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301	Expansion of Range of special assets of Investment Trust	Article 3 of the cabinet order of the Law Concerning Investment Trusts and Investment Companies	Add equity right of investment business limited partnership to “special assets” under the law concerning the Law of Investment Trusts and Investment Companies	Implemented together with the submission of the review of amendments, written left, to the next ordinary Diet session	Treat equity rights of investment business limited partnership as assets which can be major trustable assets under the law concerning the Law of Contract of Investment Business Limited Partnership of Small-to-Medium Sized Enterprises.	Enforcement scheduled for January 2003	Financial Markets Division, Planning and Coordination Bureau, Financial Services Agency
302	Addition of intellectual property to trustable assets	Article 4 of the Trust Business Law	Add intellectual property to “trustable assets” starting with highly possible ones	In FY 2003	Discuss adding intellectual property such as patent and copyrights to “trustable assets” under the Trust Law, and conclude.	To be discussed, concluded and implemented successively in FY 2003	Credit System Division, Planning and Coordination Bureau, Financial Services Agency
401	Permission given to private companies, other than joint public-private ventures, to manage “public facilities”.	Article 244(2)(iii) of the Local Autonomy Law, Article 173 (3) of Enforcement Ordinance of the Local Autonomy Law, Article 17 of the Rules of Practice of the Local Autonomy Law	Allow private companies to participate in the management of “public facilities”.	In FY 2003	Amend restrictions of the Local Autonomy Law and others so that private companies shall be allowed to participate in the management business of “public facilities”.	Proposals to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session	Local Administration Division, Local Administration Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
402	Local tax clerical work carried out by private individuals	Article 158 of the Local Autonomy Law, etc.	Enable private individuals such as “Convenience Stores” to conduct clerical work concerning local tax payments	In FY 2003	Amend necessary laws and regulations so that private individuals such as “Convenience Stores” shall be able to conduct clerical work concerning local tax payments	In FY 2003	Local Administration Division, Local Administration Bureau, Local Tax Planning Division, Local Tax Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
403	Deregulation of expenditure limits on donations from local public offices to government corporations or independent administrative corporations	Article 24 (2) of the Law of Special Measures concerning Promotion of Financial Reconstruction of Local Authorities, Article 12(2) &(3) of the Rules of Practice of the Law of Special Measures regarding Promotions of Financial Reconstruction of Local	Amendment shall be made to allow local public organizations to pay some expenses on research and development projects carried out by local national universities when such projects are considered to be beneficial to local industry and to the welfare of local people. This contribution is not applied to regular university R&D activities.	In October FY 2002	Amendment was made to allow local public organizations to pay some expenses on research and development projects carried out by local national universities when such projects are considered to be beneficial to local industry and to the welfare of local people. This contribution is not applicable to regular university R&D activities.	To be implemented November 1, 2002	Financial Management Division, Local Public Finance Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications

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404	Implementation of Local Independent Administrative Corporation Systems	N/A	Based on the "Study Report concerning Implementation of Local Independent Administrative Corporation Systems" (published in 2002), Independent Administrative Corporations shall be established.	FY 2003	Based on the "Study Report concerning Implementation of Local Independent Administrative Corporation Systems" (published in August 2002), Independent Administrative Corporations shall be established	In FY 2003	Local Administration Division, Local Administration Bureau, Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
405	Abolition of restrictions on private company's employees taking general positions in public offices such as research positions for fixed periods	N/A	Amendment and enforcement of laws concerning personnel exchanges between public and private companies are expected in FY 2003. The Amendment is based on the "Outline of the Expansion of the Public Servant System". Private company's employees shall be allowed to work for public offices as general workers while keeping their status as private company employees.	In FY 2003	Amendment and enforcement of laws concerning personnel exchanges between public and private companies are expected in FY 2003. The Amendment is based on the "Outline of the Expansion of the Public Servant System". Private company's employees shall be allowed to work for public offices as general workers while keeping their status as private company employees.	In FY 2003	Local Public Service Personnel Division, Local Public Service Personnel Department of Local Administration Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
406	Simplification of procedures resulting from the review on fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Article 6 of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Review shall be conducted on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law so as to reduce the time spent on discussion between the central and local governments, and to lessen the burden of clerical work.	In FY 2002	Review shall be conducted on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law so as to reduce the time spent on discussion between the central and local governments, and to lessen the burden of clerical work. Measures shall be taken accordingly at prefecture and city level in FY 2002.	In FY 2002	Regional Development Division, Local Administration Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications Rural Policy Division, Rural Development Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Geographical Environmental Division, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Regional Development Division, City and Regional Development Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
407	Institutionalization of professional staff	The Administrative Scrivener Law	Based on the Promotion of the 3-Year Reform Plan, the institutionalization of administrative scriveners shall be discussed and necessary actions shall	In FY 2003	Based on the Promotion of the 3-Year Reform Plan, the institutionalization of administrative scriveners shall be discussed and necessary actions shall be taken accordingly by FY 2003	In FY 2003	Local Administration Division, Local Administration Bureau, Ministry of Public

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			be taken accordingly by FY 2003				Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
408	Deregulation of requirements for opening experimental radio stations	Article 4 of the Radio Law	Discussion shall be made based on report from the "Effective Use of Radio Wave Study Group" about promotion of opening experimental radio stations, and necessary measures shall be implemented in FY 2003.	In FY 2003	In order to promote the opening of cutting-edge experimental radio stations equipped with various radio communication technologies, technical and systematic aspects of promotional measures have been discussed at the meetings of the "Effective Use of Radio Wave Study Group" since January this year. Based on the group's report, further discussion shall be made about the simplification of licensing procedures, and the conclusion shall be reached in FY 2003	In FY 2003	Radio Policy Division, Radio Department, Telecommunications Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
409	Simplification of licensing procedures for disaster support radio stations	Article 4 of the Radio Law, Frequency Band Allocation Plan (Number 746 of the General Post Office Announcement of 2000)	As for the use of the 5GHz band in times of disaster, technological standards shall be established after examining the possibility of using other frequency bands.	In FY 2003	Based on data provided from local governments, efforts have been made to identify the actual utilization methods and technological issues surrounding emergency radio - communication systems using wireless LAN. Considering these issues, the technological possibility of using the 5GHz band shall be examined, and necessary measures including the establishment of technical standards and frequency allocations shall be taken.	In FY 2003	Fixed Radio Communications Division, Radio Department, Telecommunications Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
410	The best frequency allocation	Articles 7 and 26 of the Radio Law	Examination shall be conducted based on report from the "Effective Use of Radio Wave Study Group" to provide the best possible frequency allocation and decision shall be made in FY 2003. The necessary amendments shall be taken so as to facilitate a rapid and smooth reallocation of radio waves.	In FY 2003	Presently, at the "Effective Use of Radio Wave Study Group", discussion is taking place concerning the necessity of compensation to existing license holders when radio wave reallocation is made. Based on the study group's report, a decision shall be reached in FY 2003, and the necessary amendments shall be taken so as to facilitate a rapid and smooth reallocation of radio waves. At the same time, appropriate and rapid responses shall be given to the newly created public need due to radio wave reallocation.	In FY 2003	Radio Policy Division, Radio Department, Telecommunications Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
411	Expansion of frequency bands of wireless LAN and others	Article 7 of the Radio Law, Frequency Band Allocation Plan (Number 746 of the General Post Office Announcement of 2000)	The possibility of international application of the 5GHz frequency band to wireless LAN and others shall be deliberated at the World Radio Transmission Conference next year. Once international agreements are reached at this conference on the application of 5GHz to LAN, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications shall establish the necessary measures for the implementation of wireless LAN systems.	In FY 2003	The possibility of international application of the 5GHz frequency band to wireless LAN and others shall be deliberated at the World Radio Transmission Conference next year. Once international agreements are reached at this conference on the application of 5GHz to LAN, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications shall establish the necessary measures for the implementation of wireless LAN systems.	In FY 2003	Radio Policy Division, Radio Department, Telecommunications Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
412	Additional frequency band allocation to national and local	Article 7 of the Radio Law, Frequency Band Allocation Plan (Number 746 of the	The establishment of technical standards for wireless LAN and others used by national and local	In FY 2003	Technical conditions are being examined for the implementation of wireless LAN systems that constitute the disaster prevention framework and	In FY 2003	Fixed Radio Communications Division, Radio

