

Regulations on the Council of Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration  
for the Field for Knowledge Integration and Innovation (FKII) (Translation)

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Only the Japanese text of the regulations is authentic. In the event of any divergence between Japanese and English texts, the Japanese text shall prevail.

Chapter 1: General Provisions

Article 1 (Name of Council)

The official name of this Council shall be the Council of Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration for the Field for Knowledge Integration and Innovation (FKII) (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”).

Article 2 (Intent and Purpose)

Over the last several years, the agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and food industries in Japan are becoming knowledge-based or information industries. The time has come for us to contribute to the world by creating a new industrial model and presenting such a model as our “knowledge” by constructing a society where people can actually experience the true meaning of abundance as one of our aims. The Field for Knowledge Integration and Innovation (hereinafter referred to as “FKII”), in light of the changing circumstances, provides a field for open innovation that takes in new ideas and technologies from diverse fields, creates innovative products, projects etc. at an unprecedented speed, and promotes speedy market formation through collaborative creation with others.

Having recognized the foregoing, and with the basic attitude of taking action together, we have established the Council of Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration for the Field for Knowledge Integration and Innovation as a group of diverse concerned parties, such as private companies, farm producers, universities, research institutions, and nonprofit enterprises.

Article 3 (Businesses)

The Council shall perform each of the following businesses in order to accomplish the purpose as stated in the preceding article:

- (1) A business to raise public awareness of FKII
- (2) A business to promote collaboration between industries, academia, and government for FKII
- (3) A business relating to the promotion of research and development for FKII
- (4) Other businesses that the Council chooses

Chapter 2: Membership etc.

Article 4 (Types of Membership)

There shall be four types of members for the Council:

- (1) Individual members  
Individuals who reside in Japan, agree with the intent and purpose of the Council, and enroll in the Council (such as farm producers, or researchers at universities or public research institutions).

- (2) Corporate or group members  
Corporations or groups that are based in Japan, agree with the intent and purpose of the Council, and enroll in the Council (Organizations or groups, which mean individual members are not included, that are based in Japan [excluding special members]).
- (3) Special members  
Organizations or groups, such as local governments, public testing laboratories, foreign embassies etc., universities, research institutions, or others, that are located in Japan, agree with the intent and purpose of the Council, and enroll in the Council.
- (4) Overseas members  
Overseas corporations, organizations, or groups that agree with the intent and purpose of the Council and enroll in the Council. However, enrollment is subject to confirmability of the activities of such corporations etc. through both an inquiry with a foreign embassy etc. in Japan, and a website or the like.

#### Article 5 (Enrollment)

Any person who wishes to enroll in the Council as a member may do so by filling out the application form with the required information via the website of the Council.

#### Article 6 (Withdrawal from Membership)

1. A member may withdraw from the Council arbitrarily by submitting a report to the Council.
2. A report of withdrawal shall be made in writing or by means of electromagnetic record to the Council with the following particulars:
  - (1) Name of the person who wishes to withdraw. In the case of a corporate or group member or a special member, the name of the representative of the corporation, group, or organization shall also be required.
  - (2) Reason for the withdrawal.
  - (3) Date of the report of withdrawal.

#### Article 7 (Membership Fees)

No charge shall be required for membership.

#### Article 8 (Rights and Obligations of Members)

1. All members shall have the right to take part in the businesses specified in Article 3. Individual members, corporate or group members, and special members shall have the right to attend the general meetings as specified in Article 12 and to exercise their voting rights. Each of such individual members, corporate or group members, and special members shall have one voting right.
2. All members shall assume the following obligations:
  - (1) Cooperate in the businesses promoted by the Council in order to attain the purpose of the Council
  - (2) Comply with the Regulations and other rules relating to the operation of the Council, as well as the decisions made at the general meetings

#### Article 9 (Dismissal from Membership)

When a member falls under any one of the following, the member may be dismissed upon the decision at a general meeting:

- (1) When the member is in violation of these Regulations or other rules
- (2) When the member dishonors the Council or acts in a manner that runs counter to the purpose thereof
- (3) When there exists any justifiable reason to dismiss the member

#### Article 10 (Termination of Membership)

In addition to the preceding article, the membership of a member shall terminate when the member dies, is declared missing, or dissolves, as the case may be.

#### Article 11 (Rights and Obligations upon Termination of Membership)

When the membership of a member terminates under the provision of Articles 9 and 10, the member shall lose all rights as a member of the Council and be released from all obligations. However, the member shall not be exempt from any unfulfilled obligations.

### Chapter 3: General Meetings

#### Article 12 (Types of General Meetings)

General meetings of the Council shall be held in two types: regular general meetings and extraordinary general meetings.

#### Article 13 (Composition)

A general meeting shall be composed of all members.

#### Article 14 (Conferencing)

A regular general meeting shall be held once every business year within four months after the termination of every business year, and an extraordinary general meeting shall be held whenever necessary.

#### Article 15 (Convocation)

A general meeting shall be convened by the president.

#### Article 16 (Chairperson)

The president shall serve as the chairperson of a general meeting. If the president should suffer an accident, a chairperson shall be elected from among the vice presidents who are present at the general meeting.

