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ENFORCEMENT DECREE OF THE DRINKING WATER MANAGEMENT ACT

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Article 1 (Purpose) The purpose of this Decree is to prescribe matters delegated by the Drinking Water Management Act and matters necessary for the implementation thereof.

Article 2 (Drinking Water Quality Supervisors) (1) The Minister of Environment, the Special Metropolitan City Mayor, a Metropolitan City Mayor, a Special Self-Governing City Mayor, a Do Governor, or the Special Self-Governing Province Governor (hereinafter referred to as a "Mayor/Do Governor"), or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu (referring to the head of an autonomous Gu; hereinafter the same shall apply) shall appoint a drinking water quality supervisor referred to in Article 7 (1) of the Drinking Water Management Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act") from among public officials under his/her control falling under any of the following subparagraphs:

Amended on Sep. 18, 2008; Oct. 22, 2013; Oct. 17, 2017>

- 1. A person who holds a license as a water environmental engineer or a sanitary engineer (including a person deemed to be a sanitary engineer under Article 7 (2) of the Addenda to the partially amended Public Health Control Act (Act No. 13983); hereinafter the same shall apply);
- 2. A person who graduated from the department or faculty of the related field, such as waterworks engineering, environmental engineering, chemistry, microbiology, hygienics, or sitology, at colleges or universities (referring to schools under Article 2 of the Higher Education Act; hereinafter the same shall apply) or any person who has an educational background equivalent to or higher than that of the abovementioned persons under the statutes;
- 3. A person who has performed clerical services in the field of environmental administration or the sanitary food administration for at least one year.
- (2) The scope of functions of drinking water quality supervisors shall be as follows:
- 1. Investigation on, guidance of, and supervision over the quality control of drinking water;
- 2. Investigation on, guidance of, and supervision over drinking water-related business.

Article 2-2 (Areas Subject to Designation of Spring Water Preservation Areas) "An area prescribed by Presidential Decree" referred to in Article 8-3 (1) 3 of the Act refers to any of the following areas:

1. An area in which a well for drinking spring water is or will be installed;

2. An area the spring water quality of which is likely to worsen due to discharge of contaminants, etc. considering the use of adjacent land.

[This Article Added on Oct. 22, 2013]

Article 2-3 (Procedures for Designation, etc. of Spring Water Preservation Areas) (1) The head of a Si/Gun/Gu or a drinking spring water manufacturer may request the relevant Mayor/Do Governor to designate an area as a spring water preservation area referred to in Article 8-3 (1) of the Act (hereinafter referred to as "spring water preservation area") or to alter a designation, as prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment.

- (2) Where a Mayor/Do Governor intends to designate an area as a spring water preservation area or alter a designation, he/she shall determine the scope of the designation, in consideration of the following matters:
- 1. Distribution characteristics of spring water and actual conditions of its use;
- 2. Characteristics of the spring water quality and the state of contamination;
- 3. Actual conditions of the use of land adjacent to the relevant area and the installation of contaminationcausing facilities;
- 4. Geological characteristics of, and the groundwater velocity in, the relevant area.
- (3) Where a Mayor/Do Governor has designated an area as a spring water preservation area or altered a designation, he/she shall publicly notify the following matters:
- 1. Name of the spring water preservation area;
- 2. Location of the spring water preservation area;
- 3. Area of the spring water preservation area;
- 4. Date of the designation, or alteration of the designation, of the spring water preservation area;
- 5. Reasons for the designation, or alteration of the designation, of the spring water preservation area;
- 6. Topographical map drawn on a scale of 1 to 5000 or larger representing the scope of the spring water preservation area.
- (4) "Alteration to minor matters prescribed by Presidential Decree" under the proviso to Article 8-3 (2) of the Act refers to any of the following cases:
- 1. Alteration of the name of a spring water preservation area;
- 2. Alteration of the location of a spring water preservation area following change in administrative districts;
- 3. Up to a 10/100 reduction in the floor space of a spring water preservation area.

