§ 73102. Powers of Customs Officers.

Any Customs Officer may:

(1) arrest persons who violate a prohibition contained in Article 6 of Title 9 GCA Chapter 67;

(2) make seizures of any controlled substance imported into Guam in violation of Article 6 of Title 9 GCA Chapter 67;

(3) arrest persons who violate a prohibition contained in Chapter 47 of Title 9 GCA; and

(4) make seizures of any forged or counterfeit goods imported into Guam in violation of Chapter 47 of Title 9 GCA.

SOURCE: GC § 47100.1 added by P.L. 11-193; amended by P.L. 13-58:2; amended by P.L. 18-7:231; repealed/reenacted by P.L. 14-141:18 (08/31/78). Amended by P.L. 27-072:4

NOTE: GC § 47100.2 (Drug Amnesty Box at Airport and Customs Form) was added by P.L. 14-143:20 and repealed by P.L. 17-44:1.

§ 73103. Classification of Persons Arriving in Guam.

(a) Persons arriving from foreign countries are divided into two classes for the purpose of these regulations, first, residents of Guam and second, all other persons.

(b) Personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States ordered to duty in Guam or to any U.S. ship stationed at Guam are classified for customs purposes as residents of Guam effective from date of reporting for duty.

(c) Any United States citizen coming to reside in Guam for a period of longer than thirty days will be regarded as a resident of Guam for the purpose of customs regulations.

SOURCE: GC § 47101.

§ 73104. Entry by Consignee.

(a) Requirement and time. Except as otherwise provided, the consignee of imported merchandise shall make entry therefor either in person or by an agent authorized by him in writing to the Customs House within 48 hours, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, after the entry of the importing vessel, unless the collector authorized in writing, a legal time.

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(b) Packages included. If any of the certificates or documents necessary to make entry of any part of merchandise arriving on one vessel and consigned to one consignee have not arrived, such part may be entered subsequently, and notation of the packages or cases to be omitted from the original entry shall be made thereon. One or more packages arriving on one vessel addressed for delivery to one person and imported in another package containing packages addressed for delivery to other persons may be separately entered. All other merchandise arriving on one vessel and consigned to one consignee shall be included in one entry.

(c) Entry on carrier's certificate. Any person certified by the carrier bringing the merchandise to the port at which entry is to be made, to be the owner or consignee of the merchandise, or an agent of such owner or consignee, may make entry thereof either in person or by an authorized agent.

(d) Entry on duplicate bill of lading. Any person may, upon the production of a duplicate bill of lading signed or certified to be genuine by the carrier bringing the merchandise to the port at which entry is to be made, make entry for the merchandise in respect of which such bill of lading is issued, except that such person shall make such entry in his own name.

SOURCE: GC § 47102.

§ 73105. Consignee.

All articles, goods, wares or merchandise imported into Guam for the purpose of these regulations shall be deemed and held to be the property of the person to whom the same may be consigned; but the holder of any bill of lading, drawn to the order and indorsed by the co-signer, shall be deemed the consignee thereof; and in case of the abandonment of any article, goods, wares or merchandise to the underwriters, the latter may be recognized as the consignee.

SOURCE: GC § 47103.

§ 73106. Prohibited Imports.

(a) Importation Prohibited. If the laws or regulations of any country, dependency, province or other subdivision of government restrict the taking, killing, possession or exportation to the United States, or its possessions, of any wild mammal or bird, alive or dead, or restrict the

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exportation to the United States or its possessions or any part or product of any wild mammal or bird, whether raw or manufactured, no such mammal or bird or part or product thereof shall be imported into Guam from such country, dependency, province or other subdivision of government, directly or indirectly, unless accompanied by a certification of the United States consul, for the consular district in which is located the port or place from which such mammal or bird, or part or product thereof, was exported from such country, dependency, province, or other subdivision of government, that such mammal or bird, part or product thereof, has not been acquired or exported in violation of the laws or regulations of such country, dependency, province or other subdivision of government.

(b) Forfeiture. Any mammal or bird, alive or dead, or any part or product thereof, whether raw or manufactured imported into Guam in violation of the provisions of the preceding subdivision shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture under the customs regulations. Any such article so forfeited may, in the discretion of the Governor, be placed with the departments or bureaus of the government or with societies or museums, for exhibition or scientific or educational purposes, or destroyed or sold.

(c) When Section not Applicable. The provisions of this section shall not apply in the case of:

(1) Prohibited importations — articles, the importation of which is prohibited under the provisions of regulations, or of any laws;

(2) Scientific or educational purposes — wild mammal or birds, alive or dead, or parts or products thereof, whether raw or manufactured, imported for scientific or educational purposes;

(3) Certain migratory game birds — migratory game birds brought into Guam by bona fide sportsmen returning from hunting trips in such country, if at the time of importation the possession of such birds is not prohibited by the laws of such country or of the United States.

SOURCE: GC § 47104.

CROSS-REFERENCES: See 5 GCA § 63124 for further laws governing the importation of game birds or animals.

NOTE: GC § 47104.1 (Permitting Slot Machines at the Air Terminal Gaming Zone) was enacted by P.L. 13-135 and repealed, together with the Zone, itself, by P.L. 19-19:28.

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§ 73107. Guard on Vessels.

Every commercial vessel entering a port of Guam or anchoring or *lying* to in Guam waters shall be placed under guard during her stay.

SOURCE: GC § 47105.

§ 73108. Clearing Vessels.

(a) No vessel shall be cleared until her cargo, consigned to Guam, had been landed and properly accounted.

(b) Prior to the departure of any vessel, the master shall deposit with the Customs Officer at the port, a manifest of the outward cargo of such vessel, specifying the marks and numbers of packages, a description of their contents, with the names of shippers and consignees; and also the names of passengers and their destination. A clearance will then be granted to the vessel.

SOURCE: GC § 47106.

§ 73109. Definitions.

(a) Vessel — The word *vessel* includes every description of craft or other contrivance used, or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.

(b) Merchandise — The word *merchandise* means goods, wares and chattels of every description and includes merchandise the importation of which is prohibited.

