

Regulations on Selection of the Nomination List for the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Cultural Heritage Administration's Regulation No. 161, March 23, 2016

Article 1 (Purpose)

The purpose of this regulation is to enhance rationality and efficiency in selecting the nomination list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by defining the necessary procedures and measures to select properties for nomination to the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity (hereinafter referred as the "Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity") pursuant to Article 19 of the Cultural Heritage Protection Act and the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Article 2 (Definition)

- 1) For the purpose of this regulation, the "state inventory" means the list of intangible cultural heritage of high value falling under any one of the following subparagraphs as potential candidates for the nomination to the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity among the intangible cultural heritage items referred to in Article 2 Paragraph 1 Subparagraph 2 of the Cultural Heritage Protection Act (hereinafter referred as the "Act").
 1. State Intangible Cultural Heritage designated under Article 12 of the Act on the Safeguarding and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage;
 2. Intangible Cultural Heritage of Cities and Provinces designated under Article 32 of the Act on the Safeguarding and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage;
 3. Preliminary list prepared under Paragraph 2 of this regulation.
- 2) For the purpose of this regulation, the "preliminary list" means the intangible cultural heritage items selected pursuant to Article 4 of this regulation among those not designated by the central government or local autonomous bodies.

Article 3 (Research on the preliminary list)

- 1) Concerning an intangible cultural heritage deemed invaluable as an Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity but not designated, the Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration may conduct a survey by himself/herself on

the item's value.

- 2) In the case of conducting a survey pursuant to the above Paragraph 1, the survey results shall include the facts and ideas falling under each of the following subparagraphs.
 1. The name of the intangible cultural heritage concerned;
 2. The scope of the intangible cultural heritage concerned;
 3. The concept and definition of the intangible cultural heritage concerned;
 4. The communities for transmission and their scope of the intangible cultural heritage concerned;
 5. The conditions of transmission and the ways of performance of the intangible cultural heritage concerned;
 6. The societal functions and relationship of the intangible cultural heritage concerned;
 7. Safeguarding measures for the intangible cultural heritage concerned.
- 3) The Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration shall make endeavors to encourage participation of various individuals and groups at diverse levels including concerned individuals, groups, communities and research organizations in the process of a survey under Paragraph 1.

Article 4 (Selection of the preliminary list)

- 1) The Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration may select items recognized invaluable for the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity for the preliminary list based on the survey results conducted pursuant to Article 3, after deliberation by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee (hereinafter referred as the Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee) under Article 9 of the Act on the Safeguarding and Promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage.
- 2) The Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration may add, change or cancel the preliminary list after the procedure pursuant to Paragraph 1.

Article 5 (Proclamation of the state inventory)

- 1) The Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration shall notify the information involved with the state inventory to the public through the Cultural Heritage Administration website, etc.
- 2) The Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration shall renew the information involved with the state inventory on a regular basis to maintain

and manage the list up to date at all times.

Article 6 (Selection of the nomination list for the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity)

- 1) From the state inventory, the Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration may select the nomination list deemed highly necessary to nominate to the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity after deliberation by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee and the World Heritage Subcommittee of the Cultural Heritage Committee under Article 8 of the Cultural Heritage Protection Act.
- 2) The Administrator of the Cultural Heritage Administration shall make endeavors to encourage participation of various individuals and groups at diverse levels including individuals, groups, communities or research organizations, etc in the process of preparing the nomination.

Article 7 (Period of reexamination)

Pursuant to the Regulation on Proclamation and Management of the Directives and Rules, the period during which this regulation is to be reviewed on its validity and measures are to be taken for improvement, etc. shall be every three years (referring to a period before and on June 30 of every third year) from the base date of July 1, 2016.

ADDENDA

Article 1 (Enforcement date)

This regulation shall enter into force on March 28, 2016.

Article 2 (Transitional Measures)

The cases handled in accordance with previous provisions at the time of enforcement of this regulation shall be deemed dealt under this regulation.