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	governments	General Post Office Announcement of 2000)	governments, and frequency band allocations shall be conducted.		the public network systems in the area. Based on examination results, technical standards and frequency allocations shall be made.		Department, Telecommunications Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
413	Relaxation of fuel cell restrictions under the Fire Services Act	Article 9 of the Fire Services Act, Article 16(5) of the ministerial ordinance stipulating standards on the position of fire apparatus and structure and management as well as the handling of fire apparatus	Examination and discussion shall be made regarding restrictions on power plant facilities using fuel cells as resources in FY 2003, and necessary actions shall be taken based on the results of such examinations	In FY 2003	Examination and verification shall be made regarding restrictions on power plant facilities using fuel cells as resources in FY 2003. Reflecting the examination results, deliberation shall be conducted on such subjects as the appropriate distance between power plants and other buildings, etc.	In FY 2003	Fire and Disaster Prevention Division, Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
414	Deregulation of land classifications and area requirements for plant installation at the time of plant renovations or area redevelopments under the Law on Prevention of Disasters in Petroleum Industrial Complexes and Other Petroleum Facilities	Articles 3 & 4 of the ministerial ordinance concerning distribution of new operational facilities in disaster prevention designated districts	On the premise that concrete plans and detailed data from corporations are submitted by the beginning of FY 2003, deregulation on land classifications and area requirements for plant installation such as high-mix low-volume production plants at the time of plant renovations or area redevelopments shall be implemented.	FY 2003	Submission of both concrete proposals of plans and detailed data on the safety of high-mix low-volume production plants to satisfy current safety standards from corporations by the beginning of FY 2003 is the prerequisite of deregulation on land classifications and area requirements for installation of high-mix low-volume production plants at the time of plant renovations or area redevelopments.	FY 2003	Special Disaster Office, Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications Industrial Safety Division, Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
415	Construction of hydrogen stations for fuel-cell-powered vehicles at the same site as gas stations	Article 17(1)() of the cabinet ordinance concerning hazardous material regulations	Examination and verification shall be made in FY 2003, and the necessary safety standards shall be established by the beginning of FY 2005. However, when safety measures for hydrogen stations are provided earlier than scheduled, the necessary measures shall be taken within FY 2003 using examination results in FY 2003 as a reference.	FY 2003	Examination and verification shall be made in FY 2003, and necessary safety standards shall be established by the beginning of FY 2005. However, when safety measures for hydrogen stations are provided earlier than scheduled, the necessary measures shall be taken within FY 2003 using examination results in FY 2003 as a reference.	FY 2003	Dangerous Goods Safety Office, Fire and Disaster Management Agency, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications
416	Clarification of specifics regarding the hiring on-duty faculties of national universities as private company employees.	Article 104 of the National Public Service Law	When a faculty member indulges in academic, business or government activities during their office hours, this action shall be made acceptable under certain conditions. Such activities should have clear political significance and public interest, and should be approved by the administrative body of the university. Necessary measures shall be taken for the realization of such activities when they are in accordance with the	FY 2003	When a faculty member indulges in academic, business or government activities during their office hours, this action shall be made acceptable under certain conditions. Such activities should have clear political significance and public interest, and should be approved by the administrative body of the university. Necessary measures shall be taken for the realization of such activities when they are in accordance with the principles of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	To be implemented From April 1, 2003	Personnel and Pension Bureau, Ministry of Public Management, Home Affairs, Posts and Telecommunications Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

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501	Acceptance of the insertion of Public Announcements on Internet	Article 166 of the Commercial Law	Allow computerization of general Public Announcements which are currently limited to paper related media.	Bill to be submitted in FY 2003	Public Announcements using computerized methods are limited to balance sheet announcements (accounting announcement). Approval of computerized announcement is given to other general announcements (mergers, reduction of capital, corporation divisions, stock mergers, etc) that are currently announced only in papers such as daily newspapers or official journals.	Bill to be submitted in FY 2003	Counselor's Office of Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
502	Permission given to companies not to issue stocks	Articles 226-2 and Article 205 of the Commercial Law	Allow companies to decide "not to issue stocks" only when stock holders agree	Bill to be submitted in FY 2003	Stock companies are obliged to issue stocks periodically without delay excluding those companies under the so-called "non-possession of stock" system. A new system of non-issuance of stocks, under which companies can decide not to issue stocks, shall be introduced and, at the same time, a new transfer system shall be established	Bill to be submitted in FY 2003	Counselor's Office of Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
503	Deregulation of agreements on compartment owners of apartments at the time of installation of fiber optics to the apartment buildings	Article 17(1) of the Law for Compartment Ownership, etc. of Buildings	When alterations are made to shared parts of buildings, restrictions shall be loosened to allow for alterations with half of owners to be acceptable unless the form or efficiency of the building is extremely altered.	FY 2002	When alterations are made to shared parts of buildings, restrictions shall be loosened to allow for alterations with half of owners to be acceptable unless the form or efficiency of the building is extremely altered.	Amendment was submitted to the 155th extraordinary Diet session	Counselor's Office of Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
504	Deregulation of employment prohibition of Japanese lawyers by Procurator of foreign laws and prohibition of cooperative business	Articles 49 and 49-2 of the Special Measures Law concerning the Treatment of Law Offices Run by Foreign Lawyers	Foreign procurators are liberated to conduct cooperative activities. The prohibition on foreign lawyers against hiring Japanese lawyers shall be further discussed.	FY 2003	It is quite necessary to promote cooperation and partnership between Japanese and foreign lawyers in the era of globalization with an increasing demand for legal assistance. In view of that, liberalization shall be promoted through abolition of restrictions on cooperative activities. The prohibition on foreign lawyers against hiring Japanese lawyers shall be further discussed from the perspective of the abolition of such restrictions. At the time of implementation, some adverse effect prevention measures taken must be sustained at a minimum level.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session	Office for Promotion of Justice System Reform Judicial System and Research Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice
505	Rationalization of import-export procedures and port related procedures (One-stop services/ Single- Window services)	Operation (Tariff Law, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, Quarantine Act, Food Hygiene Law, Domestic Livestock Infection Prevention Law, Plant Quarantine Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, Port Regulation Law	With cooperation among competent authorities, necessary measures must be taken to promote one-stop services and a single-window system for export-import and port procedures	At the earliest time in FY 2003	With cooperation among relevant authorities, necessary measures shall be taken to promote one-stop services and a single-window system for export-import and port procedures. To be more specific, Nippon Automated Cargo Clearance System (NACCS), the Crew Permission of Landing Support System, and Prot EDI Systems shall be interconnected and a one-window and single-stop services shall be provided. The new system should be user friendly, low cost and internationally compatible. Nippon Automated Cargo Clearance System (NACCS) and the Crew Permission of	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Immigration Control Office, General Affairs Division, Entry and Status Division, Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice Tariff Investigation Office, International Affairs and Research Division, Customs Clearance Division,