#### Article 17 (Resolution)

1. A resolution of a general meeting shall be adopted by the majority of the voting rights of the members present.
2. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, the following shall be determined by a two-thirds' majority vote of the members present:
  - (1) Revision of this Regulation
  - (2) Dissolution
  - (3) Other matters specified by a general meeting

#### Article 18 (Proxy)

Any member who is unable to attend a general meeting may appoint another member as a proxy and entrust to that proxy the exercise of voting rights.

#### Article 19 (Omission of Resolution and Report)

1. In the case where any of the directors or a member makes a proposal with respect to a matter that is the purpose of the general meeting, if all members manifest in writing or by means of electromagnetic records their intention to agree with the proposal, it shall be deemed that a resolution to approve such proposal has been made.
2. In the case where any of the directors has notified all members of the matters to be reported at a

general meeting, if all members have manifested in writing or by means of electromagnetic records their intention to agree that the matters need not be reported to the general meeting, it shall be deemed that the matters have been reported to the general meeting.

#### Article 20 (Minutes)

1. Minutes shall be prepared with respect to the proceedings of a general meeting.
2. The chairperson and directors who have attended a general meeting shall confirm the minutes as stated in the preceding paragraph and sign or register their names and place their seals thereon. Any other measures that involve electromagnetic records may be adopted in lieu of the affixation of signature or name and seal if such measures can confirm that the contents of the minutes have been confirmed.

### Chapter 4: Directors

#### Article 21 (Establishment of the Position of Director)

1. The Council shall have at least two, and not more than 11, directors.
2. The president and three or fewer vice presidents shall be appointed from among such directors.

#### Article 22 (Appointment)

1. Directors shall be appointed upon a resolution at a general meeting.
2. The president and vice presidents shall be elected by mutual vote of the directors.
3. If a director resigns his/her position before the end of the term due to unavoidable circumstances, a substitute director may be appointed upon a resolution adopted by the board of directors.

#### Article 23 (Official Authority of Directors)

1. The president shall perform his/her duties as a representative of the Council.
2. Directors shall perform the duties of the Council.

#### Article 24 (Term of Office)

1. The term of office for a director shall be until such time as the last regular general meeting closes for the business year that ends within two years after the appointment of the director. However, when there exist unavoidable circumstances, a director may resign from his/her post upon approval of the president.
2. The term of office for a director appointed as a substitute shall be until the expiration date of the term of office of his/her predecessor.
3. A director shall, when there is a lack in the fixed number of directors as specified in Article 21, paragraph 1, retain his/her rights and obligations as a director even after retirement from office upon expiration of the term or resignation until the day when a newly appointed director assumes the post.

#### Article 25 (Dismissal)

A director may be dismissed by a decision at a general meeting.

#### Article 26 (Remuneration)

No remuneration shall be paid to the directors.

## Chapter 5: Secretariat

### Article 27 (Secretariat)

The secretariat of the Council shall be established at the Business-Academia Cooperation Office, Research Promotion Division, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Research Council (hereinafter referred to as “Business-Academia Cooperation Office”). The Business-Academia Cooperation Office may consign its clerical work, in whole or in part, to the external institutions.

## Chapter 6: Accounting

### Article 28 (Business Year)

Each business year of the Council shall commence on April 1st of each year and end on March 31st of the following year.

### Article 29 (Business Report)

The secretariat shall prepare the business report of the Council for the relevant business year at the end of every business year and report the same at a regular general meeting.

## Chapter 7: Revision of Regulation and Dissolution

### Article 30 (Revision of Regulation)

These Regulations may be revised upon a resolution adopted at a general meeting.

### Article 31 (Dissolution)

The Council shall be dissolved for the following reasons:

- (1) Decision made at a general meeting
- (2) Other reasons determined at a general meeting

## Chapter 8: Supplementary Provisions

### Article 32 (Handling of Information regarding Activities of the Council)

1. For the activities of the Council, the secretariat or the person who supervises the field for cooperation shall, in advance, explain and announce the handling policy for information, including intellectual property, to the members participating in the field for exchange and cooperation, and as such, they will give consideration to the promotion of active exchange in line with the intent of the Council, while protecting the interests of the members.
2. When handling confidential information in the field for exchange and cooperation, in light of protecting the interests of the members, such information shall be managed properly by exchanging a memorandum etc. upon approval of the participating members.
3. Any other matters that are not provided herein shall be in accordance with the law and other regulations.

### Article 33 (Other Matters)

Any other matters necessary for the operation of the Council or other purposes shall be separately determined by the president.

#### Additional Clause

1. These Regulations shall be enacted on July 23, 2019.
2. The Membership Rules on the Council of Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration for the Field for Knowledge Integration and Innovation (enacted on April 21, 2016) and the Guidelines on the Installation of a Working Group for Agreements and Intellectual Property for the Council of Industry-Academia-Government Collaboration for the Field for Knowledge Integration and Innovation (enacted on June 15, 2016) shall be abolished.
3. These Regulations shall be enacted on June 30, 2021.
4. These Regulations shall be enacted on October 4, 2021.