[This Article Added on Oct. 22, 2013]

Article 2-4 (Hearing Opinions of Residents, etc.) "Minor matters prescribed by Presidential Decree" under the proviso to Article 8-4 (1) of the Act refers to the matters prescribed in Article 2-3 (4) 1 and 2. [This Article Added on Oct. 22, 2013]

Article 3 (Persons Eligible for Permission for Developing Spring Water or Saline Groundwater) (1)

"Any person who intends to develop spring water or saline groundwater (hereinafter referred to as "spring water, etc.") in excess of the scale prescribed by Presidential Decree" in Article 9 (1) of the Act means either of the following persons: <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Nov. 28, 2014; Jan. 16, 2018>

1. A person who intends to engage in manufacturing business of drinking spring water or drinking saline groundwater (hereinafter referred to as "drinking spring water, etc.") pursuant to Article 21 (1) of the Act (including a person who uses manufacturing facilities for drinking spring water, etc. to manufacture

- beverages under the food criteria and standards publicly announced by the Minister of Food and Drug Safety in accordance with Article 7 (1) of the Food Sanitation Act; hereinafter referred to as "beverages");
- 2. A person who intends to develop spring water, etc. (referring to spring water, etc. part of which is used as raw material of beverages or of alcoholic beverages, etc.; hereinafter referred to as "other spring water") with water-intake capacity of at least 300 tons per day.
- (2) In computing a water-intake capacity referred to in paragraph (1) 2, where a person who has already developed and used the spring water, etc. expands his/her water collection facilities, such expansion shall be computed on the basis of the total water-intake capacity. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
- (3) "Important matters prescribed by Presidential Decree" in Article 9 (2) of the Act shall be as follows: <Added on Sep. 8, 2008; Mar. 22, 2011>
- 1. Location and area of development of spring water, etc.;
- 2. Planned volume of water-intake;
- 3. Uses of spring water, etc.

[Title Amended on Mar. 22, 2011]

Article 3-2 (Matters Subject to Report on Changes of Provisional Permission for Development of Spring Water, etc.) "Matters prescribed by Presidential Decree" in Article 10 (3) of the Act means the following:

- 1. Name or trade name;
- 2. Representative (applicable only to corporations);
- 3. Location of the main place of business;

[This Article Added on Mar. 22,]

[Title Amended on Jul. 13, 2021]

Article 3-3 (Designation, Public Notification, etc. of Management Areas for saline groundwater) (1)

When a Mayor/Do Governor intends to designate an area as a management area for saline groundwater (hereinafter referred to as "management area"), he/she shall survey the matters prescribed in the following subparagraphs. The same shall also apply when he/she intends to change a designated management area under Article 11 (3) of the Act:

- 1. Environmental damage caused by development of saline groundwater to the relevant and periphery areas and measures to mitigate the damage;
- 2. Quantity of saline groundwater and safety of quality thereof.
- (2) Before designating an area as a management area or changing a designation, a Mayor/Do Governor shall submit the survey result under paragraph (1) to the head of a relevant river basin environmental office or regional environmental office (hereinafter referred to as "local environmental agency") and discuss the matter of designation, or change of designation of, a management area with him/her. <Amended on Nov. 16, 2023>
- (3) To examine the survey result submitted pursuant to paragraph (2), the head of a local environmental agency may hear opinions from the relevant specialized institutions or experts. <Amended on Nov. 16, 2023>
- (4) When a Mayor/Do Governor designates an area as a management area or change a designation, he/she shall publicly announce any of the following matters in an official report of the competent local government without delay and shall notify the Minister of Environment thereof: <Amended on Nov. 16, 2023>
- 1. Name of the management area;

- 2. Date on which the management area is designated;
- 3. Location, area of the management area, and a drawing which indicates the management areas;
- 4. Daily quantity of saline groundwater that can be pumped environmentally safely;
- 5. Other matters that a Mayor/Do Governor deems necessary to publicize.

[This Article Added on Mar. 22,]

- **Article 4 (Objects of Environmental Impact Survey)** "Anyone who intends to develop spring water, etc., the daily water-intake capacity of which meets the standards set by Presidential Decree" in Article 13 (1) of the Act means a person who falls under Article 3 (1) 2. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
- **Article 5 (Environmental Impact Examination Committee)** (1) Every local environmental agency may establish an Environmental Impact Examination Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") to hear the opinions of experts in accordance with Article 18 (2) of the Act. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
 - (2) The Committee shall be comprised of not more than 30 persons including the chairperson. The Committee shall have three subcommittees, namely the geophysical subcommittee, the applied geology subcommittee and the water-quality environment subcommittee, and each subcommittee shall be comprised of not more than ten members.
 - (3) The head of each local environmental agency shall be the chairperson and members shall be commissioned or appointed by the head of the relevant local environmental agency among the persons falling under any of the following subparagraphs:
 - 1. Persons who are assistant professors or higher in position in the related departments in the fields of geophysics, applied geology and water-quality environment at universities;
 - 2. Persons who have engaged in the research and development of underground water at national and public research institutions for at least ten years as researchers or higher in position;
 - 3. Persons who have obtained doctorates in the specialized fields referred to in subparagraph 1;
 - 4. Persons who have research or practice experience for at least five years in any of the fields referred to in subparagraph 1 after having obtained master's degrees in any such field;
 - 5. Persons who have obtained qualifications as certified technicians in the specialized fields referred to in subparagraph 1 pursuant to the National Technical Qualifications Act;
 - 6. Other persons who are recognized by the head of the local environmental agency as having qualifications equivalent to those of the persons referred to in subparagraphs 1 through 5.
 - (4) Where a member falls under any of the following, the head of each local environmental agency may dismiss or remove the relevant member: <Added on May 10, 2016>
 - 1. If the council member is unable to continue to perform his/her duties due to a mental or physical disorder;
 - 2. If the council member is found to have committed irregularities in connection with his/her duties;
 - 3. If the council member is found incompetent for the office due to dereliction of a duty or indecent conduct, or on other ground;
 - 4. Where he/she directly expresses that he/she cannot perform his/her duties.
 - (5) Detailed matters concerning the organization, operation, etc. of the Committee shall be determined by the Minister of Environment. Amended on May 10, 2016>
- **Article 6 (Qualification Standards for Quality Managers)** The qualification standards for quality managers under Article 27 (4) of the Act shall be as follows: <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Oct. 17, 2017; Nov. 26, 2024>

