Article 16-5 (1) Where the National Strategic Special Zone Council files an application for the Prime Minister's approval in relation to a zone plan specifying, as a specified project provided in Article 8, paragraph (2), item (ii), the Project to Accept Foreigners for Agricultural Support in National Strategic Special Zones (meaning a project in which public and private organizations in Japan (limited to those taking necessary measures in light of the guidelines provided in paragraph (3) and complying with other standards specified by Cabinet Order as those necessary for appropriate and assured acceptance of foreign nationals engaging in agricultural support activities; hereinafter referred to as a "specified organization" in this paragraph and paragraph (3)) accept foreign nationals (limited to those who fulfill the requirements specified by Cabinet Order as those necessary for engaging in the agricultural support activities in relation to knowledge and experience concerning agriculture and other matters; hereinafter the same applies in this Article) who engage in agricultural support activities (meaning activities for supporting those engaging in agricultural business by engaging in farming, or farming and manufacturing or processing works using farm and livestock products as raw materials or materials and other works incidental to agriculture specified by Cabinet Order; hereinafter the same applies in this paragraph) in National Strategic Special Zones based on employment contracts; the same applies in paragraph (3) and Appended Table IV(5)) and obtains said approval, if the Minister of Justice receives an application referred to in Article 7-2, paragraph (1) of the Immigration Control Act from a foreign national intending to land in Japan as a person engaging in specified agricultural support activities (meaning agricultural support activities engaged only within a National Strategic Special Zone based on an employment contract with a specified organization; hereinafter the same applies in this and next paragraphs), the Minister may, on or after the date of said approval, issue a certificate referred to in Article 7-2, paragraph (1) of the Immigration Control Act, deeming that said specified agricultural support activities fall under the activities designated by the Minister of Justice in a public notice in advance as the activities set forth in the right-hand column of Appended Table I(5) of the Immigration Control Act provided in Article 7, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Immigration Control Act.

(2) With regard to the application of the provisions of Article 7, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Immigration Control Act in the case where a foreign national files an application referred to in Article 6, paragraph (2) of the Immigration Control Act by submitting a certificate referred to in the preceding paragraph, the specified agricultural support activities pertaining to said application are deemed to fall under activities that the Minister of Justice has designated in advance in the Official Gazette as the activities set forth in the right-hand column of Appended Table I(5) of the Immigration Control Act provided in Article 7, paragraph (1), item (ii) of the Immigration Control Act.

(3) With regard to the Project to Accept Foreigners for Agricultural Support in National Strategic Special Zones, the Prime Minister must prepare guidelines specifying the measures to be taken by specified organization and other persons concerned, such as requiring them to provide training and information to the foreign nationals who are going to accept, and seek collaboration with relevant administrative organs for the purpose of ensuring proper and reliable implementation.

(4) The provisions of paragraphs (4) to (6) of the preceding Article shall apply mutatis mutandis to the guidelines provided in the preceding paragraph.