(c) Person — The word *person* includes partnerships, associations and corporations.

(d) Master — The word *Master* means the person having the command of the vessel or contrivance.

(e) Day — The word *day* means the time from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. [or from 0800 hours to 1700 hours].

(f) Night — The word *night* means the time from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. [the next day] [1700 hours to 0800 hours the next day].

(g) Collector — The word *Collector* means the Collector of Customs and includes Assistant Collector of Customs, Deputy Collector of Customs and any person authorized to perform the duties of Collector of Customs.

SOURCE: GC § 47107.

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§ 73110. Manifest.

The master of every vessel arriving in Guam shall have on board his vessel a manifest of cargo for Guam signed by such master under oath at to the truth of the statement therein contained. Such manifest shall contain:

(1) The names of the ports or places at which the merchandise was taken on board.

(2) The name, description and build of the vessel, the true measure or tonnage thereof, the port to which such vessel belongs and the name of the master of such vessel.

(3) A detailed account of all merchandise destined for Guam on board such vessel, with the marks and numbers of each package, and the number and description of the packages according to their usual name or denomination, such as barrel, keg, hogshead, case or bag.

(4) The names of the persons to whom such packages are respectively consigned in accordance with the bills of lading issued therefor.

(5) The names of the several passengers aboard the vessel, stating whether cabin or steerage passengers, with their baggage, specifying the number and description of the pieces of baggage belonging to each and a list of all baggage not accompanied by passengers.

(6) An account of the sea stores and ship's stores on board the vessel.

(7) If the vessel is from a United States port the manifest shall be certified by the Collector of the port of sailing. If from a foreign port, by the United States consul or commercial agent of the port. If there is no United States consul or agent, then by the consul or agent of any nation at peace with the United States.

SOURCE: GC § 47108.

§ 73111. Manifest Delivered to Customs Officer.

Within four (4) hours after arrival, the master of a vessel from a foreign port or place required to make entry shall deliver to the Customs

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Officer, two (2) copies of the manifest and he shall also deliver to said Customs Officer a true and correct copy of any correction of such manifest filed on entry of his vessel. Any master who fails to deliver such copy of the manifest or correction thereof shall be guilty of a violation.

SOURCE: GC § 47109; amended by P.L. 13-187:232.

§ 73112. Penalty.

If there is any merchandise or baggage on board such vessel which is not included in or which does not agree with the manifest, the master of the vessel shall make a post entry thereof and deliver a copy to the customs officers and for failure to do so shall be guilty of a violation.

SOURCE: GC § 47110, amended by P.L. 13-187:233.

§ 73113. Vessels Not Required to Make Entry.

The following vessels shall not be required to make entry at the Customs House:

(1) Vessels of war and public vessels employed for the conveyance of letters and dispatches and not permitted by the laws of the nations to which they belong to be employed in the transportation of passengers or merchandise.

(2) Yachts of fifteen gross tons or under not permitted by law to carry merchandise or passengers for hire.

(3) Vessels arriving in distress or for the purpose of taking on bunker coal, bunker oil or necessary sea stores and which shall depart within twenty-four (24) hours after arrival without having landed or taken on board any passengers or any merchandise other than bunker coal, bunker oil or necessary sea stores, *provided*, that the master, owner or agent of such vessel shall report under oath to the Collector the hour and date of arrival and departure and the quantity of bunker coal, bunker oil or necessary sea stores taken on board.

SOURCE: GC § 47111.

§ 73114. Merchandise for Other Ports.

Any vessel having on board merchandise shown by the manifest to be destined to a port or place outside of Guam, may, after the report and

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entry of such vessel under the provisions of this Chapter, proceed to such port of destination with the cargo so destined therefor without unloading the same.

SOURCE: GC § 47112.

§ 73115. Place of Unloading.

It shall be unlawful to make entry of any vessel or to unload the cargo or any part thereof of any vessel elsewhere than at the port of Apra Harbor, the Commercial Port or the Agana Boat Basin.

SOURCE: GC § 47113.

§ 73116. Unloading Prohibition.

(a) Except as otherwise provided (relating to vessels not required to enter), no merchandise, passengers or baggage shall be unloaded from any vessel until entry of such vessel has been made and a permit for the unloading of the same issued by the Collector; *provided*, that the master may make a preliminary entry of a vessel by making oath or affirmation to the truth of the statements contained in the vessel's manifest and delivering the manifest to the Customs Officer, but the making of such preliminary entry shall not excuse the master from making formal entry of his vessel at the Customs House, as provided in these regulations. After the entry, preliminary or otherwise, of any vessel, the Collector may issue a permit to the master of the vessel, to unload merchandise or baggage but except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, merchandise or baggage so unladen shall be retained at the place of unlading until entry therefor is made and a permit for its delivery granted. Any merchandise or baggage so unladen from any vessel for which entry is not made within forty-eight (48) hours from the time of the entry of the vessel, unless a longer time is granted by the Collector, shall be sent to the Customs storehouse and held as unclaimed at the risk and expense of the consignee in the case of merchandise and of the owner in case of baggage, until entry thereof is made.

(b) The Collector of Customs is authorized to issue special permits for deliver, prior to formal entry therefor, of perishable articles and other articles, the immediate delivery of which is necessary.

SOURCE: GC § 47114.

§ 73117. Unloading Penalties.

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If any passengers, merchandise or baggage are unloaded from any vessel without a permit from port authorities, the master of such vessel and every other person who knowingly is concerned or who aids therein, or in removing or otherwise securing such merchandise or baggage, shall each be guilty of a violation for each passenger so unladen and a penalty equal to the value of the merchandise or baggage so unladen, and such merchandise or baggage shall be subject to forfeiture.

SOURCE: GC § 47115, amended by P.L. 13-187:234.

§ 73118. Oaths.

The Collector of Customs and all Deputy Collectors of Customs are empowered to administer any oaths required or authorized by these regulations in respect of any matter coming before such officers in the performance of their official duties. No compensation or fee shall be demanded or accepted for administering any oaths under the provisions of this section.