- 1. In the case of the manufacturing business of drinking spring water, etc. and water treatment chemicals, a person falling under any of the following items:
 - (a) Any person who holds a water environment industrial engineer or higher license, or a sanitary engineer license;
 - (b) Any person who has graduated (including those scheduled to graduate) from any department or faculty related to such fields as waterworks engineering, environmental engineering, chemistry, microbiology, hygienics, or food science at a college or university (including persons scheduled to , or any person deemed to have an equivalent or higher educational background under the statutes;
 - (c) Any person who has been engaged in environmental administration or food sanitation administration for at least one year;
- 2. In the case of the manufacturing business of water purifiers, a person falling under any of the following items:
 - (a) Any person who holds a water quality environment industrial engineer or higher license, quality management industrial engineer or higher license, or sanitary engineer license;
 - (b) Any person who has graduated (including those scheduled to graduate) from any department or faculty related to such fields as waterworks engineering, environmental engineering, chemistry, microbiology, hygienics, quality control or quality management at a college or university, or any person deemed to have an equivalent or higher educational background under the statutes;
 - (c) Any person who has been engaged in the field of water quality environment, sanitation, quality control, quality management, or manufacturing of water purifiers for at least two years.
- **Article 7 (Objects Subject to Imposition of Charges)** (1) Objects subject to imposition of the water quality improvement charges under Article 31 (1) of the Act (hereinafter referred to as "charges") shall be as follows: <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Nov. 28, 2014; Jan. 16, 2018>
 - 1. Spring water, etc. pumped by a person who has obtained permission for development pursuant to Article 9 of the Act and is categorized as follows:
 - (a) Spring water, etc. pumped by a person who has obtained permission for development of other spring water;
 - (b) Spring water, etc. pumped by a person who uses manufacturing facilities for drinking spring water, etc. to manufacture beverages;
 - 2. Spring water, etc. pumped by a person who has obtained permission for manufacturing business of drinking spring water, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "manufacturer of drinking spring water, etc.") pursuant to Article 21 (1) of the Act;
 - 3. Drinking spring water, etc. imported by a person registered to engage in import-sale business of drinking spring water, etc. (hereinafter referred to as "import-sale business operator of drinking spring water, etc.") pursuant to Article 21 (3) of the Act.
 - (2) Any of the following drinking spring water shall be exempt from the charges imposed under paragraph
 - (1): <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
 - 1. Drinking spring water to be exported;
 - 2. Drinking spring water to be supplied to foreign armed forces or foreign diplomatic missions in Korea;
 - 3. Drinking spring water to be supported and provided for relief of victims pursuant to Article 66 (3) 1 of the Framework Act on the Management of Disasters and Safety;

- 4. Spring water, etc. pumped for an environmental impact survey under Article 13 (1) of the Act or for an environmental impact examination under Article 18 (1) of the Act.
- (3) A person falling under each subparagraph of paragraph (1) shall submit, to the Minister of Environment quarterly, documents evidencing that the relevant drinking spring water is exempt from the charges under paragraph (2), as prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Sep. 18, 2008]

Article 8 (Amounts of Water Quality Improvement Charges) An amount of charges imposed under Article

