

Framework of the law for Special Zone for Reconstruction

Municipalities located in the “disaster afflicted zones” , stipulated in the Act on Special Provisions of Article 3 of the Public Finance Act, can formulate plans on the Special Zone for Reconstruction to be submitted to the Government for the package of special arrangements.

Basic Guidelines for the Special Zone for Reconstruction (To be decided by the Cabinet)

- Significance of smooth and swift reconstruction in the Special Zone for Reconstruction
- Basic guideline for necessary assistance and other measures to be taken by the Government for afflicted municipalities for smooth and swift reconstruction in the Special Zones
- Basic elements of approval system of Reconstruction Acceleration Plans
- Special measures and arrangements to be taken in the Special Zones

Consultative body of Central and Local Governments

established in each Prefecture, held in regions affected by the disaster and directed by the future Reconstruction Agency to discuss proposals from local authorities on special arrangements and other related elements (working groups can be set up by region)

Add and/or enhance special arrangements

Reconstruction Acceleration Plan

Plan to apply for special measures and arrangements involving deregulation, reduced procedures, tax incentives and other special measures.

Formulated by Prefectures and municipalities separately or jointly. Private enterprises are entitled to make proposals.

Approval by the Prime Minister

- **Special deregulation and reduced procedures covering housing, industry, town- building, medical services, nursing care and others.**
- **Tax incentives to promote employment and industrial activities**
- **Interest substitute for loan lenders**

Land Restructuring Plan

Plan to apply for special arrangements involving approval, procedures, etc. for land restructuring

Formulated by municipalities alone or jointly with Prefecture.

- **Public hearings, announcement and inspection when necessary**
- **Consultation and agreement in the process of consultation on restructuring**

Disclosure of Plans

- #### Special arrangements for land use restructuring
- Special arrangement of concession necessary for projects
 - Integrated “one-stop” procedures
 - Creation of new types of project system related to land use.

Reconstruction Grant Projects Plan

Plan involving grant projects (projects for reconstruction in areas severely affected by the disaster)

Formulated by municipalities alone or jointly with Prefecture.

Submission to the Prime Minister

Reconstruction Grant to support regional reconstruction

- Unified subsidy projects for municipalities (originally 40 projects at different ministries)
- Secure resources with flexible use for local governments
- Central government will finance all the local expenditures
- Flexible implementation and simplified procedures