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					Landing Support System will be connected to each other in FY 2002, and in FY 2003 the system will be enhanced in order to commence operations at the earliest possible time.		<p>Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance</p> <p>Business Administration Office, Quarantine Stations, Department of Food Safety, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</p> <p>Plant Quarantine Office, Plant Protection Division, Agricultural Production Bureau, International Animal Health Affairs Office, Animal Health Division, Livestock Industry Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishery</p> <p>Trade Promotion Division, Trade Administration Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry</p> <p>Director-General for Policy Planning, Director for Policy Coordination, Environment and Engineering Division, Ports and Harbors Bureau, Navigation Safety Division, Japan Coast Guard, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport</p>
506	Relaxation on requirements for specified activity visa for foreigners seeking work experience	Public Announcement No.131 of Ministry of Justice, Article 7(1)(ii) and Schedule 1-5 of the Immigration Control and Refugee-Recognition Act	When accepting foreign students as on-the-job trainees in Japanese companies during summer holidays, they are accepted only when they are to receive credits. Relax the credit obligation restriction of the current law	In FY 2003	When accepting foreign students as on-the-job trainees in Japanese companies during summer holidays, they are accepted only when they are to receive credits. Relax the credit obligation restriction of the current law	In FY 2003	Entry and Status Division, Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice
701	Develop a system	Articles 5,6 and 7 of the	With the Online Administrative	In FY 2003	With the Online Administrative Procedures Law	In January,	Legal Affairs Division,

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	under which revenue payments are processed by computers	Accounting Law, Matters related to securities used for revenue payment, Article 2 (1) of the law concerning revenue payment through stamps	Procedures Law (continued deliberation), legal adjustments have just been made to allow for the use of online systems for administrative procedures. Specifically, the system is under development for the electronic revenue payments and it is expected to start in FY 2003.		(continued deliberation), legal adjustments have just been made to allow for the use of online systems for administrative procedures. Specifically, the system is under development for electronic revenue payments and it is expected to start in January 2004.	2004	Budget Bureau, Ministry of Finance
702	Refer to 505 above	Operation (Tariff Law, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, Quarantine Act, Food Hygiene Law, Domestic Livestock Infection Prevention Law, Plant Quarantine Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, Port Regulation Law	Refer to 505 above	Refer to 505 above	Refer to 505 above	Refer to 505 above	Refer to 505 above
801	Expansion of educational opportunities for international school graduates to enter universities	Article 56 of the School Education Law, Article 69 of the Rules of Practice of the School Education Law	Expand the educational opportunities for international school graduates by relaxing university entrance qualifications.	FY 2002	International school graduates are qualified to enter Japanese universities without taking high school equivalency examinations	To be implemented in FY 2002 To be enforced on April 1, 2003	University Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology
802	Expansion of educational opportunities for international school graduates to enter high schools	Article 47 of the School Education Law, Article 63 of the Rules of Practice of the School Education Law	Expand the educational opportunities for international school graduates by relaxing high school entrance qualifications.	FY 2002	Expand the opportunities for international school graduates to enter high school by, for example, making them eligible for junior school equivalency examinations	To be implemented in FY 2002 To be enforced starting April 1, 2003	Reform of Educational System Office, Elementary and Secondary Education Planning Division, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport, Science and Technology
803	Simplification of procedures for the establishment or abolition of university departments and disciplines	Article 4 of the School Education Law The Rules of Practice No.23 of the School Education Law	Change procedure systems from approval to notification regarding the establishment or abolition of departments and disciplines as long as these procedures do not involve degree changes.	Bill to be submitted to extraordinary Diet session this fall	Change procedure systems from approval to notification regarding the establishment or abolition of departments and disciplines as long as these procedures do not involve degree changes.	Enactment of legislation on November 15, 2002 Enforcement on April 1, 2003	University Establishment Office, Higher Education Policy Planning Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
804	Deregulation of asset requirements for academic juridical persons at times private school establishment	University Establishment Standards Fine print of University Establishment Standards	Relax self-asset requirements so that new academic juridical persons are able to rent entire school buildings from local autonomy bodies.	Enforcement from April 1, 2003	Self-asset possession rates shall be greatly relaxed. Renting buildings from local autonomy bodies shall be approved. These measures shall facilitate academic juridical persons establishing private schools.	Enforcement from April 1, 2003	Private Education Institution Administration Division, Private Education Institution Department, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

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805	Relaxation of university establishment standards	University Establishment Standards, Fine print of University Establishment Standards	Examinations are being made on school ground standards and on self-possession rates. The restrictions shall be greatly relaxed by, for example, separating school ground requirements and building ground requirements and setting up new quantum standards.	Enforcement form April 1, 2003	Presently, school grounds must be three times larger than building grounds. New quantum requirements shall be set to relax the restriction. Presently, half of the school grounds must be owned by academic juridical persons. Relax this restriction.	Enforcement form April 1, 2003	Higher Education Policy Planning Division, Private Education Institution Administration Division, Private Education Institution Department, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
806	Clarification of the standards concerning graduate school grounds and building grounds	Regarding screening standards of graduate schools	Clarify the standards concerning graduate schools' school grounds and building grounds.	FY 2002	Clarify standards concerning graduate schools' school grounds and building grounds. Apply the same standards and requirements for the establishment of graduate schools as those of universities. Issue an ordinance in the form of more than a mere announcement.	To be implemented in FY 2002 To be enforced from April 1, 2003	University Establishment Office, Higher Education Policy Planning Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
807	Abolish policies to restrain the establishment of universities	Policies set after 2000 regarding university establishment	Abolish policies to restrain the establishment of new universities and enrolment capacities.	FY 2002	Policies restraining the establishment of universities are considered to be entry restrictions. These policies shall be abolished in view of responding to needs of the society and scholarship development as well as to facilitate competitiveness among universities	To be implemented in FY 2002 To be enforced from April 1, 2003	University Establishment Office, Higher Education Policy Planning Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
808	Relaxation of university establishment standards at a time when several universities are joined together to establish graduate schools	University Establishment Standards	When several universities are joined together to establish graduate schools, faculties are allowed to assume new positions at the new graduate school while maintaining his/her current status under certain conditions.	FY 2002	When several universities are joined together to establish graduate schools, faculties are allowed to assume a new position at the new graduate school while maintaining his/her current status under certain conditions. Following requirements are under discussion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ensure integrated system as an independent graduate school ● Maintenance and improvement of educational level ● Facilitate the convenience for students ● Secure stable and successive administration 	To be implemented in FY 2002 To be enforced from April 1, 2003	University Division, Higher Education Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
809	Simplification of concession procedures of patent rights, etc possessed by government	Article 40 of National Asset Management Provision	Abolish the approval requirement of the minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology when patent or petty patent rights possessed by the government are granted to someone other than the government. Notification shall suffice for the concession.	To be enforced together with the Designated District Law	Abolish the approval requirement of the minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology when patent or petty patent rights possessed by the government are granted to someone other than the government. Notification shall suffice for the concession.	To be enforced together with the Designated District Law (scheduled for March, 2003)	Research Environment and Industrial Cooperation Division, Research Promotion Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
810	Expansion of the	Regarding permission for	When a student forms a business using	October 2002	It has to be clarified that when a student forms a	Implemented	Research Environment

