


Acknowledgment of Filing



Motusaga Peleti
Secretary of the Senate

Date: 7/24/24



Vaiaitu Mulinu'u Maluia
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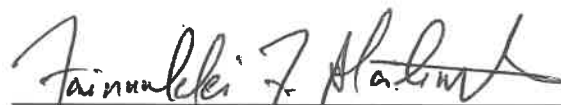


Honorable La'apui T. E. V. Ale, Lt. Governor
Secretary of American Samoa

Date: 7/24/24

Rule 2024-0015, a rule amending ASAC 41.1102 (C) becomes effective on:

8/12/24



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Serial #072424-021

July 24, 2024

Mr. Vaiaitu Maluia
Clerk of the House of Representatives
Legislature of American Samoa
Pago Pago, AS 96799

Re: Adoption of Amendment to ASAC 41.1102 (C)

Dear Mr. Vaiaitu Maluia:

Enclosed is a copy of a duly promulgated rule change under ASAC 41.1102 (C). This rule amendment extends the period for entry permit waiver for Samoa citizens from seven days to ten days.

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The Attorney General hereby adopts Rule #2024-0015 and requests to have the rule filed with your office. Should you have any questions about these new standards, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Fainu'ulelei Falefatu Ala'ilima-Utu
Attorney General
Department of Legal Affairs

cc: Honorable La'apui Talauega E. V. Ale, Secretary of American Samoa

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF AMERICAN SAMOA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (ASAC) 41.1102 (C)

Pursuant to the American Samoa Code Annotated (ASCA) 4.1001 et seq., 41.0205 and 41.0207, the Attorney General intends to adopt the amendment of the immigration rule under ASAC 41.1102 (C) regarding the American Samoa Entry Waiver Program for citizens of Samoa.

The proposed amendment of ASAC 41.1102 (C) is set forth below as Rule 2024-0015:

Under the American Samoa Entry Permit Waiver Program, Samoa citizens may travel to American Samoa for stays up to ten days without obtaining an Entry Permit because of American Samoa's close familial, cultural, linguistic and historical ties with Samoa, and in order for Samoa to reciprocate and waive Entry Permits or Visas for non-citizen U.S. Nationals traveling to Samoa. There is a \$10 processing fee for an entry permit waiver for a Samoa citizen. A Samoa citizen who does not have a passport may travel to American Samoa on a valid document of identity. There will be a monthly maximum of four hundred Samoa citizens who will be allowed entry to American Samoa under the Entry Permit Waiver Program.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION TO AMEND IMMIGRATION RULE IN THE AMERICAN SAMOA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 41, CHAPTER 11

On June 4, 2024, the Department of Legal Affairs intends to amend American Samoa Administrative Code (ASAC) 41.1102 (C) regarding the American Samoa Entry Permit Waiver Program.

A copy of the proposed amended rule is available and may be picked up at the Office of the Attorney General, ask for Makerita Falefata, at the Third Floor of the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building, Utulei or may be downloaded from the American Samoa Government website or the Department of Legal Affairs website. Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed amended administrative rule to the Office of the Attorney General. The deadline for submission of comments is June 25, 2024.

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Serial #060424-008

June 4, 2024

Doug Smith
Administrator ASG Website
Office of the Governor
American Samoa Government

Re: Publishing Notice of Intended Action

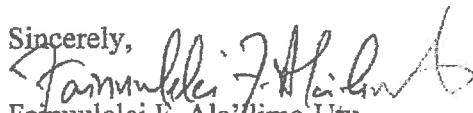
Dear Mr. Doug Smith:

Please find attached a "Notice of Intended Action" informing the public that the Office of the Attorney General intends to amend a certain administrative rule ASAC 41.1102 (C) regarding the American Samoa Entry Permit Waiver Program.

