

SUPPORT OF FEMALE FARMERS AND FISHERMEN ACT

Act No. 6574, Dec. 31, 2001

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Act No. 7674, Aug. 4, 2005

Act No. 8655, Oct. 17, 2007

Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008

Act No. 9717, May 27, 2009

Act No. 10120, Mar. 17, 2010

Act No. 10841, Jul. 14, 2011

Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013

Act No. 12439, Mar. 18, 2014

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Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this Act is to contribute to the realization of healthy families in rural communities, the development of agriculture and fisheries and the development of rural communities by actively supporting the protection of rights and interests of female farmers and female fishermen, the advancement of their status, the protection of maternity, improvement in childcare circumstances, the enhancement of the quality of life and the promotion of specialized human resources.

Article 2 (Definitions)

The definitions of terms used in this Act shall be as follows: *<Amended by Act No. 13383, Jun. 22, 2015>*

1. The term "female farmer" means a female farmer pursuant to subparagraph 2 of Article 3 of the Framework Act on Agriculture and Fisheries, Rural Community, and Food Industry;
2. The term "female fisherman" means a female fisherman pursuant to subparagraph 3 of Article 3 of the Framework on Fisheries and Fishing Villages Development;
3. The term "female farmers and fishermen" means female farmers and female fishermen;
4. The term "organization of female farmers and fishermen" means a juristic person established by female farmers and female fishermen primarily for the purposes of raising the productivity of agriculture and fisheries, protecting the rights and interest of female farmers and fishermen, advancing their status and promoting their welfare, etc., or an organization prescribed by Presidential Decree;

5. The term "facilities related to female farmers and fishermen" means facilities prescribed by Presidential Decree, established primarily for the purposes of the protection of rights and interests and the promotion of welfare of female farmers and fishermen.

Article 3 (Responsibilities of State and Local Governments)

The State and each local government may formulate comprehensive policies and give necessary financial support for the development of ability, the advancement of the status, the protection of maternity, the betterment of childcare circumstances and improvement in the quality of life of female farmers and fishermen in the areas of political, economical, social and cultural lives.

Article 4 (Functions of Female Farmers and Fishermen)

Female farmers and fishermen shall endeavor to contribute to the development of agriculture and fisheries and rural communities and to establish the foundation of national food self-support by producing and supplying quality and safe agricultural and fishery products stably through the production activities in agriculture and fisheries as main agents of development of agriculture and fisheries and rural communities.

Article 5 (Formulation of Master Plans for Fostering Female Farmers and Fishermen)

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries shall formulate master plans for female farmers fostering policies or female fishermen fostering policies (hereinafter referred to as "master plan"), and the Special Metropolitan City Mayor, a Metropolitan City Mayor, and a Do Governor (hereinafter referred to as "Mayor/Do Governor") shall formulate a master plan for a City/Do to foster female farmers or female fishermen (hereinafter referred to as "plan for a City/Do") based on the master plan every five years respectively. *<Amended by Act No. 7674, Aug. 4, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008; Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) The following matters shall be included in a master plan: *<Amended by Act No. 10120, Mar. 17, 2010; Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

1. Objects of female farmers fostering policies or female fishermen fostering policies;
2. The basic direction for female farmers fostering policies or female fishermen fostering policies;
3. Important policy tasks referred to in the following items:
 - (a) Improvement in the management ability of agriculture and fisheries;
 - (b) Improvement in the status of female farmers and fishermen;
 - (c) Protection of maternity, betterment of childcare circumstances, and improvement in the quality of life of female farmers and fishermen;
 - (d) Other policies necessary for fostering female farmers and fishermen;
4. A plan to support financial resources necessary for the execution of female farmers fostering policies or female fishermen fostering policies.

(3) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries shall formulate and execute an annual execution plan (hereinafter referred to as "execution plan") according to a master plan, and a Mayor/Do Governor shall formulate and execute an annual execution plan according to a plan for a City/Do respectively and check the execution conditions thereof. *<Amended by Act No. 10120,*

Mar. 17, 2010; Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>

(4) Where the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, or a Mayor/Do Governor intends to formulate a master plan or a plan for a City/Do and an execution plan, he/she shall consult with the head of the relevant administrative agency and then be advised from a consultative council for female farmers fostering policies or for female fishermen fostering policies respectively under Article 7. The same shall also apply where he/she intends to change a master plan or a plan for a City/Do: Provided, That this shall not apply where he/she amends an insignificant matter prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Ordinance of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, or the Rules of a City/Do. *<Amended by Act No. 7674, Aug. 4, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008; Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

Article 6 (Cooperation in Formulation and Execution of Master Plans)

(1) If necessary for the formulation and execution of a master plan or a plan for a City/Do and an execution plan, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, or a Mayor/Do Governor may request the relevant central administrative agency, local government, public institution, any other juristic person, or organization to cooperate with him/her. *<Amended by Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) An institution, a juristic person, or an organization requested to cooperate pursuant to paragraph (1) shall cooperate with him/her except in extenuating circumstances.