- 31 (2) of the Act shall be as follows: <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Nov. 28, 2014>
- 1. In cases falling under Article 7 (1) 1 (a), the amount classified as below:
 - (a) From January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010: 1,600 won per one cubic meter;
 - (b) From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011: 1,900 won per one cubic meter;
 - (c) From January 1, 2012: 2,200 won per one cubic meter.
- 2. In cases falling under Article 7 (1) 1 (b) and subparagraphs 2 and 3 of the same paragraph, the amount classified as below:
 - (a) From January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010: 3,400 won per one cubic meter;
 - (b) From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011: 2,800 won per one cubic meter;
 - (c) From January 1, 2012: 2,200 won per one cubic meter.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 30, 2009]

Article 9 Deleted. <Sep. 18, 2008>

Article 10 Deleted. <Sep. 18, 2008>

Article 11 Deleted. <Sep. 18, 2008>

Article 12 (Imposition, Procedure for Collection and Deadline of Payment of Charges) (1) The

Minister of Environment shall compute charges and issue a payment notice by 10th of the month following the month beginning the next quarter as prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment.

- (2) The payment deadline of charges under paragraph (1) shall be the end of the month in which a payment notice has been issued.
- (3) An import-sale business operator of drinking spring water, etc. shall submit to the Minister of Environment a quarterly actual import record by the end of the month when the next quarter begins pursuant to by Ministerial Decree of the Environment. Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Sep. 18, 2008]

- **Article 12-2 (Payment of Expenses for Collection, etc.)** (1) "Persons prescribed by Presidential Decree" in Article 31 (7) of the Act means persons provided in Article 7 (1) 1 (a) or (b), or in subparagraph 2 of the same paragraph. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Nov. 28, 2014>
 - (2) Where the Minister of Environment has delegated the collection of the charges and additional dues to a Mayor/Do Governor pursuant to Article 55 (1) of the Act, he/she shall pay an amount equivalent to 20/100 of the charges and additional dues collected, to the relevant Mayor/Do Governor as collection expenses pursuant to Article 31 (8) of the Act.

[This Article Added on Sep. 18, 2008]

Article 12-3 (Support for Mayor/Do Governor Who Designated Areas as Spring Water Preservation

Areas) The Minister of Environment may grant, as subsidies for designation and management business of

spring water preservation areas, an amount calculated by multiplying the prescribed ratio ranging from 5/100 to 10/100 by the charges for water quality improvement collected from the development of relevant spring water, to a Mayor/Do Governor who has designated an area as a spring water preservation area pursuant to Article 31 (9) of the Act, in consideration of the following matters:

- 1. Financial situation of the relevant City/Do;
- 2. Area, actual conditions of land use, and geological and water quality characteristics of the spring water preservation area of the relevant City/Do.

[This Article Added on Oct. 22, 2013]

Article 13 (Deferment of Collection and Payment of Charges in Installments, etc.) (1) The period during which the collection is deferred pursuant to Article 32 (4) of the Act shall be not more than two years from the date following the date on which the collection of charges is deferred and the frequency of payments of the charges in installments during such period shall be not more than twelve times. <Amended on Jun. 30, 2009; Mar. 22, 2011>

(2) Any person who intends to have the collection of charges deferred or to pay such charges in installments pursuant to Article 32 (1) of the Act shall submit to the Minister of Environment an application for deferment of collection of the charges or an application for payment of the charges in installments prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment by no later than three days prior to the deadline of payment.

Amended on Sep. 18, 2008>

Article 13-2 (Procedure for Notice of Deferment, etc. of Collection of Charges, etc.) (1) The Minister of Environment shall, when he/she grants deferment of collection or payment in installments pursuant to Article 32 of the Act, issue a written notice stating such amount of money deferred, deferment period, amount of money to be paid in installments, payment period and other necessary matters to an applicant.

- (2) The decision of deferment of collection or payment in installments shall come into effect on the date when an application under Article 13 (2) is submitted.
- (3) When deferment of collection or payment in installments is granted to an applicant, a payment notice shall be issued so that it can be delivered to an applicant 15 days prior to the payment due date.
- (4) Articles 18 through 23 of the National Tax Collection Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to the provision of security under Article 32 (2) of the Act. <Amended on Feb. 17, 2021>
 [This Article Added on Sep. 18, 2008]

Article 14 Deleted. <Sep. 18, 2008>

Article 15 (Purposes for Charges for Water Quality Improvement) (1) "Purposes specified by Presidential Decree" in Article 54 (1) 8 of the Act shall mean either of the following purposes: <Amended on Oct. 22, 2013>

- 1. Implementation of a survey for the designation of a groundwater preservation area under Article 12 of the Groundwater Act;
- 2. Implementation of a basic survey and restoration works for the development, utilization, preservation and management of groundwater resources;
- 3. Support for a Mayor/Do Governor who has designated an area as a spring water preservation area under Article 31 (9) of the Act.

