

THE MINISTRIES

THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, WAR INVALIDS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

**DECISION No. 683/2004/QĐ-BLĐTBXH OF
MAY 14, 2004 PROMULGATING CRITERIA
OF COMMUNES IN COASTAL SPITS AND
ISLANDS, WHICH MEET WITH EXCEP-
TIONAL DIFFICULTIES**

THE MINISTER OF LABOR, WAR INVALIDS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

*Pursuant to the December 25, 2001 Law on
Organization of the Government;*

*Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 29/
2003/ND-CP of March 31, 2003 defining the
functions, tasks, powers and organizational
structure of the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids
and Social Affairs;*

*Pursuant to the Prime Minister's Decision No.
257/2003/QĐ-TTg of December 3, 2003 on
support for investment in the construction of
essential infrastructures of communes in coastal
spits and islands, which meet with exceptional
difficulties;*

*After reaching agreement with the Ministry
of Planning and Investment, the Ministry of
Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural
Development, and the Ministry of Fisheries,*

DECIDES:

Article 1.- To promulgate criteria of communes in coastal spits and islands, which meet with exceptional difficulties (hereinafter called spit communes for short) in order to provide support for investment in the construction of essential infrastructures under the Prime Minister's Decision No. 257/2003/QĐ-TTg of December 3, 2003 with the following conditions:

1. Being communes situated in coastal spits or communes in alluvial plains, lagoons, peninsulas or islands with boundaries stretching close to the coast; being exposed to harsh natural conditions, frequently affected by high tides or droughts, with arid and barren soil, difficult for cultivation, which are not covered by the program on socio-economic development of mountainous, deep-lying and remote communes which meet with exceptional difficulties (Program 135);

2. Being poor communes under the criteria prescribed in Decision No. 587/2002/QĐ-LĐTBXH of May 22, 2002 of the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, concretely as follows:

* The poor households account for 25% or higher;

* Lacking 3 or more out of 6 essential infrastructures (including traffic roads, schools, health stations, daily-life water, daily-life electricity, and marketplaces), more specifically as follows:

+ Less than 30% of the households use clean water;

+ Less than 50% of the households use daily-

life electricity;

+ Having no motor roads for motorized vehicles to travel to communal centers or around the year;

+ The number of classrooms (according to the Education and Training Ministry's regulations) meets only less than 70% of pupils' demands or classrooms are makeshift ones, made of thatch, bamboo or palm leaf;

+ Having no commune health stations or having them but with makeshift houses;

+ Having no or only temporary marketplaces.

3. Lacking essential infrastructures in service of production, which, depending on the specific conditions of each commune, include: dikes against high tides, embankments, irrigation works; pumping stations to supply sea water for aquaculture and salt-making; roads to fish harbors and fish marketplaces.

Article 2.- Basing themselves on the criteria prescribed in Article 1 of this Decision, the presidents of the People's Committees of the coastal provinces and cities shall direct the investigation and determination of spit communes in their respective localities and report thereon to the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs for synthesis and submission to the Prime Minister.

Article 3.- This Decision takes effect 15 days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

**Minister of Labor, War Invalids
and Social Affairs
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