SOURCE: GC § 47116.

§ 73119. Merchandise Taken into Custody.

Whenever entry of any imported merchandise is not made within the time provided by this Chapter, or whenever, in the opinion of the Collector, entry of such merchandise cannot be made for want of proper documents or other cause, he shall take the merchandise into his custody, to be held at the risk and expense of the consignee until entry is made or completed and the proper documents are produced, or a bond given for their production.

At the request of the consignee of any merchandise, or of the owner or master of the vessel in which the same is imported, any merchandise may be taken into possession of the Collector after the expiration of one day after the entry of the vessel and may be unladen and held at the risk and expense of the consignee until entry thereof is made.

SOURCE: GC § 47117.

§ 73120. Sale of Merchandise.

Any merchandise of which possession has been taken by the Collector for sixty (60) days from the date of importation without entry thereof having been made and the charges thereon paid, shall be considered unclaimed and abandoned to the government and shall be

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sold by the Director of Administration at public auction by order of the Governor after five (5) days public notice conspicuously posted or published. The proceeds of such sale shall be kept for thirty (30) days subject to the demand of the importer, after the deduction of all expenses of storage and sale. Where the proceeds of any sale of goods at auction are insufficient to pay the full charges, the consignee shall be liable for such charges, unless it be shown that the consignment was made without the consignee's consent. Perishable goods not duly entered within a proper time after importation will be sold without regard to the time limits specified above and in time to prevent loss by deterioration.

All seized and confiscated merchandise and goods which cannot be identified as the property of any particular importer, will be sold at public auction, by order of the Governor, five (5) days after public notice has been conspicuously posted.

SOURCE: GC § 47118. *Finance* changed to *Administration* by Compiler pursuant to P.L. 9-239 (8/13/68).

§ 73121. Sale of Merchandise: Storage: Fees, Lien, Sale.

Any imported merchandise in the possession of the Collector of Customs, or properly entered or otherwise, remaining in government custody more than fourteen (14) days (including Sundays or holidays) after receipt therein and except when delay in removal may be caused by some failure on the part of the government, shall be liable to a storage charge of fifty cents (\$0.50) per diem or fraction thereof per ton (2,000 pounds or 40 cubic feet) or fraction thereof for each day thereafter (excluding Sundays and holidays).

The Collector may direct removal at any time when efficient operation of the Customs Warehouse may necessitate such removal. The above rates of storage charges will then become effective on the day following the order to remove the merchandise concerned. Any storage charges shall constitute a lien against the property for payment of all storage charges before removal. Storage charges shall be paid every ten (10) days and if not so done and whenever charges against such merchandise shall have accrued in an amount equal to two-thirds the entered value of the merchandise in question, it shall be subject to seizure and sale by the government in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as prescribed in § 73120 of this Chapter.

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Stores not removed within thirty (30) days after the Collector has directed their removal shall be subject to sale at public auction in the manner prescribed in § 73120 of this Chapter.

SOURCE: GC § 47119.

§ 73122. Sale of Merchandise: Destruction or Damage.

Destruction or damage by fire or so-called *Acts of God* to merchandise or property legally held in the custody and possession of the Collector of Customs will not render the government liable in damages therefor; *Provided*, however, that claims against the government for losses incurred through personal delinquency on the part of the government employees may be forwarded to the Governor of Guam via the Collector of Customs for decision. The Governor's decision shall be final in each case.

SOURCE: GC § 47120.

§ 73123. Sale of Merchandise: Destruction by Authorities.

Except as otherwise provided, any merchandise abandoned or forfeited to the government under the preceding or any other provision of this Chapter, which is subject to internal revenue tax and which the Collector shall be satisfied will not sell for a sufficient amount to pay such taxes, shall be forthwith destroyed instead of being sold at auction.

SOURCE: GC § 47121.

§ 73124. Sale of Merchandise: Proceeds of Sale: Claims.

The proceeds of sale at public auction shall be paid over to the Treasurer of Guam in satisfaction of storage charges and other governmental expenses and the sale of such merchandise or property shall exonerate the master of any vessel from all claims of the former owner of the merchandise or property in question. All private claims for freight, contribution in general, average or other charges against the merchandise or property involved must be filed with the Governor of Guam via the Collector of Customs for decision as to payment out of the surplus, if any. The decision of the Governor shall be final.

SOURCE: GC § 47122.

§ 73125. Bonds.

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When any bond is required by law or regulation to be executed by any partnership for any purpose connected with the transaction of business at any customs house, the execution of such bond by any member of such partnership shall bind the other partners in like manner and to the same extent as if such other partners had personally joined in the execution, and an action or suit may be instituted on such bond against all partners as if all had executed the same.

SOURCE: GC § 47123.

§ 73126. Examination of Baggage.

The Collector may cause an examination to be made of the baggage of any person arriving in Guam from a point outside the United States of America, including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, in order to ascertain what articles are contained therein and whether prohibited, notwithstanding a declaration and entry therefor has been made.

SOURCE: GC § 47124, amended by P.L. 16-44:6.

COURT DECISIONS: *Guam v. Sugiyama*, Skopil, J., concurring, finds that the Governor, by Memorandum 33-52, supplemented this provision of the law by authorizing, in addition, searches of one's person as well as of the baggage. Such supplementation is valid. 846 F.2d 570 (9th Cir.(Guam), May 16, 1988) (NO. 87-1075, 87-1080); Rehearing Denied, Opinion Amended by 859 F.2d 1428 (9th Cir.(Guam), Oct 31, 1988) (NO. 87-1075); *cert. den. Sugiyama v. Territory of Guam*, 490 U.S. 1010, 109 S.Ct. 1652, 104 L.Ed.2d 166 (U.S.Guam, Apr 3, 1989) (No. 88-6705).

§ 73127. Declaration.

Any article not included in the declaration and entry as made, and, before examination of the baggage was begun, not mentioned in writing by such person, if written declaration and entry was required, or orally if written declaration and entry was not required, shall be subject to forfeiture and such person shall be liable to a penalty equal to the value of such article.

SOURCE: GC § 47125.