Article 16 Deleted. <Jul. 21, 2014>

- **Article 17 (Restrictions, etc. on Advertisement)** (1) In any of the following cases, the Minister of Environment may restrict advertisements of drinking spring water, etc. pursuant to Article 39 (1) of the Act: <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Jul. 4, 2012>
 - 1. Where the advertisement of drinking spring water, etc. is likely to mislead the citizens' awareness of health;
 - 2. Where the advertisement of drinking spring water, etc. is likely to hinder the tap-water provision business.
 - (2) Matters necessary for the specific standards and procedures for and methods of placing restrictions on advertisements pursuant to paragraph (1) and other matters shall be prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment. <Amended on Jul. 4, 2012>
 - (3) Deleted. <Jul. 4, 2012>
- **Article 17-2 (Standards for Recall or Destruction)** "If they fail to meet the standards prescribed by Presidential Decree and therefore have caused or are likely to cause harm to public health" in Article 47 (5) of the Act means either of the following: <Amended on Jul. 21, 2014>
 - 1. Where drinking spring water, etc. is in violation of any of water quality standards for drinking spring water determined under Article 5 of the Act;
 - 2. Where any toxic substance is detected in containers of drinking spring water, etc. in violation of the standards and specifications for containers prescribed in the code of foods, etc. under Articles 9 and 14 of the Food Sanitation Act.

[This Article Added on Mar. 22,]

Article 17-3 (Methods of Publication, etc.) (1) A drinking water-related business operator in receipt of an order to publish under Article 47-2 (1) of the Act shall, without delay, publish the following matters:

- 1. Title describing the details of the relevant violation;
- 2. Trade name of the relevant product and name of the drinking water-related business operator;
- 3. Location of the place of business;
- 4. Details of the relevant violation (it shall be compared with the standards prescribed in the relevant statutes so that the severity of such violation can be recognized);
- 5. Date of manufacture or import, and expiration date, of the non-compliant products.
- (2) Where the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor intends to order publication pursuant to Article 47-2 (1) of the Act, he/she shall take into account the details and severity of violations, the period and frequency of violations, the scope and consequences of damage caused by such violations, etc. In such cases, he/she shall afford the relevant drinking water-related business operator an opportunity to submit explanatory materials or to state his/her opinions before ordering publication. <Added on Jul. 21, 2014>
- (3) Notwithstanding the latter part of paragraph (2), the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor need not afford an opportunity to state opinions, where the relevant case falls under any subparagraph of Article 21 (4) of the Administrative Procedures Act or where the relevant violator has clearly expressed his/her intention to give up the opportunity to state his/her opinions. <Added on Jul. 21, 2014>
- (4) Where a drinking water-related business operator publishes under paragraph (1), such publication shall be made in a general daily newspaper registered for nationwide circulation under Article 9 (1) of the Act on the Promotion of Newspapers, etc., while such operator shall request the agency which has ordered such publication to post it on the homepage of such agency. <Amended on Jul. 21, 2014>

[This Article Added on Mar. 22,]

- Article 18 (Payment of Penalty Surcharges) (1) Where the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor intends to impose a penalty surcharge under Article 51 (1) of the Act, he/she shall issue a written notice for payment, indicating the kind of violation, the amount of the relevant penalty surcharge, the place of payment, and other necessary matters. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
 - (2) Persons notified under paragraph (1) shall pay the penalty surcharge at the receiving agency designated by the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do governor within 20 days. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Dec. 12, 2023>
 - (3) A receiving agency that has received the penalty surcharge under paragraph (2) shall issue a receipt to the person who has paid it.
 - (4) When a receiving agency of the penalty surcharge has received the penalty surcharge under paragraph
 - (2), it shall notify it without delay to the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
 - (5) Deleted. <Sep. 24, 2021>
- Article 19 (Standards for Computation of Penalty Surcharges) The amount of penalty surcharges under Article 51 (2) of the Act shall be computed by applying the standards specified in Appendix 1 to the period of operation suspension or the period of business suspension as prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment in light of the kind, degree, etc. of offenses committed. <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011>
- **Article 19-2 (Publication of Violations, etc.)** (1) Where the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor intends to publish information concerning a disposition under Article 51-2 of the Act, he/she shall take into account the details and severity of violations, the period and frequency of violations, the scope and consequences of damage caused by such violations, etc.
 - (2) Before publishing information concerning a disposition under Article 51-2 of the Act, the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor shall inform the relevant person subject to publication of such fact in order to afford him/her an opportunity to submit explanatory materials or to state his/her opinions.
 - (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor need not afford an opportunity to state opinions, where the relevant case falls under any subparagraph of Article 21 (4) of the Administrative Procedures Act or where the relevant violator has clearly expressed his/her intention to give up the opportunity to state his/her opinions.
 - (4) Where the Minister of Environment or a Mayor/Do Governor publishes information concerning a disposition under Article 51-2 of the Act, he/she shall publish it in a general daily newspaper registered for nationwide circulation under Article 9 (1) of the Act on the Promotion of Newspapers, etc. or post it on the homepage of the relevant agency.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jul. 21, 2014]

