
DESCRIBING, DEFINING AND OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF COORDINATES FOR DESIGNATING THE POSITION OF POINTS ON THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE TRUK AND NEOCH LAGOONS IN THE TRUK DISTRICT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE THAT:

Section 1. Establishment. The system of plane coordinates hereinafter established for defining and stating the positions or locations of points on the surface of the earth within the Truk and Neoch Lagoons shall be known and designated as "the Truk-Neoch Coordinate System".

Section 2. Definition. The plane coordinates of a point on the surface of the earth used in designating the position on such point in this system shall consist of two distances expressed in meters and decimals of a meter. One of those distances, to be known as the "X-coordinate", shall be in an east-west direction and positions north and south shall be taken from it; the other, to be known as the "y-coordinate", shall be in a north-south direction and positions east and west shall be taken from it. These coordinates shall be made to depend on and conform to the coordinates of the Truk - Neoch Coordinate System as established by traingulation and/or traversing done by the United States Geological Survey Team work of 1969-1970 established by a "Memorandum of Understanding" between the Acting Director of the U.S. Geological Survey and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Department of the Interior (1968).

Section 3. Truk - Neoch Coordinate System. The Truk - Neoch Coordinate System is hereby defined as a Modified Azimuthal Equidistant Projection on Clarke's Ellipsoid of 1866 with the Central Meridian passing through "Truk Secor RM#1" which station shall serve as the point of origin for the assignment

system of rectangular coordinates.

Section 5. Surveys. No survey of lands or maps or documents hereinafter made shall have endorsed thereon any legend or other statement indicating that it is based on the Truk - Neoch Coordinate System unless the coordinates have been established on that system as herein defined. All new work involving points established by the Truk District Coordinate System approved April 25, 1960, will have the point coordinates changed to the Truk - Neoch Coordinate System as the occasion arises.

Section 6. Purchaser. Nothing contained in this Legislation shall be interpreted as requiring any purchaser or mortgagor to rely on a description based wholly upon the Truk - Neoch Coordinate System.

Section 7. Penalty. Any person who willfully alters, defaces, or removes, any marker erected for the purposes of designating any triangulation or traverse station of the Truk - Neoch or Truk District Coordinate System shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned for a period of not more than one year or fined not more than \$100.00 or both, as provided by Section 11153 of Title 57 of the Trust Territory Code.

Section 8. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the District Administrator, or upon its otherwise becoming law without such approval.

Signed by: /s/ Hermes Katsura
Hermes Katsura, Speaker
Truk District Legislature

Attested by: /s/ Keichiro Gerhart
Keichiro Gerhart, Secretary
Truk District Legislature

Date: 7/22/71

Approved by: /s/ Juan A. Sablan
Juan A. Sablan
District Administrator,
Truk.

Date: 8/20/71