Basic Act on Transport Policy

Enactment

4/12/2013 Promulgated (Act No.92 of 2013), went into effect

Main Contents

✓ Basic Principles for Transport Policy & Basic Matters to realise them
✓ Responsibilities of the State, Local Governments and Transport Related Business Operators, etc.; Role of Citizens
✓ Basic Plan on Transport Policy & Annual Report on Transport Policy to the Diet

History

✓ The DPJ Government submitted “Draft of Basic Act for Transport” to the Diet in 2011, emphasising the significance of user-friendliness, while it was discarded in Nov 2012.
✓ Under the Coalition Government of LDP & New Komeito, the name and context of the Basic Act were reviewed in a view to cover the policy area more comprehensively, and the “Draft of Basic Act on Transport Policies” was resubmitted and was successfully concluded in Nov 2013.
# Structure of Basic Act on Transport Policy

**Basic Principles, etc. (Art. 2-7)**

**Basic Recognition (Art. 2)**
- **Functions of Transport**
  - To realize;
    - Security of self-reliant daily lives & social lives of citizens
    - Active inter-regional & international exchange
    - Importance of appropriately satisfying basic demand of citizens, etc. for transport

**Securing and Improving the Functions of Transport (Art. 3)**
- Coping with rapid progress of aging population combined with low birthrates, to contribute to;
  - Realization of the rich lives of the citizens
  - Enhancement of international competitiveness
  - Improvement of vitality in local areas
  - To appropriately cope with a large-scale disaster

**Reducing the Environmental Load (Art. 4)**

**Appropriate Role-Sharing & Coordination among Various Modes of Transport (Art. 5)**

**Securing Traffic Safety (Art. 7)**
- In sufficient coordination with measures for traffic safety under Traffic Safety Policy Basic Act

**Responsibilities of the State and Other Relevant Actors (Art. 8-11)**

**Coordination & Cooperation (Art. 6 & 12)**

**Legislative & Financial Measures (Art. 13)**

**Annual Reports to the Diet (Art. 14)**

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**Basic Plan on Transport Policy (Art. 15)**

<<Public Comment & Inquiry to the Council>>

**Policies of the State (Art. 6-31)**

### 【Realization of the rich lives of the citizens】
- Securing means of transport for daily lives (Art. 16) ... Consideration for traffic situations in isolated islands, etc.
- Smooth movement of the elderly, persons with disabilities, etc. (Art. 17) ... Consideration for pregnant women & people with buggies, etc.
- Improvement of convenience, smoothing and optimisation of transport services (Art. 18) ... Securing punctuality & Smoothing connection between transport services, etc.

### 【Enhancement of international competitiveness】
- Formulation of international maritime & aviation transport networks and their hubs, Strengthening of the function to connect international & domestic transport networks (Art. 19)

### 【Improvement of vitality in local areas】
- Formulation of domestic transport networks & transport hubs (Art. 20)
- Enhancing business base of transport undertakings & Developing human resources (Art. 21)

### 【Preparation for large-scale disasters】
- Mitigation of deterioration of the functions of transport & Quick recovery in the event of a large-scale disaster (Art. 22) ... Improvement of the safety against earthquakes, Mutually alternative means of transport & Smooth evacuation of people

### 【Reduction of the Environmental Load】
- Eco-friendly cars, Modal shift & Increasing the convenience of public transport passengers (Art. 23)

### 【Appropriate Role-Sharing & Coordination】
- Development of a comprehensive transport system (Art. 24) ... Intensive development concerning demand for transport & situations of decrepit transport facilities
- Coordination with town planning & achievement of a tourism nation, etc (Art. 25 - 27)

- Research and Study (Art. 28)
- Development and dissemination of technology (Art. 29) ... Utilisation of ICT
- Promotion of security of international coordination and international cooperation (Art. 30) ... International standardization & Transport infrastructure export
- Reflection of the opinions of citizens, etc. (Art. 31)

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**Policies of Local Governments (Art. 32)**