§ 73128. Inspection of Imports.

Imported merchandise, required by regulations to be inspected or examined, shall not be delivered from customs custody, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, until it has been inspected or examined, and is found to comply with requirements by Customs

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Officials. The Collector may require such packages or quantities examined as he may deem necessary.

SOURCE: GC § 47126.

§ 73129. Contempt.

If any person cited to appear before the Collector of Customs shall neglect or refuse to attend, or shall decline to answer, or shall refuse to answer in writing any interrogation or to subscribe his name to his position, or to produce such papers when so required by the Collector of Customs, the Collector of Customs shall certify the facts to the Superior Court for proceedings in accordance with the terms of 5 GCA § 9238.

SOURCE: GC § 47127 modified to refer to codification of GC § 24138 as 5 GCA § 9238. *Island* Court changed to *Superior* Court by authority of P.L. 12-85.

§ 73130. False Swearing.

Any person who shall intentionally swear falsely on an examination before the Collector of Customs shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and if he is the owner, importer or consignee, the merchandise shall be forfeited or the value thereof may be recovered from such person.

SOURCE: GC § 47128 amended by P.L. 13-187:235.

§ 73131. Liability of Customs Officials.

No Collector or other customs officer shall be in any way liable to any owner, importer, consignee or agent or any other person for or in account of any rulings or decisions as to the collection of any charges, on account of said merchandise or any other matter or things as to which said owner, importer, consignee or agent might, under this Chapter be entitled to protest or appeal from the decision of such collector or other officer.

SOURCE: GC § 47129.

§ 73132. Notice of Lien.

Whenever the Collector of Customs shall be notified in writing of the existence of a lien for freight, charges, or contribution in general average upon any imported merchandise entered for warehousing or taken possession of by him, he shall refuse to make delivery thereof until proof shall be produced that the said lien has been satisfied or discharged. The rights of the government of Guam shall not be prejudiced or affected by the filing of such lien, nor shall the government

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of Guam be liable for losses or damages consequent upon such refusal to permit delivery. If merchandise, regarding which such notice of lien has been filed shall be forfeited or abandoned and sold, the freight, charges or contribution in general average due thereon shall be paid from the proceeds of such case in the same manner as other lawful charges and expenses are paid therefrom.

SOURCE: GC § 47130.

§ 73133. Penalty.

Any master of any vessel who does not produce the manifest to the officer demanding the same shall be guilty of a violation, and if any merchandise is found on board on or after having been unloaded from such vessel which is not included or described in said manifest or does not agree therewith, the master of such vessel or the owner of such vessel shall be liable to a penalty equal to the value of the merchandise so found or unladen, and any merchandise belonging or consigned to the master or other officer or to any of the crew of such vessel shall be subject to forfeiture, and if any merchandise described in such manifest is not found on board the vessel the master or other person in charge or the owner of such vessel shall be guilty of a violation; *provided*, that if the Collector shall be satisfied that the manifest was lost or mislaid without intentional fraud, or was defaced by accident, or is incorrect by reason of clerical error or other mistake and that no part of the merchandise not found on board was unshipped or discharged except as specified in the report of the master, said penalties shall not be incurred.

SOURCE: GC § 47131 amended by P.L. 13-187:236.

§ 73134. Penalty: Opium.

If any of such merchandise so found consists of smoking opium or opium prepared for smoking, the master of such vessel or the owner of such vessel shall be liable to a penalty of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for each ounce thereof so found. Such penalty shall constitute a lien upon such vessel; except that the master or owner of a vessel used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as such common carrier shall not be liable to such penalty and the vessel shall not be held subject to the lien, if it appears that neither the master nor any of the officers (including licensed and unlicensed officers and petty officers) nor the owner of the vessel knew, and could not, by the exercise of the highest degree of care and diligence, have known that such

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smoking opium or opium prepared for smoking was on board. Clearance of any such vessel may be withheld until such penalty is paid or until a bond, satisfactory to the Collector, is given for the payment thereof.

SOURCE: GC § 47132.

CROSS-REFERENCES: See 9 GCA Chapter 67 and Chapter 80 relative to later law on the importation of controlled substances, including opium, and the penalties therefor.

§ 73135. Penalty: Failure to Report Prior to Departure.

If any vessel from a foreign port or place arrives within the limits of Guam and departs or attempts to depart, except from stress of weather or other necessity, without making a report of entry under the provisions of this Chapter, or if any merchandise is unladen therefrom before such report of entry, the master of such vessel shall be guilty of a violation.

SOURCE: GC § 47133 amended by P.L. 13-187:237.

§ 73136. Penalty: Fraud.

If any consignor, seller, owner, importer, consignee, agent, or other person or persons enters or introduces, or attempts to enter or introduce into the commerce of Guam any imported merchandise by means of any fraudulent or false declaration, affidavit, letter, paper or by means of any false statement, written or verbal, or by means of any false or fraudulent practice or appliance whatsoever, or makes any false statement in any declaration without reasonable cause to believe the truth of such statement, or is guilty of any wilful act or omission by means whereof the government of Guam is affected by such act or omission, such merchandise or the value thereof, to be recovered from such person or persons, shall be subject to forfeiture, which forfeiture shall only apply to the whole of the merchandise or the value thereof in the case or package containing the particular article or articles of merchandise to which such fraud or false paper or statement relates. The arrival within the territorial limits of Guam of any merchandise consigned for sale and remaining the property of the shipper or consignor, and the acceptance of a false or fraudulent invoice thereof by the consignee or the agent of the consignor, or the existence of any other facts constituting an attempted fraud, shall be deemed, for the purpose of this section, to be an attempt to enter such merchandise notwithstanding no actual entry has been made or offered.

SOURCE: GC § 47134.

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§ 73137. Certificates of Origin.

