

DECISION No. 1353/QĐ-TTg OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2008, APPROVING THE SCHEME ON PLANNING OF DEVELOPMENT OF VIETNAM'S COASTAL ECONOMIC ZONES UP TO 2020

THE PRIME MINISTER

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

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones;

At the proposal of the Minister of Planning and Investment in Official Letters No. 7237/BKH-CLPT of October 3, 2006, No. 8921/BKH-CLPT of November 31, 2006, and No. 5530/TTr-BKH of July 30, 2008,

DECIDES:

Article 1.- To approve the Scheme on planning of development of Vietnam's coastal economic zones up to 2020 with the following principal contents:

1. Objectives of the formation of coastal economic zones:

a/ To form driving-force economic zones within delimited territorial areas on the basis of multi-branch development in order to boost overall development, especially in poor areas along Vietnam's coastline;

b/ To create a precondition to attract investment sources, especially foreign investment capital.

2. Conditions for establishment and expansion of coastal economic zones

The conditions for the establishment and expansion of coastal economic zones comply with Article 7 of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones.

3. Viewpoints

a/ To develop coastal economic zones in association the restructuring of local and regional economies towards industrialization and modernization. To regard socio-economic efficiency as the highest criterion while assuring sustainable development.

b/ To develop modern coastal economic zones; and ensure the effective use of land, water surface and space in coastal economic zones.

c/ To develop each coastal economic zone by forming its own functions closely linked with regional development.

d/ To develop coastal economic zones in conformity with practical conditions and national socio-economic development orientations in each period.

e/ The State shall provide financial support from the state budget capital source in accordance with the Law on State Budget to coastal economic zones for building technical and social infrastructure facilities.

f/ While developing coastal economic zones, it is necessary to pay attention to environmental protection as well as national security and defense requirements.

g/ Mechanisms, policies and managerial models for development of coastal economic zones must be consistent and compliant with the provisions of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and hi-tech parks.

4. Development orientations

a/ General orientations:

- To form a system of 15 coastal economic zones:

+ Van Don economic zone (Quang Ninh province),

+ Dinh Vu - Cat Hai economic zone (Hai Phong city);

+ Nghi Son economic zone (Thanh Hoa province),

+ Southeastern Nghe An economic zone (Nghe An province);

+ Vung Ang economic zone (Ha Tinh province),

+ Hon La economic zone (Quang Binh province);

+ Chan May - Lang Co economic zone (Thua Thien Hue province);

+ Chu Lai open economic zone (Quang Nam province);

+ Dung Quat economic zone (Quang Ngai province);

+ Nhon Hoi economic zone (Binh Dinh province);

+ Southern Phu Yen economic zone (Phu Yen province);

+ Van Phong economic zone (Khanh Hoa province);

+ Phu Quoc economic zone (Kien Giang province);

+ Dinh An economic zone (Tra Vinh province); and

+ Nam Can economic zone (Ca Mau province).

- Building coastal economic zones in the North: First, to build Van Don economic zone in Quang Ninh province into a seaward gate which will be developed along the line of economic integration with the northeastern Asia and cooperation within two economic corridors and one economic belt along the Tonkin gulf.

- Building coastal economic zones in Central Vietnam: First, to build Vung Ang economic zone in Ha Tinh province and Van Phong economic zone in Khanh Hoa province into seaward gates along the line of economic cooperation within the East-West and North-South economic corridors.

- Building coastal economic zones in the South: First, to build Phu Quoc economic zone in Kien Giang province into a seaward gate in economic integration with the ASEAN region.

b/ Development orientations up to 2010:

- To quickly develop 13 existing coastal economic zones, including Van Don, Dinh Vu-Cat Hai, Nghi Son, Southeastern Nghe An,

Vung Ang, Hon La, Chan May-Lang Co, Chu Lai, Dung Quat, Nhon Hoi, Southern Phu Yen, Van Phong and Phu Quoc. First of all, to concentrate on the following important tasks:

- + To elaborate investment plans for each economic zone with important projects and works of national significance to be carried out in appropriate steps. To propose financial mechanisms applicable to each group of projects, especially those on building infrastructure; and to estimate demands for investment capital from the state budget;

- + To carry out investment promotion and expand international cooperation with a view to accelerating the construction of coastal economic zones;

- + To continue investing in the development of technical and social infrastructure facilities in each coastal economic zone.

- To establish Dinh An general economic zone in Tra Vinh province according to regulations on the conditions, order and procedures prescribed in the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones.

After completing establishment procedures, to elaborate a master plan and detailed plannings for submission to competent authorities for approval. On that basis, to formulate investment plans with important projects and works of national significance to be carried out according to an appropriate schedule. To propose financial mechanisms for each group of projects, especially those on building economic and

social infrastructure facilities.

c/ Development orientations after 2010:

- To establish Nam Can economic zone in Ca Mau province according to the provisions of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones.

- To continue investing in the development of 14 coastal economic zones established before 2010 in line with adjusted development plannings and plans.

- To strive for the target that by 2020, coastal economic zones will make contributions representing 15-20% of national GDP and generate 1.3-1.5 non-agricultural jobs

5. Mechanisms and policies on the development and state management of coastal economic zones

a/ Mechanisms and policies on the development of coastal economic zones comply with Articles 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones, and their operation regulations issued together with the Prime Minister's decisions on the establishment of each economic zone.

b/ The contents of state management of coastal economic zones comply with Article 22 of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones.

c/ Powers and responsibilities of different authorities and branches regarding the state management of coastal economic zones comply with the provisions of Articles 23 thru 35 of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones.

d/ Functions, tasks, powers and organizational structures of management boards comply with the provisions of Articles 36 thru 39 of the Government's Decree No. 29/2008/ND-CP of March 14, 2008, providing for industrial parks, export-processing zones and economic zones.

Article 2.- Organization of implementation

1. Publicizing the planning

After the Prime Minister issues a decision approving and publicizing the Scheme on planning of development of Vietnam's coastal economic zones up to 2020, ministries, branches and localities shall urgently formulate plans on the implementation of the planning in each development period.

2. Assignment of responsibilities

a/ The Ministry of Planning and Investment:

- To monitor and urge the implementation of this planning; to examine and supervise the elaboration of development plannings of coastal economic zones as well as their construction investment.

- To assume the prime responsibility for, and coordinate with the Ministry of Finance and relevant agencies in, formulating mechanisms for the provision of financial supports from the

central budget to develop technical and social infrastructure systems in coastal economic zones in accordance with the Law on State Budget.

- To organize review meetings and supply information on coastal economic zones.

b/ Other ministries and branches: According to their functions, to coordinate with the Ministry of Planning and Investment in directing their local subordinate agencies in monitoring, guiding and supervising the implementation of the Planning on development of coastal economic zones.

c/ Local administrations, economic zones management board and owners of enterprises investing in coastal economic zones shall work out plans on promotion of development investment in coastal economic zones.

d/ Annually, on the basis of evaluating the implementation of the Planning, to adjust and supplement the Planning to suit the situation and practical conditions of each regions where exist coastal economic zones.

Article 3.- Implementation provisions

This Decision takes effect 15 days after its publication in "CONG BAO."

Article 4.- Ministers, heads of ministerial-level agencies, heads of government-attached agencies and presidents of provincial/municipal People's Committees shall implement this Decision.

Prime Minister
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