Article 7 (Consultative Council)

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries, or a Mayor/Do Governor shall establish a consultative council for female farmers fostering policies or for female fishermen fostering policies (hereinafter referred to as "consultative council") respectively under his/her control in order to advise as requested by him/her concerning the respective policies. *<Amended by Act No. 7674, Aug. 4, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008; Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(2) A consultative council shall have participants of experts related to female farmers fostering policies or female fishermen fostering policies and the representatives of organizations of female farmers and fishermen. *<Amended by Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

(3) Matters necessary for the composition, operation, etc. of a consultative council shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Ordinance of Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries: Provided, That matters necessary for the composition, operation, etc. of a consultative council established under the control of a Mayor/Do Governor shall be prescribed by the Rules of a City/Do. *<Amended by Act No. 7674, Aug. 4, 2005; Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008; Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>*

Article 8 (Research, etc. on Actual Conditions of Female Farmers and Fishermen)

(1) The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries shall conduct regular research on matters related to female farmers and fishermen, such as the actual conditions of rural life and labor for agriculture and fisheries, etc. of female farmers and fishermen, for the formulation of efficient policies for female farmers and fishermen and reflect the findings of such research

in a master plan. <Amended by Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) A Mayor/Do Governor shall conduct regular research on the actual conditions related to female farmers and fishermen in order to formulate a plan for each City/Do and reflect the result of such research in a plan for each City/Do.

(3) Matters necessary for the timing and methods for research on the actual conditions related to female farmers and fishermen under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Ordinance of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, or the Rules of each City/Do. <Amended by Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>

Article 9 (Improvement in Management Ability of Female Farmers and Fishermen)

The State and each local government shall promote the following projects in order to improve the management ability of female farmers and fishermen and to foster them as human resources specialized in agriculture and fisheries:

1. Technical education on agriculture and fisheries, education on management of agriculture and fisheries and the establishment of the education system thereof to foster female farmers and fishermen specialized in agriculture and fisheries;
2. Fostering of future female farmers and fishermen;
3. Fostering of and supporting for producers' organizations of female farmers and fishermen;
4. Improvement in the working conditions or the promotion of automation of agriculture and fisheries suitable to female farmers and fishermen for the improvement in the productivity of agriculture and fisheries;
5. Consultation about management with and support of funds to female farmers and fishermen who intend to do independent farming or fishing.

Article 10 (Improvement in Status of Female Farmers and Fishermen)

(1) The State and each local government shall formulate and execute policies on the following matters for improvement in the status of female farmers and fishermen:

1. The expansion of participation of female farmers and fishermen in the process of decision of policies on agriculture and fisheries and policies on fostering female farmers and fishermen;
2. Arousing the professional awareness and raising the morale of female farmers and fishermen;
3. Consultation on difficulties for the preparation of the foundation of stable production activities in agriculture and fisheries of female farmers and fishermen;
4. Operation and support of programs meeting the actual conditions of each area, such as culture, cultivation, health, etc. of female farmers and fishermen.

(2) Where the State and each local government determine the management of or policies on agriculture and fisheries, or provide or support various education opportunities, they shall formulate and execute policies necessary for the protection of human rights of female farmers and fishermen and for the spread of gender equality culture in rural communities.

Article 11 (Protection of Maternity, Betterment of Childcare Circumstances and Improvement in Quality of Life of Female Farmers and Fishermen)

The State and each local government shall formulate and execute the following policies for the protection of maternity, the betterment of childcare circumstances and improvement in the quality of life of female farmers and fishermen: *<Amended by Act No. 13408, Jul. 20, 2015>*

1. Support to mother and fatherless-child families engaging in farming or fishing among the mother and fatherless-child families under subparagraph 3 of Article 4 of the Single-Parent Family Support Act;
2. Support to elderly women engaging in farming or fishing;
3. Childcare and child guidance after school in rural communities;
4. Support for the protection of maternity and the promotion of health of female farmers and fishermen before and after childbirth;
5. Grievance counseling for the protection of maternity, betterment of childcare circumstances, and improvement in the quality of life of female farmers and fishermen;
6. Other matters concerning the promotion of welfare of female farmers and fishermen.