The following fees will be charged by the Customs & Quarantine Agency for the issuance of Certificates of Origin:

For certificates wherein the stated value of the merchandise ranges from:

\$	0.01	to	\$	100.00	a
fee of \$	0.25				
\$	100.01	to	\$	500.00	a
fee of \$	0.50				
\$	500.01	to	\$	1,000.00	a
fee of \$	1.00				
\$	1,000.01	to	\$	5,000.00	a
fee of \$	1.50				
\$	5,000.01	to	\$	10,000.00	
a fee of \$ 2.25					
\$	10,000.01	to	\$	50,000.00	
a fee of \$ 3.50					
\$	50,000.01	to	\$	100,000.00	
a fee of \$ 5.00					
over \$100,000.01					
a fee of \$ 10.00					

Whenever any Certificate of Origin is issued between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. during weekdays and between 12 noon on Saturday and 8:00 a.m. on the following Monday and on legal holidays an additional charge of Three Dollars (\$3.00) will be assessed in addition to any rate indicated in the above schedule of fees.

SOURCE: GC § 47135. Except as noted above, the sections from the beginning of this Chapter until this section were renumbered to the Govt. Code sections indicated by P.L. 7-48. The original sections, enacted with the original Government Code, were § 14200-14235. It is clear to the Compiler that the original customs law were regulations issued under the Naval Government. In fact, an examination of the original enactments of the First Guam Legislature shows that all that Legislature did with respect to the customs rules and regulations is to repeal the tariff schedules then applicable to imports into Guam, and by this means made Guam a duty free port. The bureaucratic structure supporting the tariff schedules, however, was continued.

NOTE: P.L. 22-112:2 (to be effective Oct. 1, 1994) transfers all personnel, equipment and duties from the Customs & Quarantine Division of the Department of Commerce to a separate Customs & Quarantine Agency. Pursuant to this transfer, the Compiler has changed references in this section from the *Department of Commerce* to the new *Customs & Quarantine Agency*.

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§ 73138. Charges for Services of Customs and Quarantine Officers.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: GC § 47136; amended by P.L. 14-121:2, P.L. 14-126:2, P.L. 15-125:17, P.L. 16-111:II:3 and P.L. 21-42:4. Repealed by P.L. 23-45:IV:18(c)(i).

§ 73139. Customs & Quarantine Overtime Fund.

[Repealed.]

SOURCE: GC § 47137 added by P.L. 14-96:1; R/R by P.L. 16-111:II:2; R/R by P.L. 19-10:XI:41(b). Repealed by P.L. 23-45:IV:18(c)(ii).

§ 73140. Exemption for Export Trading Companies.

Goods brought into Guam by an export trading company as defined by § 26101(d) Title 11, Guam Code Annotated which are produced or manufactured in the United States or are produced or manufactured on Guam for the purpose of export from Guam to foreign countries are exempted from the provisions of §§ 73116, 73117, 73127 and 73128 of this Chapter, if the goods are stored in a bonded warehouse approved by the Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency or cleared by U.S. customs officers as evidenced in writing. This exemption shall not apply to live or unprocessed plants and animals.

SOURCE: GC § 47138 added by P.L. 17-67:7; amended by P.L. 17-70:II:41.

NOTE: *Director of Commerce* changed to *Director of the Customs & Quarantine Agency* pursuant to the transfer of functions and creation of the new agency by P.L. 22-112.

§ 73141. Place of Inspection.

Inspections of baggage, passengers and cargo shall be performed only at the designated ports of Guam, except that inspections of cargo may also be performed at such places as the Director of the Customs & Quarantine Agency shall from time to time designate.

SOURCE: GC § 47139 added by P.L. 20-25:1 (06/10/89).

NOTE: *Director of Commerce* changed to *Director of the Customs & Quarantine Agency* pursuant to the transfer of functions and creation of the new agency by P.L. 22-112.

§ 73142. Release of Sealed Cargo.

The seal on a container or cargo shall neither be broken nor tampered with, except under the direction of a Customs Inspector or until

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such container or cargo has otherwise been officially released from Customs' custody.

SOURCE: GC § 47140 added by P.L. 20-25:1 (06/10/89)

§ 73143. Release of Sealed Cargo: Penalties.

Should the seal on a container or cargo be broken or tampered with prior to its official release from Customs' custody, except under the direction of a Customs Inspector, then the person or firm that has accepted delivery of the sealed container or cargo shall be liable for the following administrative penalties levied by the Collector of Customs:

(a) A fine of not less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) and the confiscation of the cargo involved; and

(b) The suspension of the business license(s) of all principals involved in the violation of this section for one (1) year.

All fines levied under this section shall be deposited in the Customs Inspection Fund. All cargo confiscated under this section shall be disposed of as provided for in this Chapter. The Director of the Customs & Quarantine Agency shall immediately notify the License Board created by 11 GCA § 70112 of a violation by any person or firm whose license is to be suspended. No expenditures shall be made from the Customs Inspection Fund except by appropriation of the Legislature.

Any person or firm charged with a violation of this section shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that such person or firm was not responsible for the broken or tampered with seal.

SOURCE: GC § 47141 added by P.L. 20-25:1 (06/10/89).

NOTE: 1. The original law referred to a License Board created by GC § 16026. However, that section dealt with Alien Labor and not with a License Board. The only section creating a License Board is now found in 11 GCA § 70112, which was GC § 16011.

2. *Director of Commerce* changed to *Director of the Customs & Quarantine Agency* pursuant to the transfer of functions and creation of the new agency by P.L. 22-112.

§ 73144. Promulgation of Rules and Regulations.

The Director of the Customs & Quarantine Agency is responsible for the promulgation of rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter. Such rules and regulations shall be

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promulgated in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Law.

SOURCE: GC § 47142 added by P.L. 20-25:1 (06/10/89).

NOTE: P.L. 20-25:2 stated, as an uncodified section:

There is hereby created a Customs Inspection Fund for use in the enforcement of Chapter II, Title XLIV of the Government Code [this Chapter of the Guam Code Annotated]. Such Fund shall be kept separate and apart from the General Fund.

§ 73145. Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge Established.