A copy of the proposed amended rule may be picked up at the Office of the Attorney General at the A.P. Lutali Executive Office Building, Utulei village or may be downloaded from the ASG website or the Department of Legal Affairs website. Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to the Office of the Attorney General. Submission of comments period is June 4, 2024 to June 25, 2024.

Your cooperation in publishing the attached notice on your website from 6/4/24 to 6/25/24 or after would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


Fainu'ulelei F. Ala'ilima-Utu
Attorney General

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Administrator, ASG Website

The above language was published in the ASG website from _____ to _____

Doug Smith, Administrator ASG Website, Office of the Governor Date: _____

June 4, 2024

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Office of the Governor
American Samoa Government

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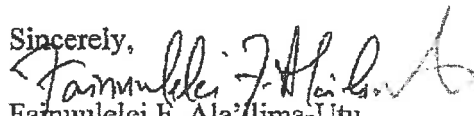
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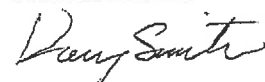
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Attorney General

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Administrator, ASG Website

The above language was published in the ASG website from 06/04/2024 to 06/25/2024.



Doug Smith, Administrator ASG Website, Office of the Governor Date: 06/25/2024

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Serial No: #060424-007

June 4, 2024

Tepa Lealofi
IT Manager
Department of Legal Affairs
American Samoa Government

Re: Publishing Notice of Intended Action

Dear DLA IT Manager Tepa:

Please find attached a "Notice of Intended Action" informing the public that the Office of the Attorney General intends to amend a certain administrative rule ASAC 41.1102 (C) regarding the American Samoa Entry Permit Waiver Program.

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Attorney General

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Department of Legal Affairs

The above language was published in the Department of Legal Affairs website from

6/4/24 to 6/25/24

Tepa Lealofi, IT Manager Department of Legal Affairs

Date: 6/28/24



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Serial No: #060424-006

June 4, 2024

Director Aoelua Solomona Aoelua
Office of Public Information
American Samoa Government

Re: Broadcasting Notice of Intended Action

Dear Director Aoelua:

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Your cooperation in broadcasting the attached notice on multiple occasions on your daily newscast would be appreciated.

Sincerely,


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Attorney General

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

Office of Public Information
KVZK-TV

The above language was broadcast on KVZK TV News on 06/04/24 and on 06/25/24 during the period 6/4/24 to 6/24/24.

KVZK TV Representative



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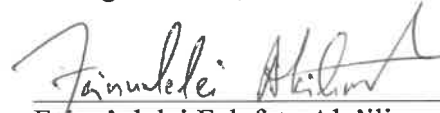
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July 25, 2024

ADOPTION OF RULE

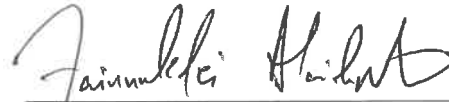
Administrative Rule No. 2024-0015, Department of Legal Affairs, a rule amending A.S.A.C. § 41.1102(c), is hereby adopted.

Date: 7/25/24


Fainu'ulelei Falefatu Ala'ilima-Utu
Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Legal Affairs

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Administrative Rule No. 2024-0015, attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Rule officially adopted.

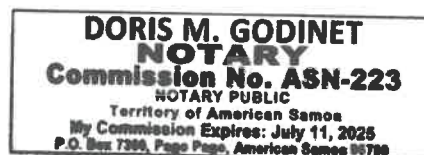

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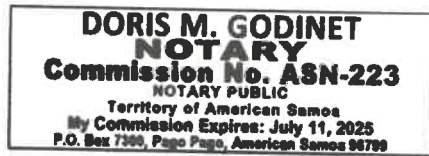
TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA

COUNTY OF Maoputasi

On this 25th day of July, 20 24, before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Fainu'ulelei Falefatu Ala'ilima-Utu, personally known to me to be the person who signed the preceding or attached document in my presence and who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to be the best of (his/her) knowledge and belief.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 2024 at
Utulei, American Samoa.



Doris M. Godinet
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 7/11/2025

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