Article 11-2 (Execution of Projects Supporting Assistants to Female Farmers and Fishermen)

(1) The State and each local government shall support female farmers and fishermen so that they may use a person who engages in farming or fishing and housework for them (hereinafter referred to as "assistant") where they suspend farming or fishing temporarily due to childbirth.

(2) Where the State and each local government deem education to assistants necessary, they may educate such assistants in advance.

Article 12 (Support to Organizations of Female Farmers and Fishermen)

The State and each local government shall provide administrative support necessary for the formation and activities of organizations of female farmers and fishermen and may fully or partially subsidize the expenses necessary for such activities within the budgetary limits.

Article 13 (Establishment and Operation of Facilities Related to Female Farmers and Fishermen)

(1) The State and each local government may establish and operate facilities for the promotion of rights and interests, the protection of maternity, the betterment of childcare circumstances and the promotion of welfare of female farmers and fishermen.

(2) In establishing and operating a facility related to female farmers and fishermen, the State and each local government may require such facility to operate a separate program for infants, children, the elderly, etc. in farming and fishing areas, in order to facilitate the use of female farmers and fishermen. *<Newly Inserted by Act No. 12439, Mar. 18, 2014>*

(3) The State and each local government may fully or partially subsidize within budgetary limits the expenses necessary for the operation of organizations of female farmers and fishermen or facilities related to female farmers and fishermen established and operated by individuals. *<Amended by Act No. 12439, Mar. 18, 2014>*

Article 14 (Delegation of Authority)

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs or the Minister of Oceans and Fisheries may delegate some of his/her authority under this Act to a Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun/autonomous Gu, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended by Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>

ADDENDA

(1) (Enforcement Date) This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

(2) (Transitional Measures concerning Formulation of Master Plans for Fostering Female Farmers and Fishermen) A five-year plan for fostering female farmers and fishermen formulated for improvement in the status and fostering of female farmers and fishermen specialized in agriculture and fisheries pursuant to Article 14 of the Framework Act on Agriculture and Fisheries, Rural Community, and Food Industry at the time this Act enters into force shall be deemed a master plan formulated in accordance with this Act.

ADDENDA <Act No. 6801, Dec. 18, 2002>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.

ADDENDUM <Act No. 7674, Aug. 4, 2005>

This Act shall enter into force three months after the date of its promulgation.

ADDENDA <Act No. 8655, Oct. 17, 2007>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force three months after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Act No. 8852, Feb. 29, 2008>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

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

Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.

ADDENDA <Act No. 9717, May 27, 2009>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

Articles 2 through 7 Omitted.

ADDENDUM <Act No. 10120, Mar. 17, 2010>

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

ADDENDUM <Act no. 10841, Jul. 14, 2011>

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation.

ADDENDA <Act No. 11702, Mar. 23, 2013>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

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

Article 2 (Transitional Measures concerning Master Plans)

The master plans for female farmers and fishermen fostering policies formulated by the Minister for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries under the previous provisions as at the time this Act enters into force, shall be deemed the master plans for female farmers fostering policies or for fishermen fostering policies formulated under the amended provisions of the same paragraph of the same Article until a new master plan is formulated under the amended provisions of Article 5 (1).

Article 3 (Transitional Measures concerning Plans for City/Do)

The master plan for a City/Do to foster female farmers or female fishermen formulated by a Mayor/Do Governor under the previous provisions as at the time this Act enters into force, shall be deemed a master plan for a City/Do to foster female farmers or female fishermen formulated under the amended provisions of the same paragraph of the same Article until a new plan for a City/Do is formulated under the amended provisions of Article 5 (1).

Article 4 (Transitional Measures concerning Consultative Council)

The consultative council for female farmers and fishermen fostering policies established under the control of the Minister for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries as at the time this Act enters into force, shall be deemed a consultative council for female farmers fostering policies or for female fishermen fostering policies established under the amended provisions of Article 7 (1) until a consultative council is established under the amended provisions of the same paragraph of the same Article.

ADDENDUM <Act No. 12439, Mar. 18, 2014>

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

ADDENDA <Act No. 13383, Jun. 22, 2015>

Article 1 (Enforcement Date)

This Act shall enter into force six months after the date of its promulgation. (Proviso Omitted.)

Articles 2 through 4 Omitted.

ADDENDUM <Act No. 13408, Jul. 20, 2015>

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