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	scope of “university venture businesses”, which allows the use of university facilities	the use of university facilities when business use technologies developed by national universities (Document No. 12 by Research Environment and Industrial Cooperation Division, June 14, 2002)	technologies received from research done at national universities or knowledge obtained from professors, students shall be allowed to use facilities at national universities.		business using technologies received from research done at national universities or knowledge obtained from professors, students shall be allowed to use facilities at national universities.	October 31, 2002	and Industrial Cooperation Division, Research Promotion Bureau, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
811	Clarification of specifics regarding hiring on-duty faculties of national university as private company employees.	Article 104 of National Public Service Law	When a faculty indulges in academic, business or government activities during his/her office hours, this action shall be made acceptable under certain conditions. Such activities should have clear political significance and public interests, and should be approved by the administrative body of the university. Necessary measures shall be taken for the realization of such activities when they are in accordance with the principles of Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology	FY 2003	Refer to 416	Refer to 416	Refer to 416
901	Simplification of procedures concerning general temporary agencies	Article 5(1) of the law regarding improvements in the employment conditions of temporary workers and regarding maintenance of appropriate business practices of temporary agencies	Discussion concerning changing procedures on general temporary employment agencies from a separated processing system to a block processing system in headquarters, and taking action accordingly.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Each branch office needs to be approved under the current authorization system of temporary agency business. In view of the simplification of procedures, discussion concerning the relaxation of the authorization system so that branch offices shall need reports only as long as they are approved as corporations. Compile proposals at the earliest time possible and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
902	Reduction in the number of documents submitted from each branch office through office integration	Article 16(1) of the law regarding improvements in the employment conditions of temporary workers and the maintenance of appropriate business practices of temporary agencies	Discussion concerning the integration of branch offices and about a reduction in the number of documents submitted from each office when there are several branch offices of a particular temporary employment agency, and take action accordingly.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Procedures on temporary employment agencies taken by each branch office shall be eased. To be conducted uniformly by headquarters and reduce the amount of documents required for submission. Compile proposals at the earliest possible time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
903	Deregulation of the requirement for specific workers on temporary employment referral agencies	Article 26(7) of the law regarding improvements in employment conditions of temporary workers and the maintenance of appropriate business practices of temporary agencies	As for temporary employment referral agencies, discussion concerning the possibility of notification of hiring as a permanent employee before the expiration of temporary contract s, and take necessary action accordingly.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	There is a certain restriction on treating employment referral agencies, and they are not regarded in the same way as regular temporary employment agencies. Based on results of an examination into actual conditions, examine the possibility of notification of hiring as a permanent employee before the expiration of temporary contract s, and review the current law.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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904	Expansion of the period of labor under the temporary employment system	Article 40-1 of the law regarding improvements in the employment conditions of temporary workers and regarding maintenance of appropriate business practices of temporary agencies	Discussion concerning allowing temporary workers to continue to work longer than one year at the same place under the same assignment, and take necessary action.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	The law stipulates the period of temporary employment is limited to one year. In view of meeting temporary workers demands, discuss the expansion or abolition of this law. Compile proposals at the earliest possible time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
905	Expansion of the scope of business provided by temporary employment agencies	Supplementary provision 4 of the Law regarding improvements in the employment conditions of temporary workers and maintenance of appropriate business practices of temporary agencies	Discussion concerning the inclusion of the manufacturing industry in the scope of business provided by temporary employment agencies, and take necessary action.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	The current Temporary Employment Agency Law stipulates in its schedule that agencies are not allowed to send employees to manufacturing companies. In view of the conditions in other countries where temporary employees are commonly working in the manufacturing industry, discussion concerning the removal of this restriction. Compile proposals at the earliest time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
906	Expansion or abolition of restrictions on the labor period regarding sending employees to so-called "26 businesses"	Temporary employment agency related business treatment procedures 7.2	Discussion concerning the possibility of employees working for the same employer continuously longer than 3 years, and take necessary action accordingly.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Based on administrative guidance, temporary workers can work under the same employment conditions no longer than three years. In view of meeting temporary workers demands, discuss its expansion or abolition. Compile proposals at the earliest time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
907	Expansion of work periods under fixed-term employment contracts	Article 14 of the Labor Standards Law	Discussion concerning the conclusion of contracts with more than one year (three years for some businesses) of employment period and take necessary action.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	As far as fixed-term employment is concerned, one needs to consider an increase in the range of employment options for workers and to expand employment opportunities. Discussion concerning an extension in the working period for specialists to 5 years. Also examine an extension in the labor period to three years where it is currently one year. Compile proposals at the earliest possible time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	General Affairs Division, Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
908	Relaxation of regulations for those who have skills and knowledge as specialists under fixed-term employment contracts	Standard no.2 stipulated by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare based on Article 14(1) & (2) of the Labor Standards Law	Under current provisions, when the holder of Master's degree seeks work, they must have at least 2 years of experience in that field. Discussion concerning the abolition of this provision, and take necessary action.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Extend the maximum labor period to three years where it is currently one year, and discussion concerning the extension of the 3-year work period permitted only to some specialists to all workers. Compile proposals at the earliest possible time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	General Affairs Division, Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
909	Relaxation of standards and	Article 38(4) of the Labor Standards Law	With regard to the Planning Style Discretionary Labor System, expand	Bill to be submitted to	Installment procedures of the planning style discretionary labor system are complicated, and the	Bill to be submitted to	General Affairs Division, Labour Standards

