

AN ACT

To permit designated customs personnel to open and inspect mail and to seize any articles subject to duty, or imported into the Federated States of Micronesia contrary to law, under certain conditions, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Designated customs personnel of the Federated States  
2 of Micronesia Department of Finance, Revenue Division, may, without a  
3 search warrant but upon reasonable cause to suspect that mail contains  
4 articles that are subject to duty or imported contrary to law, open  
5 and inspect the contents of mail which has originated outside the  
6 Federated States of Micronesia and is addressed for delivery inside  
7 the Federated States of Micronesia upon the following terms and  
8 conditions:

9 (1) No customs personnel, nor any other person, may read,  
10 listen to, divulge, or transfer to any person other than the rightful  
11 owner any correspondence or recording contained in any mail.

12 (2) No customs personnel, nor any other person, may, without  
13 a search warrant, open, inspect, read, or seize any mail in the custody  
14 of the FSM Postal Service that has not originated outside the Federated  
15 States of Micronesia.

16 (3) If any designated customs personnel, in opening and  
17 inspecting the contents of mail pursuant to this act, shall find  
18 articles which he shall have reasonable cause to believe are subject  
19 to duty or have been imported unlawfully, he shall seize said articles  
20 for disposition in accordance with the rules and regulations authorized  
21 to be promulgated by section 2 of this act.

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1 Section 2. The Secretary of Finance shall, within 120 days of the  
2 effective date of this act, promulgate such rules and regulations as  
3 are necessary to effectuate the intent of this act.

4 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the President  
5 of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without  
6 such approval.

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Dec. 26, 1985

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President  
Federated States of Micronesia

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