February 7, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker  
Twenty-First Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I am pleased to transmit the following Act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 21-76:

Congressional Act No. 21-73, entitled: "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF ONE-TIME-USE DISPOSABLE STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE ITEMS, AND PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 25 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I take the opportunity to thank the 21st Congress for the passage of this act.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David W. Panuelo  
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
January 30, 2020

His Excellency David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Panuelo:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 21-73, "AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF ONE-TIME-USE DISPOSABLE STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE ITEMS, AND PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 25 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk, Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
An Act

TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORTATION OF ONE-TIME-USE DISPOSABLE STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE ITEMS, AND PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, BY ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 4 OF TITLE 25 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FERNY S. PERMAN

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2020

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS
WITHDRAWN – NOVEMBER 28, 2019
FIRST READING: – NOVEMBER 28, 2019
SECOND READING: – JANUARY 29, 2020

Liwiana Ramon Ileanis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
ACT NO. 21-73

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 21-98, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on January 29 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2020, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
AN ACT

To prohibit the importation of one-time-use disposable Styrofoam and plastic food service items, and plastic shopping bags, by enacting a new chapter 4 of title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new chapter 4 entitled: "Prohibition on the importation of one-time-use disposable Styrofoam and plastic food service items and plastic shopping bags."

2 Section 2. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new section 401 of chapter 4 to read as follows:

3 "Section 401. It shall be unlawful for a person to import one-time-use disposable Styrofoam and plastic food service items, such as: plates, cups and eating utensils, and plastic shopping bags."

4 Section 3. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new section 402 of chapter 4 to read as follows:

5 "Section 402. Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from importing reusable or recycled Styrofoam or plastic food service items, or plastic shopping bags."
Section 4. Title 25 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), hereby amended, is hereby further amended by enacting a new section 403 of chapter 4 to read as follows:

"Section 403. For the purposes of this section, an immigration or customs officer may at all reasonable times and based on reasonable suspicion seize and destroy any items prohibited under this chapter."

Section 5. The provisions of Section 2 of this act shall become effective on July 1, 2020.

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

[Signature]

FEB 07, 2020

David W. Panuelo
President
Federated States of Micronesia