

- Act on National Strategic Special Zones (Act No. 107 of December 13, 2013)

(Special Provisions of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act)

Article 16-4 (1) When the Council on National Strategic Special Zones files an application for an approval of the Prime Minister with regard to a zone plan that specifies, as a specified project prescribed in Article 8, paragraph (2), item (ii), the Project to Accept Foreigners Conducting Housekeeping Services in National Strategic Special Zones (meaning a project to accept, under an employment contract, a foreign national who engages in activities to provide housekeeping services (meaning activities to do cooking, washing and other domestic duties for someone else or provide assistance therefor that are specified by Cabinet Order; hereinafter the same applies in this paragraph) within a national strategic special zone (such foreign national is limited to a person who satisfies the requirements concerning age and work experience for housekeeping services or assistance services or other requirements specified by Cabinet Order; hereinafter the same applies in this Article) at a public or private organization in Japan (limited to such organization that takes necessary measures in light of the guidelines prescribed in paragraph (3) and conforms to other criteria specified by Cabinet Order as necessary for properly and reliably accepting a foreigner who engages in activities to provide housekeeping services; hereinafter referred to as a "specified organization" in this paragraph and paragraph (3)); the same applies in paragraph (3) and row 4-3 of the Appended Table) and the Council has obtained said approval, and if the Minister of Justice receives an application referred to in Article 7-2, paragraph (1) of the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act (Cabinet Order No. 319 of 1951; hereinafter referred to as the "Immigration Control Act") from a foreign national who intends to enter Japan as a person who engages in specified activities to provide housekeeping services (meaning activities to provide housekeeping services engaged only within a national strategic special zone under an employment contract signed with a specified organization; hereinafter the same applies in this paragraph and the following paragraph), the Minister may, on or after the date of said approval, issue a certificate referred to in Article 7-2, paragraph (1) of the Immigration Control Act by deeming said specified activities to provide housekeeping services as falling under activities that the Minister has designated in advance in the Official Gazette as activities set forth in the right hand column of Appended Table I (5) of the Immigration Control Act prescribed in Article 7, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Immigration Control Act.

(2) With regard to the application of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Immigration Control Act when a foreign national files an application referred to in Article 6, paragraph (2) of the Immigration Control Act by submitting a certificate referred to in the preceding paragraph, specified activities to provide housekeeping services for which said application is filed are to be deemed to fall under activities that the Minister of Justice has designated in advance in the

Official Gazette as activities set forth in the right hand column of Appended Table I (5) of the Immigration Control Act.

- (3) The Prime Minister must prepare guidelines that specify measures to be taken by specified organizations in relation to the Project to Accept Foreigners Conducting Housekeeping Services in National Strategic Special Zones for the purpose of ensuring proper and reliable implementation of the project, such as requiring them to provide training and information to the foreign nationals they are going to accept, and seek collaboration with relevant administrative organs (hereinafter simply referred to as the "guidelines" in this Article).
- (4) When intending to prepare the guidelines, the Prime Minister must hear opinions of the National Strategic Special Zone Advisory Council.
- (5) When having established the guidelines, the Prime Minister must publicize them without delay.
- (6) The provisions of the preceding two paragraphs shall apply mutatis mutandis to alterations to the guidelines.