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CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 (Purpose) The purpose of this Act is to protect users' interests and promote the sound development of urban gas business by rationally adjusting and fostering urban gas business, and to secure public safety by prescribing matters on the installation, maintenance, and safety management of gas supply facilities and gas-using facilities.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 2 (Definitions) The terms used in this Act are defined as follows: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 2, 2016; Dec. 10, 2019; Feb. 4, 2020>

1. The term "urban gas" means gases prescribed by Presidential Decree, which include natural gas (including liquefied natural gas; hereinafter the same shall apply), or petroleum gas, byproduct gas from naphtha, biogas, or synthetic natural gas supplied via pipelines;

1-2. The term "urban gas business" means the business of supplying urban gas to users or producing urban gas (excluding petroleum refinery business under the petroleum and alternative fuel business act), including gas wholesale business, general urban gas business, urban gas filling business, business of producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, and business of producing synthetic natural gas;

2. The term "urban gas business entity" means any gas wholesale dealer, general urban gas business entity, urban gas filling business entity, producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, and synthetic natural gas producer, each of whom has obtained permission for urban gas business pursuant to Article 3;

3. The term "gas wholesale business" means business in which a person, other than a general urban gas business entity and a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, supplies urban gas to general urban gas business entities, urban gas filling business entities, natural gas business entity for ships, or large-quantity users prescribed

- by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy;
4. The term "general urban gas business" means the business of supplying urban gas provided by gas wholesale dealers, or self-produced petroleum gas, byproduct gas from naphtha, or biogas to users via pipelines based on general demand;
 - 4-2. The term "urban gas filling business" means the business, prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, of supplying urban gas provided by gas wholesale dealers, or self-produced byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, by filling such gas in a container, storage tank, or tank fixed on a motor vehicle;
 - 4-3. The term "business of producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas" means the business of self-producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas for self-consumption, or supplying such gas to any person referred to in subparagraphs of Article 8-3 (1) (excluding where byproduct gas from naphtha is produced with permission for production granted under Article 4 of the high-pressure gas safety control act and is directly supplied to facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of trade, industry and energy through pipelines for such gas);
 - 4-4. The term "business of producing synthetic natural gas" means the business of self-producing synthetic natural gas for self-consumption, supplying such gas to gas wholesale dealers, or providing such gas to a person who owns a majority of shares or stakes of the relevant synthetic natural gas producer and who intends to be supplied with the relevant gas for self-consumption;
 5. The term "gas supply facilities" means facilities for producing or supplying urban gas, which include gas-producing facilities, gas pipeline facilities, gas filling facilities, facilities for producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, and synthetic natural gas producing facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy;
 6. The term "gas-using facilities" means gas users' facilities other than gas supply facilities, which are prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy;
 7. The term "natural gas export and import business" means the business of exporting or importing natural gas;
 8. The term "natural gas export and import business entity" means any person who conducts natural gas export and import business after having registered pursuant to Article 10-2 (1);
 9. The term "direct importer for his or her own consumption" means any person who directly imports natural gas for his or her own consumption for purposes prescribed by Presidential Decree, such as electricity generation or industrial use;

- 9-2. The term "natural gas shipping business" means the business of carrying in or out natural gas by using storage facilities installed in a bonded area prescribed in Article 154 of the Customs Act;
- 9-3. The term "natural gas shipping business entity" means any person who conducts the business of carrying in or out natural gas after having reported pursuant to Article 10-2 (3);
- 9-4. The term "user of liquefied natural gas cold heat" means a person who uses energy generated in the process of vaporizing liquefied natural gas (hereinafter referred to as "cold heat"), among large-quantity users referred to in subparagraph 3;
- 9-5. The term "business of natural gas for ships" means the business of supplying natural gas to the ships referred to in subparagraph 1 of Article 2 of the Ship Safety Act (including ships under construction or repair) as fuel therefor (including natural gas supplied for shipbuilding survey or ship survey);
- 9-6. The term "natural gas business entity for ships" means a person engaged in the business of natural gas for ships after having been registered under Article 10-11 (1);
10. The term "detailed safety inspection" means any activity performed by an institution specialized in gas safety management to identify potential hazards of gas supply facilities and causes thereof by utilizing equipment and technology, in order to prevent urban gas accidents.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

CHAPTER II URBAN GAS BUSINESS

Article 3 (Permission for business) (1) Any person who intends to conduct gas wholesale business shall obtain permission from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among permitted matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Any person who intends to conduct general urban gas business shall obtain permission from the Special Metropolitan City Mayor, a Metropolitan City Mayor, a Special Self-Governing City Mayor, a Do Governor, or a Special Self-Governing Province Governor (hereinafter referred to as a "mayor/do governor"). The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among permitted matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013;