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	procedures on the Planning Style Discretionary Labor System		applicable offices and businesses so that it shall be treated the same way as the Specialist Style Discretionary Labor System, and take necessary action accordingly	the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	scope of its applicability is limited. Therefore, discussion concerning the simplification of those procedures and expansion of the scope of applicable offices. Compile proposals at an early time and take necessary actions including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
910	Relaxation of restriction on commission fees collected from job seekers by fee charging placement agencies	Article 20 of the Rules of Practice of the Employment Security Law	Discussion concerning the expansion of fee paying job seekers for commission fees (extension of applicable occupations and reduction of yearly income requirements), and take necessary action accordingly	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Taking the actual circumstances of job seekers into consideration, regulations of commission fees from applicants for employment must be adjusted to the needs of the labor market. Expansion of fee inducing occupations and a reduction in the required yearly income will be discussed. Compile proposals at the earliest possible time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
911	Relaxation of the authorization standards concerning fee charging placement agencies	Article 31(1)(i) of the Employment Security Law	Discussion concerning and action on the relaxation of authorization standards concerning fee charging placement agencies	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Discussion concerning the relaxation of applicants' asset fundamentals in authorization standards for fee charging placement agencies, and take action accordingly.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
912	Simplification of the required procedures on free placement offices	Article 33(1) of the Employment Security Law	Discussion concerning the notification system of free placement offices	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Some people have questioned the authorization system of free placement offices except schools stating it leaves room for discretionary administration due to its subjective requirements. Examine expansion of the scope of the notification system. Compile proposals at an early time and take necessary action including submission of the bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
913	Implementation of free placement business by local authorities	Business operation procedures for private placement offices 4-(4)-B-b	Discussion concerning the free placement offices run by local authorities	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Considering the recent serious employment conditions, it is quite necessary to utilize the maximum capacity of placement efforts by national, local and private institutions. Examine the measures to involve local authorities in this business, and take necessary action.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	General Affairs Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
914	Relaxation of the prohibition of dual-employment of fee charging placement agencies	Article 33(4) of the Employment Security Law	Discussion concerning the measures to allow fee charging placement businesses to enter prohibited business, or to allow prohibited businesses to enter fee charging placement business and take necessary	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary	With regard to the prohibition of dual-employment of placement agencies, consideration shall be given to the abolition of the provision, and compile proposals promptly, and take appropriate action such as submission of a bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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915	Promotion of temporary employment referral agencies	Article 44 of the Employment Security Law	With regard to temporary employment referral agencies, discussion concerning the possibility of notification of hiring as a permanent employee before contract expiration, and take necessary action accordingly.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	There are certain restrictions on treating employment referral agencies in the same way as regular temporary employment agencies. Based on the results of an investigation into the actual conditions, examine the possibility of notification of hiring as a permanent employee before contract expiration, and review the current law.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
916	Relaxation of the regulation concerning the number of appointed people in charge	Article 24(6)(ii) of the Rules of Employment Security Law practice	One person per 500 effective labor supplies is responsible in fee charging placement agencies. Discussion concerning the relaxation of this regulation, and take necessary action	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	In order to establish where responsibility lies, discussion is necessary on whether to carry out a substantial review of the number of people in charge. Compile proposals promptly, and take appropriate action such as submission of a bill to the next ordinary Diet session.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session, and necessary action to be taken accordingly	Private Employment Service Division, Employment Security Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
917	Implementation of proxy services rendered by Conflict Coordination Committee based on the Law the regarding Resolution of Individual Labor Conflict by Public Consultant on Social and Labor Insurance	Article 2 of the Law of Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance	The bill (lawmaker-initiated legislation) to amend part of the Law of Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance is under deliberation at the House of Counselors. The Bill includes a provision that Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance will be able to act for parties concerned in mediation rendered by the Conflict Coordination Committee.	Enforcement (expected) April 1, 2003	The Amendment (number 116) of the Law of Public Consultant on Social and Labor Insurance was just issued on the 17 th November, 2002. The new law stipulates that Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance are to act for parties concerned in mediation rendered by the Conflict Coordination Committee. Facilitate smooth enforcement of the law.	Enforcement of Amendment April 1, 2003	Labour Insurance Contribution Levy Division, Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour, and welfare
918	Simplification of as-manufacture inspections, etc.	Article 38(1) and Article 44 of the Industry Security and Health Law	Accelerate safety inspections on foreign made boilers and pressure vessels in compliance with international standards, and simplify the as-manufactured inspections.	FY 2002	Accelerate safety inspections on foreign made boilers and pressure vessels produced in compliance with international standards, and simplify the as-manufactured inspections. Currently materials, strength formula and production process, etc. are subject to detailed regulations. Change this to performance regulations in order to comply with international standards of structures of boilers and pressure vessels. Then, simplify the inspection process.	FY 2002	Safety Division, Industrial Safety and Health Dept., Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
919	Acceptance of self-inspection concerning performance inspection of boilers, etc.	Authentication standards of boilers, etc., and points of concern on boiler safety, etc. issued on Mach 29, 2002, Questions and answers to the safety of boilers, etc	Implement the Incentive system where self-inspections of boilers, etc. are carried out in facilities with excellent security control records	FY 2003	Implement the Incentive System where the self-inspection of boilers and Type 1 pressure vessels is carried out in facilities with established and excellent safety control systems as well as good security control records	FY 2003	Safety Division, Industrial Safety and Health Dept., Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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920	Transfer of approval is given to the boilers when a company spins off into separate companies	“Accreditation system for continued operation of boilers, etc.”(No. 0329018 dated March 29, 2002), “Points of concern on accreditation system for continued operation of boilers, etc.” (No.0329001 dated March 29, 2002), “Q & A on accreditation system for continued operation of boilers, etc.” (No.0621001 dated June 21, 2002)	Even when a factory spins off into separate corporations, it is possible to transfer boiler operation approval, etc. as long as appropriate safety controls are provided	FY 2002	Even when a factory spins off into separate corporations, it is possible to transfer boiler operation approval to and Type 1 pressure vessel operation approval as long as appropriate safety controls are provided	FY 2002	Safety Division, Industrial Safety and Health Dept., Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
921	Relaxation of the safety rates of allowable stress for the design of pressure vessels	Article 4 of the Technical standards of structure of pressure vessels	Allow the same level as international standards [ASME inclusive: US]	FY 2003	With regard to the performance regulations of structural specifications, allow the same level as international standards [including ASME: (US) specifications]	FY 2003	Safety Division, Industrial Safety and Health Dept, Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
922	Expansion of the scope of profit-earning businesses operated by special medical corporations	Profit -earning business operated by medical corporations stipulated by the minister of Health, Labor and Welfare (Ministerial Ordinance No. 108 / 1998)	Expand the scope of business conducted by special medical corporations	FY 2003	Expansion of the scope of profit -earning businesses that are stipulated by the minister of Health, Labor and Welfare.	FY 2003	Guidance of Medical Service Division, Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
923	Abolition of restrictions on the number of special measures applied to the one medical institution	Regarding provisions for exceptions such as specified beds stipulated in the Article 30-32(1) of the Rules of Practice of Medical Service Law (No.43 / July 24, 1998)	A special measure for beds with highly advanced medical equipment is applied once to each medical institution under the current law. In order to promote the development of high -technology medical services, flexible operation of this measure shall be carried out, including abolition when necessary, etc.	FY 2002	A special measure for beds with highly advanced medical equipment is applied once to each medical institution under the current law. In order to promote the development of high -technology medical services, flexible operation of this measure shall be carried out, including abolition when necessary, etc.	FY 2002	Guidance of Medical Service Division, Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
924	Review of High -technology Medical Service Systems (1) Expansion of the scope of the Special Healthcare Expenditure System (2) Review of the High -technology Medical Services System	(1) Medical treatments designated by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare on the provision of the Article 43(2) of the Health Insurance Law (Ministerial Announcement No. 236 / August 1994) (2) Article 5-2 of Regulations concerning the Health Insurance Medical Organization and Health	(1) Due to the amendment of the Health Insurance Law, clinical research on doctor-initiated drug trials, etc. are treated as clinical trials. This research is now applicable to the Special Healthcare Expenditure System. (2) Regarding other advanced medical services, review the range of requirements and applicable technologies for specifically approved healthcare organizations in the	(1) To be implemented in conjunction with amendment of the Health Insurance Law (2) FY 2003	(1) Due to the amendment of the Health Insurance Law, clinical research on doctor-initiated drug trials, etc. are treated as clinical trials. This research is now applicable to the Special Healthcare Expenditure System. (2) With regard to other advanced medical services, review the range of requirements and applicable technologies for specifically approved healthcare organizations in the High -technology Medical Service System and act upon it immediately.	(1) implemented in conjunction with amendment of the Health Insurance Law (2) FY 2003	Medical Economics Division, Health Insurance Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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		Insurance Medical Administration (Ministerial ordinance No.15/1957), Article 5-2 of Ministerial Ordinance regarding: (a) the designation of health insurance medical institutions and health insurance pharmacies; (b) the authorization of specifically approved healthcare organizations and (c) the registration of Health Insurance doctors and Health Insurance pharmacists (Ministerial Ordinance No. 15 /1957), Regarding the management of specifically approved healthcare organizations and specifically approved treatment management healthcare organizations (No.19 / February 25,1985)	High-technology Medical Service System, and act upon it immediately.				
925	Clinical training comprises the learning of skills and knowledge on medical care as well as concomitant instructions and training	Article 17 of the Medical Practitioners Law on clinical training provided to foreign doctors and dentists Article 17 of Dental Practitioners Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarify the permission given by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare to foreign doctors to receive skills and knowledge from medical and concomitant training ● Add languages other than English as foreign language requirements for the permission of clinical training ● Reduce the application review term for clinical training 	FY 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clarify the permission given by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare to foreign doctors to receive skills and knowledge from medical and concomitant training ● Add languages other than English as foreign language requirements for the permission of clinical training ● Reduce the application review term for clinical training 	FY 2002	Guidance of Medical Service Division, Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
926	Expand the range of remote practice applications to the case where face-to face practice is available	Regarding practices utilizing telecommunication equipment, so-called "remote practice": (No. 1075, December 24, 1997)	Remote practices are provided for the case where face-to face practices are unavailable (such as isolated islands and remote areas). Remote practices should be provided in the case where medical services are enriched through remote practice (such as for residential palliative care, for rehabilitation instructions, etc.). The provision should be at doctors' discretion and should be supplementary to face-to-face practices	FY2002	Implementation of remote practices, that are made available with the development of information technologies (IT), should be provided based on the premise of supplementary practice to face-to face practices. Once it is clear that remote practice can enhance the quality of medical services in cases other than in remote areas, this needs to be familiarized and promoted.	FY 2002	Guidance of Medical Service Division, Health Policy Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
927	Deregulation of the standard number of	Article 6-5 of the Rules of Practice of the Medical	Relax the standard number of beds which are currently set at 500	FY 2003	Relax the standard number of beds which are currently set at 500	FY 2003	General Affairs Division, Health Policy Bureau,

