



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Governor

**Victor B. Hocog**  
Lieutenant Governor

**20 JUL 2016**

Honorable Francisco M. Borja  
Senate President, The Senate  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Rafael S. Demapan  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
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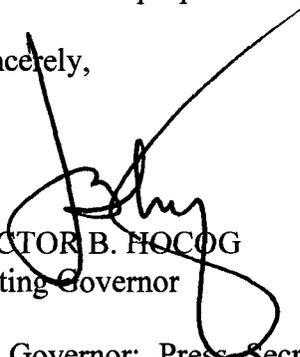
Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 19-70, HD1, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-54**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

I want to make it clear that Public Law No. 19-54 should not be construed as repealing PL 19-44 because it proposes to create a new subsection (9).

Sincerely,



VICTOR B. HOCOG  
Acting Governor

cc: Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Resources; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



THE SENATE  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
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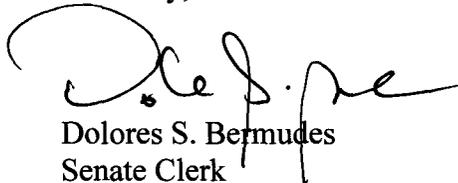
June 23, 2016

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Capital Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 19-70, HD1, entitled: "To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,



Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

Attachments



**THE SENATE**  
**NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 19-70, HD1**

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**AN ACT**

To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; and for other purposes.

**SENATE ACTION**

**Offered by Senator(s):** Justo S. Quitugua

**Date:** November 30, 2015

**Referred to:** None

**Standing Committee Report No.:** None

**Final Reading:** June 21, 2016

**HOUSE ACTION**

**Referred to:** Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

**Standing Committee Report No.:** 19-94 adopted on March 29, 2016

**First and Final Reading:** March 29, 2016

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**DOLORES S. BERMUDES**  
**SENATE CLERK**



THE SENATE  
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2015

S. B. NO. 19-70, HD1

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS  
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that although the  
2 importation of banned pesticides is prohibited in the Commonwealth, the importation of  
3 banned pesticides is not subject to the penalty imposed on the importation of contraband.  
4 Banned pesticides contain chemicals that are carcinogenic and toxic for human  
5 consumption and should be not be used in the Commonwealth. The Legislature further  
6 finds that the importation of banned pesticides should be covered by the laws penalizing  
7 the importation of contraband in order to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the  
8 people of the Commonwealth.

9           **Section 2. Amendment.** 6 CMC § 2301(a) is hereby amended by adding a new  
10 subsection (9) to read as follows:

11                   **“§ 2301. Importation of Contraband.**

12                   (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly enter the  
13 Commonwealth with the intent to import, or attempt to cause another to bring or  
14 import into the Commonwealth, or conceal for the purpose of importation, any of  
15 the following items:

16                               (1)-(8) [Unchanged.].

17                               (9) banned pesticides as defined by regulations adopted by the  
18 Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality.”

SENATE BILL NO. 19-70, HD1

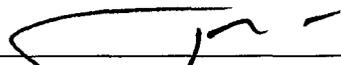
1           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
2 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
3 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or  
4 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

5           **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not  
6 be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under  
7 statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.  
8 Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant  
9 to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any  
10 way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the  
11 date this Act becomes effective.

12           **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
13 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**CERTIFIED BY:**

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
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**FRANCISCO M. BORJA**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

  
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**TERESITA A. SANTOS**  
**SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

  
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**VICTOR B. HOCOG**  
Acting **Governor**  
**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**