



## GUAM PRODUCT SEAL TASK FORCE

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### Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1:40pm by Co-Chairman Michael Unsiog

- Sub-Committee Updates
  - Legislative / Incentives and Advantages Sub-Committee (Jim, Denise, Francis, Jeffrey, Greg, Laura and Carl)
    - New recommendations include:
      - Move the program under the authority of GEDA. \*Please keep in mind that the TF has already voted to keep the program with DRT under the Authority of the Lt. Governor's Office.
      - GEDA will partner with DRT and CQA for enforcement
      - Revenue from GPS Program to be divided to support GEDA, DRT, CQA in their efforts
      - Business License Issuance and Renewal: Businesses must adhere to GPS Law, FDA Nutritional Labeling Mandates and local law 32201, 5GCA, Chapter 32. Businesses in violation can not renew license until all fines are paid and the business is in compliance with above.
      - Create Guam Commodity Advisory Council to provide advisement and guidance to the GPS program and future commodity-focused program and initiatives.
      - Minimum font size for Country of Origin labels, sub-committee recommends to retain statute in PL31-136.
        - Members: Lt. Governor's Office, Guam Legislature, GEDA, DRT, CQA, SBDC, DOAg., Guam Fisherman's Coop., Farmer's Cooperative Association of Guam, Manufacturing Association of Guam, Guam Product Seal Cooperative Association.
      - Create "Made In Guam" website and link to other complementary sites.
    - Fines, Penalties and Compliance Sub-Committee (Mike, Mae, Vince, Ferdinand)
      - No Change. Fine increases remain
    - GPS Label Sub-Committee (Nate, Tony, Roe-Ann)
      - Pending new drafts. Will present at next meeting.
- Open Floor
  - Discussion on need for enforcement. It was brought to the Task Force's attention that there are manufacturers setting up machines to give the appearance that they are "manufacturing" their products on island when in fact they are still shipping products from off island manufacturers.
- Meeting Adjourned at 2:56pm by Co-Chairman Michael Unsiog