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	beds in advanced treatment hospitals	Service Law					Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
928	Liberalization of using drugs that are not approved in Japan but approved in western countries	Article 14(1), Article 3, and the Article 23(1) of the Medical Act	By amending the Medical Act, it will be possible to use previously non-approved drugs and medical equipment under doctors' guidance.	To be implemented after the enforcement of Medical Act amendment	With the amendment of the Medical Act, non-approved drugs will be made available for doctor-initiated clinical trials by the end of July, 2003, and non-approved medical equipment will be also made available for the same purpose by July 2005.	Implementation after the enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Evaluation and Licensing Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
929	Relaxation of requirements for designated research agencies conducting examinations on new drugs and equipment	Article 14(3) of Medical Act	Third-party authentication bodies will be entitled to conduct the examinations for approval of low risk medical equipment, and thus, the Designated Research Agency System will be abolished. Even universities or publicly established research and development institutions can be recognized as third-party bodies, as long as they are found to be fair and neutral, have high technology levels, and a strong financial basis.	To be implemented after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Third-party authentication bodies will be entitled to conduct the examinations for approval of low risk medical equipment by July 2005, and thus, the Designated Research Agency System will be abolished. Even universities or publicly established research and development institutions can be recognized as third-party bodies, as long as they are found to be fair and neutral, have high technology levels, and a strong financial basis.	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Evaluation and Licensing Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
930	Change in management of the medical equipment list (list of added or altered products): from an approval system to a notification system	Article 14(3) of the Medical Act	Review entirely the current approval system of added or altered products by amending the Medical Act. In addition to the submission of documents, an approval examination system, which includes investigation at the production site whenever necessary, will be introduced. At the same time, each production factory will be granted certification according to the classification of production types, and thus the production addition and alteration approval system will be abolished	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Comprehensive review of the current approval system of added or altered products by amendment of the Medical Act will be carried out by July 2005. In addition to the submission of documents, an approval examination system, which includes investigation at the production site whenever necessary, will be introduced. At the same time, each production factory will be granted certification according to the classification of production types, and thus the production addition and alteration approval system will be abolished	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Evaluation and Licensing Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
931	Acceleration of the use of new drugs and equipment with low invasive risks with patients consent	Article 12 of the Medical Act	By amending the Medical Act, it will be made possible to use previously non-approved drugs and medical equipment under doctors' guidance.	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	With amendment of the Medical Act, previously non-approved drugs will be made available for doctor-initiated clinical trials by the end of July, 2003, and previously non-approved medical equipment will be also made available for the same purpose by July 2005.	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Evaluation and Licensing Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
932	Recognizing the time spent on medical training as on-the-job experience	Article 7 of the Rules of Practice of the Medical Act	To be certified route-sales distributors, necessary knowledge and experience must be acquired through special medical training. Review the possibility of recognizing the time spent on such training as on-the-job experience, and take action promptly.	FY 2003	To be certified route-sales distributors, necessary knowledge and experience must be acquired through special medical training. Review the possibility of recognizing the time spent on such training as on-the-job experience, and take action promptly.	FY 2003	General Affairs Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

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933	Drugs using peptide synthesis, etc. available to clinical trials initiated by doctors	Ministerial ordinance stipulated in the Article 80-2(2) of the amended Medical Act	By amending the Medical Act, the use of peptide synthesis, etc. will be available in doctor-initiated clinical trials	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	By amending the Medical Act, the use of peptide synthesis, etc. will be available in doctor-initiated clinical trials by July 2003.	Implementation after enforcement of the Medical Act amendment	Evaluation and Licensing Division, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
934	Easier path to the dual-acquisition of certifications for kindergarten teachers and child-care workers	Article 18-6 of the Child Welfare Law, Article 33 of Minimum Standard of the Facilities of Children's Welfare	Examine measures to make it easier for kindergarten teachers to acquire child-care worker certificates, and act promptly.	FY 2003	When a kindergarten teacher wishes to take qualification exams to become a certified child-care worker, some of the written exams for child-care workers will be exempt when they overlap with the kindergarten teachers' requirements. Discuss measures such as the above to make exams for child-care workers more accessible, and implement promptly.	FY 2003	Day Care Division, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
935	Relaxation of the requirements for designated food inspection agencies	Article 19-4 of the Food Sanitation Law	When inspection orders are given, the inspections are conducted by public interest corporations. Discuss fundamental reform of the Food Sanitation Law including allowing private corporations to conduct inspections and changing the designation system of inspectors to a registration system of inspectors.	Amendment (expected) in FY 2003	When inspection orders are given, the inspections are conducted by public interest corporations that are designated by the minister of Health, Labor and Welfare. This system will be abolished. Even private inspection corporations can be registered as food inspection agencies as long as they are proven to have the same level of fairness and neutrality as well as inspection capability. Discussions are underway to include this measure in the "Outlines concerning reform of food sanitation regulations" (Public Announcement on November 8, 2002)	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session (plan)	Policy Planning Division, Dept. of Food Safety, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
936	Relaxation of requirements for health-promoting facilities with hot springs and spas	Article 4 of the regulations on accreditation of health-promoting facilities (Ministerial Announcement No. 273 / 1988)	Discussion concerning the requirements for health-promoting facilities with hot springs and spas that will be included in the new popular edition, and act promptly.	Conclusion in FY 2002 Implementation in FY2003	Discussion concerning the requirements for health-promoting facilities with hot springs and spas that will be included in the new popular edition, and act promptly.	Conclusion in FY 2002 Implementation in FY2003	Life-style Related Disease Prevention Division, General Affairs Division, Health Service Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
937	Under Hotel Business Law, are requirements applied to applicants. This will be abolished for those who indulge in agriculture, forestry or fishery. Abolition of are requirement for those who apply the hotel business accreditation under Hotel Business Law	Articles 2 & 3 of the Hotel Business Law, Article 1(3) of the ordinance of the practice of Hotel Business Law, Article 5(1) of the Rules of Practice of the Hotel Business Law	When those who are in agriculture, forestry or fishery intend to run guest houses in accordance with the Article 2(5) of the Law concerning the promotion of infrastructure for recreational activities in agricultural, forestry and fishery villages (Law No. 46, 1994), they must comply with area requirements. This requirement is stipulated in the Article 1(3)(i) of the Rules of Practice of the Hotel Business Law. Further discussion will be conducted so that those applicants in question will be exempt from the area requirements. Prompt action to be followed.	FY 2003	When those who are in agriculture, forestry or fishery intend to run guest houses in accordance with the Article 2(5) of the Law concerning the promotion of infrastructure for recreational activities in agricultural, forestry and fishery villages (Law No. 46, 1994), they must comply with area requirements. This requirement is stipulated in the Article 1(3)(i) of the Rules of Practice of the Hotel Business Law. Further discussion will be conducted so that those applicants in question will be exempt from the area requirements. Prompt action to be followed.	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Environmental Health Division, Health Service Bureau, Ministry of Health and Welfare.
938	Incorporation of	Add a paragraph named	The bill (lawmaker-initiated	Enforcement	The bill (lawmaker-initiated legislation) to amend a	Enforcement	Labour Insurance

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	Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance	“Incorporation of public consultants on social and labor insurance” to “The bill (lawmaker-initiated legislation) to amend a part of the Law of Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance” which is under deliberation at the House of Counselors.	legislation) to amend a part of the Law of Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance” is under deliberation at the House of Counselors. This bill introduces the Public Consultant on Social and Labor Insurance System under which Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance will be incorporated.	planned for April 1, 2003	part of the Law of Public Consultants on Social and Labor Insurance” (No.116 FY 2002) was issued on November 24, 2002. Efforts will be made to ensure its smooth enforcement.	of amendment (April 1, 2003) Successive Implementation afterwards	Contribution Levy Division, Labour Standards Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
939	Rationalization of import -export procedures and port related procedures (One-stop services/ Single- Window services)	Operation (Tariff Law, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, Quarantine Act, Food Hygiene Law, Domestic Livestock Infection Prevention Law, Plant Quarantine Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, Port Regulation Law	With cooperation among competent authorities, necessary measures must be taken to promote one-stop services and a single-window system for export -import and port procedures	At the earliest time in FY 2003	Refer to 505	Refer to 505	Refer to 505
940	24-hour quarantine services	N/A	Respond to actual requests, measures including the expansion of office hours and others will be taken.	FY 2003	As for the 24-hour service, the customs bureau of the Ministry of Finance is conducting “experimental trials of customs declaration services outside of customs office hours”. Based on data collected from the trials, appropriate measures will be taken. These measures may include a prior-to-landing notification system and the extension of office hours	FY 2003	Quarantine Control Office, Dept. of Food Safety, Pharmaceutical and Food Safety Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
1001	Rationalization of import -export procedures and port related procedures (One-stop services/ Single- Window services)	Operation (Tariff Law, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, Quarantine Act, Food Hygiene Law, Domestic Livestock Infection Prevention Law, Plant Quarantine Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, Port Regulation Law	With cooperation among competent authorities, necessary measures must be taken to promote one-stop services and a single-window system for export -import and port procedures	At the earliest time in FY 2003	Refer to 505	Refer to 505	Refer to 505
1002	Simplification of procedures after review of fundamental concept of Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Article 6 of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Review will be conducted on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law so as to reduce the time spent on discussions between the central and local governments, and to lessen the burden of clerical work.	In FY 2002	Refer to 406	Refer to 406	Refer to 406
1101	Simplification of the procedures of alcohol	Article 3 or Rules of Practice of the Alcohol	This procedure requires only one document to be submitted at the	FY 2003	Administrative procedures in association with alcohol production at the R&D stage require the	At the earliest possible time	Alcohol Division, Ministry of Economy,