Each aircraft landing at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam shall be levied a Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection services charge reasonably related to the costs incurred by the Customs and Quarantine Agency and the Department of Agriculture in providing, maintaining and operating the service charge facilities, and shall be allocated among air carriers in such a manner reasonably related to the relative demand for such services attributable to each carrier. Each consignment of air and sea cargo, and each passenger landing at a sea port shall also be levied a Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection services charge, except for those passengers which may be exempted under the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to § 73151.

The service charges shall be reasonably related to the costs incurred by the Customs and Quarantine Agency and the Department of Agriculture in providing, maintaining and operating the service charge facilities.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the establishment, modification or adjustment of any service charge levied pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Adjudication Law.

SOURCE: GC § 47143 added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18. Amended by P.L. 23-96:2. Amended by P.L. 24-14:15 as § 73145. Amended by P.L. 26-140:2.

NOTE: P.L. 23-128:IV:14 repeals the Customs Inspection Fund (not § 73145) and provides for "... any and all remaining balances are reverted to the General Fund. All revenue previously earmarked into this Fund shall continue to be collected and credited to the General Fund."

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COMMENT: The Legislature, being unaware of the previous codification of this section, and the previous amendment under this codified number, stated the intent of this latest 26th GL amendment as:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* [The Guam Legislature] finds that the law authorizing the “Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge Established” needs to be utilized for more facilities involved in agricultural inspections of agricultural products arriving at the Airport. While the Section authorizing this charge was repealed in Public Law Number 23-128:14, it was reinstated in Public Law Number 24-14:15, although using different section numbers. It is desirable to reenact this code section with reference to the right section numbers.

I Liheslaturan Guåhan [The Guam Legislature] further finds that daily operations of certain programs within the Department of Agriculture, specifically the Plant, Protection and Quarantine and the Plant Nursery Programs, have been seriously crippled due to their inability to directly access funds which the Programs themselves generate through sales and services they provide on a daily basis. The revenue generated by the Plant, Protection and Quarantine Program from import permit, export certificate, inspection and commodity treatment services fees, and the estimated Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) annual revenue generated by the Plant Nursery from the sale of vegetables, fruits and other tree seedlings, and grafting, air layering and seed propagation fees are all currently being deposited into the General Fund.

Budget constraints, coupled with a reprioritization of Department needs, have resulted in the poor delivery of services to the communities served by the Divisions. Thus, there is a need to create revolving funds for the respective programs to allow them direct access to funds, however meager, they generate. This legislation will ensure that these agricultural programs operate efficiently and, more importantly, deliver the kind and level of service which the public rightfully expects and deserves.

§ 73146. Initial Service Charges.

Until the first Rules and Regulations required by § 73151 have been promulgated, the Guam Airport Authority is authorized to collect on an interim basis service charges from air carriers reasonably calculated to recover the costs incurred by the Customs and Quarantine Agency and the Department of Agriculture in providing, maintaining, and operating the service charge facilities. The Customs and Quarantine Agency, or its agents, is also authorized to collect on an interim basis an initial Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge to be levied as follows:

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(a) Upon sea passengers landing at the Port Authority of Guam a Passenger charge of \$10.00 for each passenger, and a document charge of \$5.00 upon each consignee or other applicable party for each consignment of cargo landing in Guam, and \$25.00 upon each consignee or other applicable party for consolidated consignments of cargo landing in Guam.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18. Repealed and reenacted by P.L. 23-96:3.

§ 73147. Authorization for Customs and Quarantine Agency and the Guam Airport Authority to collect Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charges.

The Guam Airport Authority is authorized to assess and collect, from air carriers, the Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge for customs and agricultural inspection services rendered at GIAT. The Customs and Quarantine Agency is authorized to assess and collect the Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge for Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection services rendered at the Port Authority of Guam.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18. Amended by P.L. 23-96:4.

§ 73148. Guam Airport Authority Reimbursement Agreement.

It is hereby established that the Guam Airport Authority agrees to reimburse the Customs, Quarantine Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and/or their agents for the costs incurred in performing the various duties and obligations of the Customs, and Quarantine Agency, the Department of Agriculture and/or their agents at the Guam International Airport Terminal (GIAT). The Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge is intended to reimburse the Customs, and Quarantine Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and/or their agents for the costs associated with these duties and obligations.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18.

§ 73149. Deposit of Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge in Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Services Fund.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, all funds received in accordance with this Chapter shall be remitted, within five (5) days of receipt, to the Treasurer of Guam for credit to the Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Services Fund, as provided for in § 73152 of

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this Chapter; provided, however, that, upon authorization and certification by the Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency, the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam may deduct from the remittance any actual expenses or charges attributable to the Customs and Quarantine Agency or to the Department of Agriculture incurred in administering or carrying out the purposes of this Act, and any other charges incurred by the Customs and Quarantine Agency or the Department of Agriculture Plant Protection and Quarantine Section at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam.

Expenses and encumbrances, except those outlined above, of the Customs and Quarantine Agency and the Department of Agriculture, or their agents, incurred in performing their duties and obligations as prescribed in this Chapter shall be paid from the Customs, Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Services Fund upon appropriation by *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Any funds appropriated to the Customs and Quarantine Agency or to the Department of Agriculture shall be administered by their respective Director, who shall also be the certifying officer for their respective agency.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18. Repealed/reenacted by P.L. 26-140:3.

§ 73150. Penalties for Non-payment or Late Payment of Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge.

If an air carrier, vessel operator, passenger, consignee or other applicable party is more than thirty (30) days delinquent in paying any Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge due under this Chapter, an interest charge of Ten Percent (10%) per annum shall be added to the balance due.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18.

§ 73151. Rules and Regulations for Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Charge.

The Director of Customs and Quarantine Agency, subject to the Administrative Adjudication Act, shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of Section 73145 through 75153 of this Chapter, including provisions establishing the procedure for collection of the service charge, and for periodic review of the costs of providing the services, the level of the charges levied, and the amount of reimbursement payable to the Guam Airport Authority, Customs and

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Quarantine Agency, the Department of Agriculture and/or their agents reflecting the administrative cost of collecting and remitting the charges. The Rules and Regulations shall also provide for such exemptions from the service charge as may be required by applicable law, other regulations, or as may be prescribed by the Director of the Customs and Quarantine Agency. In addition, to the extent the interim charge authorized by § 73146 is determined to have either overcollected or undercollected the revenue required during the interim period, the final regulations should adjust the service charges accordingly.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18. Amended by P.L. 23-96:5.