- Article 20 (Delegation of Authority and Entrustment of Business) (1) Pursuant to Article 55 (1) of the Act, the Minister of Environment shall delegate his/her authority to a Mayor/Do Governor for the following: <Amended on Mar. 22, 2011; Jul. 21, 2014>
 - 1. Imposition and collection of water quality improvement charges and additional dues under Article 31 of the Act;
 - 1-2. Receipt of and deliberation on objections to charges filed and notification of the results of deliberation under Article 31-2 of the Act;

- 2. Approval for deferred collection of charges and the payment of charges in installments, etc. under Article 32 of the Act;
- 3. Deleted. <Jul. 21, 2014>
- (2) Pursuant to Article 55 (1) of the Act, the Minister of Environment shall delegate to the head of a river basin environmental office or the head of a regional environmental office the following authority: <Amended on Jun. 13, 2008; Sep. 18, 2008; Mar. 22, 2011; Jul. 13, 2021>
- 1. Deleted; <Mar. 22, 2011>
- 2. Deleted; < Mar. 22, 2011>
- 3. Technical examination of an environmental impact survey document under Article 18 of the Act;
- 4. Deleted; <Mar. 22, 2011>
- 5. Deleted; <Mar. 22, 2011>
- 6. Orders to submit reports, inspection, collection, or perusal under Article 42 (1) of the Act;
- 6-2. Designation of business of inspection institutions of drinking water quality (limited to inspection institutions of drinking water quality in the field prescribed by Ministerial Decree of the Environment) under Article 43 (1) through (3) and (8) of the Act, receipt and acceptance of modification reports, revocation of designation, and suspension of business;
- 7. Hearings on authority delegated under subparagraphs of Article 50 of the Act;
- 8. Imposition and collection of penalty surcharges under Article 51 of the Act (limited to inspection institutions of drinking water quality under subparagraph 6-2);
- 9. Authority for imposition, collection, etc. of administrative fines under Article 61 (2) of the Act.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 55 (1) of the Act, the Minister of Environment shall delegate to the President of the National Institute of Environmental Research the following authority: <Amended on Jun. 13, 2008; Sep. 18, 2008; Mar. 22, 2011; Jul. 13, 2021>
- 1. Approval of self-standards and self-specifications of drinking spring water, etc. under Article 36 (2) of the Act;
- 1-2. Designation of inspection institutions (excluding inspection institutions of drinking water quality and inspection institutions of quality of water purifiers under paragraph (2) 6-2) under Article 43 (1) through (3) and (8) of the Act, receipt and acceptance of modification reports, revocation of designation, and suspension of business;
- 2. Evaluation of capability to measure and analyze water quality under Article 43 (6) of the Act;
- 3. Hearings (limited to matters concerning authority delegated pursuant to subparagraph 1-2) under subparagraph 1 of Article 50 of the Act;
- 4. Imposition and collection of penalty surcharges under Article 51 of the Act (limited to inspection institutions, other than inspection institutions of quality of water purifiers and inspection institutions of drinking water quality under paragraph (2) 6-2).
- (4) Pursuant to Article 55 (2) of the Act, the Minister of Environment may entrust part of the training of quality managers under Article 28 (1) of the Act to a business operators' association.

 [Title Amended on Jul. 13, 2021]
- **Article 20-2 (Re-Examination of Regulation)** The Minister of Environment shall examine the appropriateness of the entities subject to the imposition of water quality improvement charges and the amounts of such charges under Articles 7 and 8 every three years, counting from January 1, 2024 (referring

to the period that ends on the day before the third-year anniversary of the base date) and shall take measures, such as making improvements.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Feb. 27, 2024]

Article 21 (Criteria for Imposition of Administrative Fines) Standards for imposing administrative fines under Article 61 (1) and (2) shall be as stipulated in Appendix 2.

[This Article Added on Mar. 22,]

■ ADDENDA <Pre> Presidential Decree No. 20516, Dec. 31, 2007> Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on January 1, 2008. Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.