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	production at the research and development stage	Business Law	moment, but in order to simplify the process even more electronic applications will be accepted.		submission of only one document. In order to simplify the process even more, electronic applications will be accepted. When “the bill concerning the use of telecommunication technology for administrative procedures” is voted on and legislated, Rules of Practice regarding the bill will be legislated and enforced at the earliest possible time.	in FY 2003	Trade and Industry
1102	When environmental allocation is adequately provided concerning land or city plans, deregulation of the standards stipulated in the Industrial Location Law	Rules on industrial location (January 12, 1998/ Public Announcement No.1/ Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishery, Ministry of Industrial Trade and Industry, Ministry of Transport)	When environmental allocations such as areas of greenery and environmental facilities are adequately provided concerning land or city plans, review or amendment of the rules will be made reflecting the actual needs and situation. To act accordingly.	At an early time in FY 2003	Field research will be conducted in FY 2002 and when it is found that environmental allocations such as areas of greenery and environmental facilities are adequately provided concerning land or city plans, review or amendment of the rules will be made reflecting the actual needs and situation. To act accordingly.	At an early time in FY 2003	Regional Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1103	Relaxation of standards on regional rules	Standards according to area sections regarding the rate of areas of greenery, etc. (January 12, 1998/ Public Announcement No.2/ Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishery, Ministry of Industrial Trade and Industry, Ministry of Transport)	Review the rules of standards at a national level in order to reflect the real situation of each region, and act upon it promptly.	At an early time in FY 2003	Field research will be conducted in FY 2002 to grasp the real picture of the situation. Review the rules of standards at a national level in order to reflect the real situation of each region, and act upon it promptly.	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Regional Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1104	Expansion of the scope of the definition of areas of greenery under the Industrial Location Law (greenery on roofs, walls, wisteria trellis, etc.)	Article 3 Rules of the Industrial Location Law	Review the definition of greenery and act promptly.	At an early time in FY 2003	Field research will be conducted in FY 2002 to grasp the real picture of the situation. Review the definition of greenery and act promptly	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Regional Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1105	Expansion of the definition of environmental facilities (parking spaces, paths for factory tours)	Article 4 Rules of the Industrial Location Law	Review the definition of environmental facilities and act promptly.	At an early time in FY 2003	Field research will be conducted in FY 2002 to grasp the real picture of the situation. Review the definition of environmental facilities and act promptly	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Regional Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1106	Relaxation of the Production Facility Area Ratio	Article 1 of the Rules regarding the Industrial Location Law (January 12, 1998/ Public Announcement No.1/ Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishery)	Review the scale of production facility areas to lot areas on a national scale, and act promptly.	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Field research will be conducted in FY 2002 to grasp the real picture of the situation. Review the scale of production facility areas to lot areas on a national scale, and act promptly.	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Regional Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

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		Ministry of Industrial Trade and Industry, Ministry of Transport)					
1107	Relaxation on the area of greenery ratio	Article 2 of the Rules regarding the Industrial Location Law (January 12, 1998/ Public Announcement No.1/ Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishery, Ministry of Industrial Trade and Industry, Ministry of Transport)	Review the scale of areas of greenery to lot areas on a national scale, and act promptly.	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Field research will be conducted in FY 2002 to grasp the real picture of the situation. Review the scale of areas of greenery to lot areas on a national scale, and act promptly.	At the earliest possible time in FY 2003	Regional Industrial Policy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1108	Expansion of investment choices in Venture Capital related systems	Article 2(1) and Article 3(1) of the Law concerning Contracts on Venture Capital	Venture capital investment choices are restricted to companies limited to shares, but the choices should include private limited companies, individual employers and others.	Bill to be submitted no later than the next ordinary Diet session	Venture capital investment choices are restricted to companies limited to shares, but the choices should include private limited companies and enterprise associations. At the same time, the scope of investments should be enlarged to include investment from those who receive a share of revenue accrued from the activities of small and medium size enterprises.	The bill was submitted to the 155th extraordinary Diet session, and passed.	Finance Division, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1109	Relaxation of the requirements for membership of enterprise associations	Article 8(6) and Article 9(1)&(2) of the Cooperative Associations for Small and Medium Size Enterprise, etc. Law	As for the enterprise association system, relaxation will be applied on membership qualifications (limited to individuals), (participation to the enterprise business rate) and (employees' membership rate)	Submission of bill no later than the next ordinary Diet session	Enterprise association system will recognize enterprises and venture capital associations as its members. At the same time, the proportion (Participation Rate) of members who are in the enterprise association industry will change from the current two thirds to a half. Moreover, the ratio of employees of the enterprise association who are also members of the enterprise association (Member Rate) will change from the current rate of a half to a third.	The bill was submitted to the 155th extraordinary Diet session, and passed.	Business Start-up and Alliance Promotion Division, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1110	Relaxation of electricity services for the general public	Article 2-2 of the Rules of Practice of the Electric Utility Law	With regard to retail sales of electricity by someone other than general electricity companies to the geographically dispersed general public, the lower limit of the maximum amount of electricity will be relaxed.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session	With regard to retail sales of electricity by someone other than general electricity companies to the geographically dispersed general public, the lower limit of the maximum amount of electricity will be relaxed. Specific numbers are to be reached after deliberation of specialists, and conclusion is expected by the end of the year.	Bill to be submitted to the next ordinary Diet session	Electricity Market Division, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1111	The increase of new energy resources used for electricity production. Expansion of purchase allocations	Special Measure Law concerning the use of new energy forms, etc. by electric power suppliers	Electric power suppliers will be obliged to use a certain amount of new energy forms for electricity production.	Enforcement scheduled for April 1, 2003	Electric power suppliers will be obliged to use a certain amount of new energy forms for electricity production. The target amount of new energy forms to be used in 2010 is 12.2 billion kwh (or, 1.35% of total electricity sales).	Enforcement scheduled for April 1, 2003	New and Renewable Energy Division, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1112	Simplification of report procedures from experimental research institutions	Article 4 of the General High Pressure Gas Security Regulations	Simplify the attached documents and forms regarding the types and amount of gas, etc. (drawings of facilities) from	To be implemented before enforcement	Simplify the attached documents and forms regarding the types and amount of gas, etc. (drawings of facilities) from experimental research institutions	FY 2002	Industrial Safety Division, Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, Ministry of Economy,