§ 73152. Customs and Agriculture Inspections Services Fund.

There is hereby created, separate and apart from other funds of the government of Guam, a fund to be known as the “Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspection Services Fund (hereinafter “the Fund”). The Fund shall not be commingled with the General Fund and shall be kept in a separate bank account. All expenditures of the Fund shall be made exclusively by appropriation of the Guam Legislature. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture pursuant to this Chapter shall be administered by the Director of Agriculture. The Director of Agriculture shall be the Certifying Officer of such funds. The Fund shall not be used as a pledge of security or as collateral for government loans. The Director of Administration shall make a quarterly report to the Governor and the Legislature of the condition of, and activity within, the Fund. He shall make a quarterly report to the Chairman of the Legislature’s committee which oversees the Customs, Agriculture, and Quarantine Inspections Services Fund (the *Fund*) of the condition of, and activity within, the Fund. The Director of Administration shall further make an annual report which shall be made available to the general public.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18. Amended by P.L. 23-96:6.

§ 73153. Severability Clause.

If any provision of Sections 73145 through 73153 of this Chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Chapter are severable.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 23-45:IV:18.

ARTICLE 2
CARRIER OFF-DUTY SERVICES REVOLVING FUND

- § 73201. Title.
- § 73202. Definitions.
- § 73203. Charges for Carrier Off-Duty Services of Customs and Quarantine Agency Officers.
- § 73204. Payment and Penalties.
- § 73205. Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund.

§ 73201. Title.

This Article may be cited and referred to as “*The Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund Article*.”

§ 73202. Definitions, Generally.

Whenever used in this Chapter, unless otherwise required by the context:

(a) “*Off-Duty office*” means an officer of the Customs and Quarantine Agency, exclusive of the Director of Customs and the Chief of Customs, or an inspector of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture, who is not actively fulfilling any scheduled and/or assigned task, and who is available to perform service(s) outside of that person’s assigned or scheduled work hours.

(b) “*Officer*” means a Customs and Quarantine Officer duly employed by the Customs and Quarantine Agency, or an inspector of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture, government of Guam.

(c) “*Person*” includes any individual, firm, co-partnership, joint venture, association, corporation, trust or any group or combination action as a unit and the plural, as well as the singular number as may be appropriate.

§ 73203. Charges for Carrier Off-Duty Services of Customs and Quarantine Officers and Inspectors of Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture.

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(a) Charges for Services by Customs and Quarantine Officers. All operations of any person, excluding air carriers and passengers arriving at the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Air Terminal and passengers arriving on Guam via ocean vessels, that require the services of Customs and Quarantine Agency Officers on any day of the week, upon special request on Sundays, holidays, or between the hours of 5:00 p.m. of any other day and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, shall be charged for services as are rendered by officers as follows:

(i) for the first hour or fraction thereof, a rate of three (3) times the officer's, or officers', hourly wage (3.0 x hourly wage rate) for each officer requested to perform off-duty inspection service; and after the first hour, but only after fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed, a rate one and a half (1½) times each officer's hourly wage rate during such hour, or each hour thereafter, but not to exceed a maximum charge of Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$275.00) per officer per day.

(b) Charges for Services by Plant Protection and Quarantine Inspectors. All operations of any person, excluding air carriers and passengers arriving at the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Air Terminal and passengers arriving on Guam via ocean vessels, that require the services of the inspectors of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture on any day of the week upon special request by the Director of Customs and Quarantine on Sundays, holidays, or between the hours of 5:00 p.m. of any other day and 6:00 a.m. of the following day, shall be charged for services as are rendered by an inspector(s) of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture as follows:

(i) for the first hour or fraction thereof, a rate of three (3) times the officer's, or officers', hourly wage (3.0 x hourly wage rate) for each officer requested to perform off-duty inspection service; and after the first hour, but only after fifteen (15) minutes has elapsed, a rate one and a half (1½) times each officer's hourly wage rate during such hour, or each hour thereafter, but not to exceed a maximum charge of Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$275.00) per officer per day.

(c) Non-Performance of Services. If services have been requested and the officer(s) has reported to work, and the services are not

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performed by reason of circumstances beyond the control of the officer(s) concerned, the requesting party shall be charged in accordance with §§ 73203(a) and (b) on the same basis as though the services had actually been performed during the time the officer was ordered to report for duty and did so report, and the time the officer was notified that the officer's services would not be required.

(d) Administrative Surcharge. In addition to charges authorized under §§ 73203(a), (b) and (c), a Two Dollar (\$2.00) administrative surcharge per employee shall be assessed to and payable by the persons receiving such services for the cost of processing, collecting and administering this program.

§ 73204. Payment and Penalties.

(a) Payments Due. All person(s) requesting the services of Customs and Quarantine Agency Officers, or the inspectors of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture, of the government of Guam under § 73203, and to whom such services were provided, shall make payments to the 'Treasurer of Guam' immediately upon the delivery of services. Upon the written request of person(s) receiving the services of Customs and Quarantine Agency Officers, or the inspectors of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture, the Director of Customs and Quarantine may authorize person(s) an extension of payment of up to thirty (30) days from the date of service(s), subject to the penalties and conditions stipulated in §§ 73204(b) and (c).

(b) Interest Penalty. Each person who receives customs or plant protection and quarantine inspection services under § 73203, and fails to make payment for each such completed service(s) within thirty (30) days of the date of service, or thirty (30) days from the date of extension, shall pay an interest penalty of fifteen percent (15%) per annum to the Treasurer of Guam, on the amount of past due or balance thereof. No interest penalty shall be assessed on payments made in full on or before the thirtieth (30th) day from the date payments are due.

(c) Unpaid Interest. Interest penalty applicable under § 73204(b) which remain unpaid shall accrue to the balance due for purposes of computing current interest due.

§ 73205. Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund.

