

General Overview of the Regulatory Reform Council's Second Report of Recommendations

■ Basic approach to the promotion of regulatory reform

(1) Why is it necessary to conduct regulatory reform?

Stabilizing / improving public living and contributing to economic revitalization to achieve national growth and development

1. Adapting to changes in the economic environment to achieve economic growth
2. Offering diverse options to the public
3. Providing opportunities to businesses with enthusiasm and creativity
4. Securing safety through more effective means

(2) Emphasis in this term's regulatory reform

1. Achieving regulatory reform that would lead to growth strategy and broader public options
2. Facilitating dynamic expression of "opinions"

(3) Initiatives for top-priority tasks

1. Establishing a system that enables the combined use of insurance-covered and non-covered medical therapies
2. Consolidating business management of long-term care and childcare businesses and establishing equivalent conditions of competition
3. Reviewing regulations concerning agricultural land

■ Review progress

1. Agenda and review structure

Establishing five working groups on "health / medical care," "employment," "business creation / IT," "agriculture" and "trade / investment"

2. Discussion forums open to public (held twice on a trial basis, planned in and after July this year)
3. Hotline on Regulatory Reform (receiving 2,400 calls, identifying approx. 1,300 requests concerning regulations)
4. Focused follow-up (12 items)
5. Coordination with other advisory councils (Industrial Competitive Council, Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, etc.)
6. Implementation of the "Test for Most Internationally Reasonable Regulation"

■ Achieving the recommendations in this report

- The Cabinet decided the Implementation Plan for Regulatory Reform as the roadmap for implementing the reform
- Expectations for political leadership

■ Next steps

(1) Formulating policies on the Council's activities for the next term (July this year to June next year)

- Formulating the Council's action policy outlining focal fields
- Working in coordination with the Industrial Competitive Council, Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy, etc.

(2) Follow-up on the Implementation Plan

- Receiving government reports on the progress of the Implementation Plan for Regulatory Reform each year for confirmation
- Focused follow-up (formulating a specific policy including the timeframe)

(3) Tasks to take on in the future

Introducing a system for government offices in charge of regulations to take on reforms voluntarily and actively (Regulatory review)

Regulatory Review (flowchart)

Government offices in charge of regulations

The Council on Regulatory Reform

Start exploring regulatory reform

Social and economic conditions

Hotline on Regulatory Reform
(Public, enterprises, organizations, etc.)

Internal study using regulatory materials, etc.

Regarding regulatory materials, request
1. Hearings
2. Management of materials preparation
3. Compilation of materials concerning Council agenda, etc.

Council

Setting deliberation items on regulatory reform

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Notice of findings from the inspection of policy assessment results concerning key regulatory reform matters

Hearings, expression of "opinions"

Deliberate on reform items

Examination by advisory councils of government offices in charge of regulations

Council recommendations

Follow-up investigation

Cabinet decision of the Regulatory Reform Implementation Plan

Cabinet decision for relevant bills, etc.

Regulatory Materials (guide only)

(Material ID)

Regulation name		Government office in charge	
Laws, etc. providing the basis for the regulation		Name, title of the person who has compiled the sheet and the name of the section in charge	
Objectives of the regulation			
Overview of the regulation		Associated budget	
Recent amendment / abolition, etc. of regulation		Associated policy assessment results	
Reason for maintaining, reforming or introducing the regulation		Action on the regulation (maintaining, reforming or introducing)	
(Reform direction if the regulation is to be reformed)			
Provisions to be reviewed			
Next review timing			