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	using high pressure gas		experimental research institutions	of Designated District Law			Trade and Industry
1113	Adjustment of compatibility specifications of valves for fuel-cell-powered vehicles	Article 17 of the Vessel Safety Regulations	Considering the specifications used in other countries, adjust compatibility specifications accordingly.	FY 2003	Examinations on specifications used in other countries (US / Europe) are underway. Based on the results of these examinations, adjust compatibility specifications accordingly.	FY 2003	Industrial Safety Division, Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1114	Apply the safety rate for installation of pressure gas facilities based on the internationally dominant specification (ASME)	Article 14 the Regulations of Special Facility Inspections	Complying with specifications of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (AMSE), apply the safety rate of 3.5 in addition to the existing rate of 4.0 when designing high pressure gas facilities	FY 2002	Complying with specifications of The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (AMSE), apply the safety rate of 3.5 in addition to the existing rate of 4.0 when designing high pressure gas facilities	FY 2002	Industrial Safety Division, Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
1115	Deregulation of land classifications and area requirements for plant installation at the time of plant renovations or area redevelopments under the Law on Prevention of Disasters in Petroleum Industrial Complexes and Other Petroleum Facilities	Articles 3 & 4 of the ministerial ordinance concerning the distribution of new operational facilities in disaster prevention designated districts	On the premise that concrete plans and detailed data from corporations are submitted by the beginning of FY 2003, deregulation of land classifications and area requirements for plant installations such as high-mix, low-volume production plants at the time of plant renovations or area redevelopments shall be implemented.	FY 2003	Refer to 414	Refer to 414	Refer to 414
1116	Simplification of procedures after a review on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Article 6 of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	A review shall be conducted on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law so as to reduce the time spent on discussions between the central and local governments, and to lessen the burden of clerical work.	In FY 2002	Refer to 406	Refer to 406	Refer to 406
1117	Rationalization of import-export procedures and port related procedures (One-stop services/ Single- Window services)	Operation (Tariff Law, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, Quarantine Act, Food Hygiene Law, Domestic Livestock Infection Prevention Law, Plant Quarantine Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, Port Regulation Law	With cooperation among competent authorities, necessary measures must be taken to promote one-stop services and a single-window system for export-import and port procedures	At the earliest time in FY 2003	Refer to 505	Refer to 505	Refer to 505
1201	Review of pilot	Article 23 of the Pilot Law	In each forced pilot district, a	FY 2003	In each forced pilot district, a reexamination of the	FY 2003	License Division,

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	charge		reexamination of the charge bases will be conducted taking into account the development process of individual port facilities. Charges will be reviewed at the same time.		charge bases will be conducted taking into account the development process of individual port facilities. Charges will be reviewed at the same time. During the initial stage, reviewed items will be implemented in January, 2003.	(Initial action expected in January, 2003)	Maritime Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
1202	Clarification that farm-style guesthouses are entitled to provide transportation services for their guests.	Article 4 of the Road Trucking Law	Clarify that farm-style guesthouses are entitled to provide transportation services for their guests under some conditions. These conditions include cases where the guesthouses are in a remote area that is out of the local public transportation network	FY2003	Clarify that farm-style guesthouses are entitled to provide transportation services for their guests under some conditions. These conditions include cases where the guesthouses are in a remote area that is out of the local public transportation network and the services are to facilitate the convenience of the guests. Discussion concerning notification of this issue, and implementation is expected in March 2003	FY 2003	Passenger Transport Division, Road Transport Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Trade
1203	Simplification of special vehicle procedures	Concerning Handling of the Semi-trailers for Overseas Containers (issued by Road Traffic Control Division, Road Bureau, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Trade on April 9, 1985)	Computer systems are now under construction so as to simplify the procedures to change the height regulations of some vehicles, etc. In addition to the introduction of computerized application procedures, discussion is continuing about computerized application forms and a reduction in the number of necessary forms and documents.	FY 2003	Computer systems are now under construction so as to simplify the procedures to change the height regulations of some vehicles, etc. In addition to the introduction of computerized application procedures, discussion is continuing about computerized application forms and a reduction in the number of necessary forms and documents. Conclusion will be reached within FY 2003.	FY 2003	Road Traffic Control Division, Road Bureau, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Trade
1204	Expansion of the scope of park facilities and occupied properties in city parks	Article 2(2) of the City Park Law. Article 4 of the Rules of Practice of the City Park Law and Article 7 of the City Park Law and Article 12 of the Rules of Practice of the City Park Law	Presently, there are some space limits on construction sites in parks. The expansion of such construction space for park facilities and other occupied properties will be made available as long as consideration on park's open spaces is well reserved. Discussion is currently happening, and the plan will be implemented as soon as a conclusion is reached.	FY 2003	Presently, there are some space limits on construction sites in parks. The expansion of such construction space for park facilities and other occupied properties will be made available as long as consideration on park's open spaces is well reserved. Discussion is currently happening, and the plan will be implemented as soon as a conclusion is reached.	FY 2003	Parks and Green Spaces Division, City and Regional Development Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
1205	Consideration of daylight windows when transforming vacant offices to residences	Article 20 of the Rules of Practice of the Building Standard Law	Rationalize equations for obtaining the ratio of effective window space, etc. to floor space when offices are converted into residences.	FY 2002	Improve the announcement based on the Building Standards Law in order to rationalize equations for obtaining the ratio of effective window space, etc. to floor space when offices are converted into residences.	FY 2002	Building Guidance Division, Housing Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
1206	Expansion of exemption items on fire prevention regulations of livestock barns, etc.	Notice of the Ministry of Construction	Shorten the distance between livestock barns and surrounding buildings from 20meters to 6meters. When a 6 meter distance is secure and when such barns are equipped with adequate safety measures, the barns are exempt from firewall obligations	FY 2002	Prepare notice in relation to the Building Standards Law in order to shorten the distance between livestock barns and surrounding buildings from 20meters to 6meters. When a 6-meter distance is secure and when such barns are equipped with adequate safety measures, the barns are exempt from firewall obligations	FY 2002	Building Guidance Division, Housing Bureau, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
1207	Clarify interpretation of the Travel Agency Law concerning	Article 3 of the Travel Agency Law	Transport, accommodation and farm-life experience services provided by farmhouses are not subject to the	FY 2002	Transport, accommodation and farm-life experience services provided by farmhouses are not subject to the Travel Agency Law. The interpretation of this	Implementation at the earliest	Travel Promotion Division, Tourism Department, Policy

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	farm-life experience services		Travel Agency Law. The interpretation of this law will be made clear to related persons and organizations.		law will be made clear to related persons and organizations.	possible time in FY 2002	Bureau, Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport
1208	Simplification of procedures after review on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Article 6 of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law	Review shall be conducted on the fundamental concepts of the Comprehensive Recreational Area Improvement Law so as to reduce the time spent on discussions between the central and local governments, and to lessen the burden of clerical work.	In FY 2002	Refer to 406	Refer to 406	Refer to 406
1209	Rationalization of import-export procedures and port related procedures (One-stop services/ Single- Window services)	Operation (Tariff Law, Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, Quarantine Act, Food Hygiene Law, Domestic Livestock Infection Prevention Law, Plant Quarantine Act, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law, Port Regulation Law	With cooperation among competent authorities, necessary measures must be taken to promote one-stop services and a single-window system for export-import and port procedures	At the earliest time in FY 2003	Refer to 505	Refer to 505	Refer to 505
1301	Relieve of purifying treatment at the time of ownership transfer of facilities that deal with toxic substances	Article 7(1) of the Soil Contamination Policy Act	Soil contamination investigations can be relieved when the ownership of a facility dealing with toxic substances is transferred but the facility continues to operate as a research institution, etc.	FY 2002	Soil contamination investigations will be relieved when the ownership of a facility dealing with toxic substances is transferred but the facility continues to operate as a research institution, etc. A ministerial ordinance concerning this measure will be enforced at the same time as the enforcement of the Soil Contamination Policy Act in February, 2003	Ministerial ordinance on December, 2002 Enforcement in February, 2003	Soil Environment Management Division, Water Environment Department, Ministry of Environment
2001	Expansion of the activities of non-profit organizations	Appendix of The Act of Promotion of Activities of Non-profit Organizations (related to Article 2(1))	Expansion of the scope of the activities of non-profit organizations (lawmaker-initiated legislation)	FY 2003	Following the passage of the Amendment of the NPO Act (lawmaker-initiated legislation) which was submitted to the 155 th extraordinary Diet session, the range of activities assigned to NPOs will be extended from 12 to 17	Implementation on May 1, 2003	Civil Activities Promotion Division, Social Policy Bureau, Cabinet Office