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(a) Fund Established. There is hereby established within the Customs and Quarantine Agency, a fund to be known as the 'Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund' which shall be separate and apart from other funds in the government of Guam, and for which independent records shall be maintained.

(b) Deposits. All money received in accordance with this Act shall be deposited into the Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund.

(c) Authorized Expense(s). All authorized expenses for providing customs, agriculture and quarantine service(s) pursuant to this Act, shall be paid by the Treasurer of Guam from the Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund upon the submittal of vouchers certified by the Director of Customs and Quarantine or the Director of Agriculture. Each officer shall be responsible for all employer retirement contribution which may be applicable on their behalf.

(d) Report. In the first January after the enactment of this Act, and every six (6) months thereafter, the Director of Customs and Quarantine shall prepare and transmit via *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* [Governor] to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* [Guam Legislature] a detailed report on the status of the Carrier Off-Duty Services Revolving Fund to include an itemization of expenditures charged against the Fund.

SOURCE: Article 2 added by P.L. 25-138:1.

ARTICLE 3
PLANT QUARANTINE SERVICES

§ 73301. Transfer of Plant Protection and Quarantine Section Personnel and Functions of the Department of Agriculture to the Customs and Quarantine Agency.

§ 73302. Creation of the Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund.

§ 73301. Transfer of Plant Protection and Quarantine Section Personnel and Functions of the Department of Agriculture to the Customs and Quarantine Agency.

(a) All classified employees filling positions within the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of the Department of Agriculture ('DOA') prior to September 30, 2003 shall be transferred to the Customs

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and Quarantine Agency ('CQA') with the exception of the positions of the entomologist and cashier who will remain with DOA for the administration and management of import and export permits, phytosanitary permits, and a Plant Inspection Station. Classified employees transferred to CQA shall be transferred with all duties, responsibilities and compensation intact, and with no lapses in service to the government of Guam.

The Director of CQA shall have the power to reorganize and realign positions in conformance with the rules and regulations of the Director of Administration and all other applicable laws of Guam. Employees transferred from the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA shall be entitled to the same retirement, workmen's compensation and hospital insurance benefits to which they are currently entitled.

(b) Transfer of Duties. Except as otherwise specifically provided, CQA shall hereby assume all the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA as set out in this Act, and any other section of law with the exception of the administration of local and Federally regulated import and export plant permits, phytosanitary permits and the control management and administration of a USDA sanctioned Plant Inspection Station. Any regulation or other action adopted, prescribed, taken or performed by Plant Protection and Quarantine Officers of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA in the administration of a program, the performance of a power, duty or responsibility, or the exercise of any function transferred by this Act shall remain in effect and shall be deemed to be a regulation or action of CQA or of any of its officers to whom the program, power, duty, responsibility or function is transferred.

(c) Transfer of Records and Equipment. Upon the transfer of functions as provided in this Section, CQA shall have possession and control of all books, records, papers, maps, plans, documents, offices, equipment, supplies, money, funds, appropriations, licenses, permits, agreements, contracts, and other property, real or personal, connected with the transfer of, administration of, or held for the benefit or use of, Plant Protection and Quarantine Officers transferred to CQA.

(d) Employee Preference to Continue Service with DOA. Nothing herein shall prevent any Plant Protection and Quarantine Officer from filling any vacant position within DOA pursuant to the Merit System.

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(e) DOA and CQA Nexus on Plant Protection Inspections.

(1) DOA shall provide technical and scientific support to CQA upon assuming specific duties and responsibilities of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA as set out in this Section, and any other section of law or regulation pertinent thereto.

(2) CQA shall provide personnel support for the operations of the Plant Inspection Station of the Department of Agriculture.

(3) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be executed between DOA and CQA in the operations of the Plant Quarantine Station including the duties and responsibilities of DOA in providing specific technical and scientific support to CQA as set out in this Section.

(f) Transition Team Created.

(1) Transition Team. There is hereby created a Transition Team to help ensure a smooth transition of functions from the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA to the Customs and Quarantine Agency ('CQA'). The Transition Team shall include the following:

(a) the Director, or a designee of DOA; and

(b) the Director, or a designee of CQA.

(2) Authority. The Transition Team shall have sixty (60) days from the enactment of this Act to do the following:

(a) ensure the smooth transition of the operations of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA to CQA; and

(b) examine and recommend any other facts or data as may be necessary to ensure the smooth transition from the transfer of employees and duties of the Plant Protection and Quarantine Section of DOA to CQA.

(g) Vacant Plant Protection and Quarantine positions shall be phased out and not be filled. Future recruitment for Plant Protection and Quarantine Officer duties shall be for Customs Officer positions as approved by the Director of Administration.

This Section shall be effective October 1, 2003.

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SOURCE: Added by P.L. 27-29:V:22 as 5 GCA § 73206. This section was already occupied by another as part of a different topic, so the Compiler created a new Article for these transfer provisions. Effective January 1, 2006, reference to the “Civil Service Commission,” amended to “Director of Administration” pursuant to P.L. 28-68:IV:45 (Sept. 30, 2005).

§ 73302. Creation of the Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund.

There is hereby created the Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund. This Fund shall be used exclusively for the administration, operation, maintenance and improvement of the Plant Inspection Station of the Department of Agriculture and is subject to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* [Legislative] appropriation. The Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund shall be maintained separate and apart from any other funds of the government of Guam and shall not be subject to any transfer authority of *I Maga’lahen Guåhan* [the Governor]. The Director of the Department of Agriculture is hereby required to establish a fee schedule for services provided by the Plant Inspection Station and update all permit fees associated with the issuance of phytosanitary permits inclusive to permit fees and other ancillary operational fees on the importation and exportation of any regulated flora, fauna, or by-product thereof under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. The fee schedule shall be adopted following the Administrative Adjudication Act. All funds generated from the fee schedule shall be deposited into the Guam Plant Inspection and Permit Fund.

SOURCE: Added by P.L. 27-29:V:23 as § 73207. Changed by Compiler. While this section was placed next to that compelling the transfer of employees, note that the Plant Inspection Station is still the function of the Department of Agriculture.