■ ADDENDA <Pre> Presidential Decree No. 20818, Jun. 13, 2008>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation; provided, the amended provisions of Article 21 shall enter into force on June 22, 2008.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures due to Change of Delegated Institutions)

- (1) It shall be deemed that a person who has been designated as an inspection institution of water quality of drinking water by the president of the National Institute of Environmental Research before this Decree enters into force, whose competent administrative agency is changed into the head of a river basin environmental office or the head of a regional environmental office pursuant to the amended provisions of Article 20, has been designated by the head of a river basin environmental office or the head of a regional environmental office where his/her main office is located as an inspection institution of water quality of drinking water.
- (2) The president of the National Institute of Environmental Research shall, notwithstanding the amended provisions of Article 20, conduct the administrative disposition on an application for designation of an inspection institution of water quality of drinking water filed before this Decree enters into force or the administrative disposition on an inspection institution of water quality of drinking water which is in process at the time when this Decree enters into force.

■ ADDENDA < Presidential Decree No. 21014, Sep. 18, 2008 >

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on September 22, 2008.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Imposition, etc. of Charges on Developer of Other Spring Water)

- (1) The Minister of Environment shall announce the amount of money computed by adding average rate of tap water per one ton from January 1, 2008 through September 21, 2008 to average amount of money of the charges for the use of water by the end of November 2008. In such cases, average rate of tap water shall be computed based on the amount of money per one ton from January 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008, and average amount of money of the charges for the use of water shall be computed as average amount of money in the year of 2008.
- (2) A developer of other spring water shall submit the computed volume of spring water used as raw material of products sold from January 1, 2008 through September 21, 2008 to the Minister of Environment by the end of November 2008.

- (3) The Minister of Environment shall issue a payment notice of the charges for volume of spring water used under paragraph (2) by December 10, 2008 and the deadline of payment shall be by 25th of the same month.
- (4) A developer of other spring water shall submit volume of spring water drawn from September 22 through September 30, 2008 to the Minister of Environment by the end of January 2009.
- (5) Notwithstanding the amended provisions of Article 12 (1), a payment notice of the charges for water quality improvement on spring water under paragraph (4) shall be issued by February 10, 2009 and the deadline of payment shall be the end of February 2009.

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Collection of Charges on Manufacturers of Drinking Spring Water and Import-Sale Business Operators of Drinking Spring Water)

- (1) The previous provisions of Articles 8 through 12 shall apply to the charges for water quality improvement from July 1 through September 21, 2008 on manufacturers of drinking spring water and import-sale business operators of drinking spring water.
- (2) Manufacturers of drinking spring water and import-sale business operators of drinking spring water shall submit the volume of spring water drawn and the actual import record of drinking spring water from September 22 through September 30, 2008 to the Minister of Environment by the end of January 2009.
- (3) Notwithstanding the amended provisions of Article 12 (1), a payment notice of charges for water quality improvement for the period under paragraph (2) shall be issued by February 10, 2009 and the deadline of payment shall be the end of February 2009.

Article 4 Omitted.

■ ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 21590, Jun. 30, 2009> Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on July 1, 2009. (Proviso Omitted.) Articles 2 through 9 Omitted.

- (1) The amended provisions of subparagraph 46 of Appendix 2 of the Enforcement Decree of the Farmland Act shall remain in effect until June 30, 2011.
- (2) The amended provisions of subparagraph 46 of Appendix 2 of the Enforcement Decree of the Farmland Act shall begin to apply to permission for diversion of farmland (including permission for modification, and authorization or permission by which permission for diversion of farmland or permission for modification is deemed granted pursuant to other statutes or regulations; hereafter in this paragraph, the same shall apply) applied for, or a report on diversion of farmland (including a report on modification; hereafter in this paragraph, the same shall apply) filed on or after the date this Decree enters into force, and shall also apply to permission for diversion of farmland or a report on diversion of farmland applied for or filed by June 30, 2011.

Article 3 (Applicability following Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Tourism Promotion Act)

The amended provisions of subparagraph 1 of Article 32 of the Enforcement Decree of the Tourism Promotion Act shall also apply to a person who obtained or applied for, approval of a business plan under Article 15 of the Act before this Decree enters into force.

Article 4 (Applicability following Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Industrial Sites and Development Act)

(1) The amended provisions of Article 40 (2) of the Enforcement Decree of the Industrial Sites and Development Act shall begin to apply to a plan for sales in lots prepared on or after the date this Decree

enters into force.

(2) Matters mandated to municipal ordinance under the amended provisions of Article 40 (2) of the Enforcement Decree of the Industrial Sites and Development Act shall be governed by the previous provisions until such municipal ordinance is enacted or amended.

Article 5 (Transitional Measures following Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Employment Insurance Act)

The amended provisions of Article 13 (1) 2 of the Enforcement Decree of the Employment Insurance Act shall begin to apply to a place of business that reduces working hours under Article 13 (1) of the Enforcement Decree of the Employment Insurance Act on or after the date this Decree enters into force.

Article 6 (Transitional Measures following Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Act on the Management and Promotion of Real Estate Development Business)

Imposition of administrative fines for acts committed before this Decree enters into force, shall be governed by the previous provisions.

Article 7 (Transitional Measures following Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the New Harbor Construction Promotion Act)

The amended provisions of the latter part of Article 9 (5) of the Enforcement Decree of the New Harbor Construction Promotion Act shall apply to a person who applied for an extension of the application period for approval of a plan to implement a new harbor construction project under the previous provisions as at the time this Decree enters into force, if the extended period has not expired, and such person shall be deemed granted an extension once under the aforesaid amended provisions.

Article 8 (Transitional Measures following Amendment to Enforcement Decree of Act on Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources)

Imposition of administrative fines for acts committed before this Decree enters into force, shall be governed by the previous provisions.

Article 9 (Transitional Measures following Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Sewerage Act)

- (1) The first retraining referred to in the amended provisions of Article 38 (2) 2 (a) of the Enforcement Decree of the Sewerage Act shall be conducted in the year in which the fifth anniversary of the date of completing the last retraining conducted before this Decree enters into force falls.
- (2) The amended provisions of Article 38 (2) 2 (b) of the Enforcement Decree of the Sewerage Act shall begin to apply to business suspension ordered on or after the date this Decree enters into force.

■ ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 21927, Dec. 30, 2009>

This Decree shall enter into force on January 1, 2010.

■ ADDENDA <Presidential Decree No. 22715, Mar. 22, 2011> Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on March 23, 2011.

Article 2 (Applicability concerning Deferment of Collection and Payment of Charges in Installments, etc.)

The provisions concerning the deferment of collection and payment of charges for water quality improvement in installments under the amended Article 13 shall apply from a charge imposed after this Decree enters into force.

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Penalty Surcharges and Administrative Fines)

- (1) Standards for calculating penalty surcharges and imposing administrative fines for any violation committed before this Decree enters into force shall be governed by the previous provisions.
- (2) The disposition of imposing an administrative fine which has been received due to a violation committed before this Decree enters into force shall be included in the calculation of frequency of violations under the amended provisions of Appendix 2.

Article 4 Omitted.

ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 23932, Jul. 4, 2012>

This Decree shall enter into force on January 1, 2013.

■ ADDENDA < Presidential Decree No. 24807, Oct. 22, 2013>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Standards for Imposing Penalty Surcharges)

The previous provisions shall apply to the standards for imposing penalty surcharges for violations committed before this Decree enters into force.

■ ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 25050, Dec. 30, 2013>

This Decree shall enter into force on January 1, 2014. (Proviso Omitted.)

■ ADDENDA < Presidential Decree No. 25496, Jul. 21, 2014>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on July 22, 2014.

Article 2 (Applicability to Provision of Opportunity to State Opinions on Publication of Orders for Seizure, Destruction, etc.)

The amended provisions of the latter part of Article 17-3 (2) and of paragraph (3) of the same Article shall apply beginning with the first order of publication made after this Decree enters into force.

Article 3 (Applicability to Provision of Opportunity to State Opinions on Publication of Information related to Administrative Dispositions including Revocation of Permission)

The amended provisions of Article 19-2 (2) and (3) shall apply beginning with the first publication made after this Decree enters into force.

■ ADDENDA < Presidential Decree No. 25784, Nov. 28, 2014>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 (Applicability to Imposition of Charges on Drinking Spring Water, etc.)

The imposition of charges under the amended provisions of Article 7 (1) 1 shall apply beginning with the first spring water, etc. pumped after this Decree enters into force.

ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 27129, May 10, 2016>

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

■ ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 28364, Oct. 17, 2017>

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

■ ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 28584, Jan. 16, 2018>

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

■ ADDENDA <Pre>
Presidential Decree No. 31453, Feb. 17, 2021>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. Articles 2 through 8 Omitted.

■ ADDENDA < Presidential Decree No. 31889, Jul. 13, 2021>Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

Article 2 Omitted.

■ ADDENDA <Pre>
Presidential Decree No. 32014, Sep. 24, 2021>
Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

■ ADDENDUM <Presidential Decree No. 33858, Nov. 16, 2023>

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

■ ADDENDUM <Pre>
Presidential Decree No. 33913, Dec. 12, 2023 >

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

■ ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 34258, Feb. 27, 2024>

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.

■ ADDENDUM < Presidential Decree No. 35019, Nov. 26, 2024>

This Decree shall enter into force on the date of its promulgation.