Aug. 13, 2013>

(3) Any person who intends to conduct urban gas filling business shall obtain permission for each business office from a Special Self-Governing City Mayor, a Special Self-Governing Province Governor, the head of a Si/Gun/Gu (The head of a gu means the head of an autonomous gu; hereinafter referred to as the "head of a Si/Gun/Gu"). The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among permitted matters. <Added on Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

(4) Any person who intends to conduct the business of producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas shall obtain permission to establish each place of business from a Mayor/Do Governor. The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among permitted matters. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(5) Any person who intends to conduct the business of producing synthetic natural gas shall obtain permission to establish each place of business from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among permitted matters. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(6) Where a general urban gas business entity or an urban gas filling business entity intends to produce byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas by himself/herself, he or she shall obtain permission under paragraph (4). <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(7) Permission for gas wholesale business or general urban gas business under paragraph (1) or (2) may be granted only if the relevant application satisfies the following requirements: <Amended on Jan. 27, 2010; Jan. 21, 2014>

1. The relevant business is of an economic scale appropriate for the public interest and general demand;
2. The relevant applicant has financial resources and technical capabilities necessary to properly conduct such business;
3. The relevant applicant has the capability to establish and maintain supply facilities as appropriate for the stable supply of urban gas.

(8) Permission for urban gas filling business under paragraph (3) may be granted only if the relevant application satisfies the following requirements: <Added on Jan. 27, 2010; Jan. 21, 2014>

1. The commencement or change of business shall not affect the protection of the lives of

citizens, prevention of damage to property, and prevention of disasters;

2. The safety of business shall be recognized through technical evaluation conducted by the Korea Gas Safety Corporation under Article 28 of the High-Pressure Gas Safety Control Act (hereinafter referred to as the "korea gas safety corporation");

3. No facilities shall be installed in an area that is banned from the installation of such facilities by the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu to protect the lives of citizens, prevent damage to property and disasters.

(9) Permission for the business of producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas under paragraph (4), or for the business of producing synthetic natural gas under paragraph (5) may be granted only if a person satisfies the following requirements: <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

1. A person shall possess capability to install and maintain gas supply facilities suitable for producing and supplying byproduct gas from naphtha, biogas, or synthetic natural gas;

2. It shall be recognized through a technical examination conducted by the Korea Gas Safety Corporation that a person ensures safety;

3. A person shall possess funds and technical capability necessary to conduct business in a proper way;

4. Gas supply facilities shall not be installed more than necessary in the same area, taking into consideration the gas demand.

(10) Detailed matters concerning standards for permission under paragraphs (7) through (9) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(11) A Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may establish detailed standards for permission for general urban gas business, urban gas filling business, or the business of producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, or may determine service areas of general urban gas business (hereinafter referred to as "service area"), to suit regional characteristics, in conformity with the standards for permission under paragraphs (7) through (10), and may publicly announce such detailed standards or service areas. In such cases, he or she shall consult thereon with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(12) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu grants permission under paragraphs (1) through (6), he or she shall notify the chief of the competent fire station of the permitted matters within seven days. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 4 (Grounds for disqualification) None of the following persons may obtain permission for urban gas business: <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Jan. 6, 2016>

1. Any incompetent person under the adult guardianship;
2. A person declared bankrupt but not yet reinstated;
3. A person for whom two years have not elapsed since his or her sentence of imprisonment without labor or greater punishment declared by a court was completely executed (including cases where the execution of the sentence is deemed completed) or exempted, for violating Articles 172, 172-2, 173, 173-2, 174 (excluding attempts to commit crimes referred to in Articles 164 (1), 165, and 166 (1)) and 175 (excluding persons who have prepared or conspired to commit crimes referred to in Articles 164 (1), 165, and 166 (1)) of the Criminal Act, the High-Pressure Gas Safety Control Act, the Safety Control and Business of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act, or this Act;
4. A person who is under suspension of the execution of his or her sentence of imprisonment without labor or greater punishment, for committing a crime under subparagraph 3;
5. A person for whom two years have not elapsed since permission was revoked pursuant to Article 9 (excluding cases where permission was revoked for falling under any ground for disqualification prescribed in subparagraph 1 or 2);
6. A corporation, the representative of which is a person referred to in any of subparagraphs 1 through 5.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 5 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 6 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 7 (Succession to business) (1) Any of the following persons who intends to succeed to the status of an urban gas business entity shall report to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu, as prescribed by Decree of

the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy:

1. Where an urban gas business entity has transferred all or part of his or her business, the transferee;
2. Where an urban gas business entity, which is a corporation, merges or consolidates with any third urban gas business entity, the surviving or resulting corporation following merger or consolidation.

(2) Where a person who has acquired all gas supply facilities of an urban gas business entity in accordance with any of the following procedures intends to succeed to the status of the previous urban gas business entity, he or she shall report to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the competent Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the competent Si/Gun/Gu, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy:

1. Public auction prescribed in the Civil Execution Act;
2. Conversion prescribed in the Debtor Rehabilitation and Bankruptcy Act;
3. Sale of property seized prescribed in the National Tax Collection Act, the Customs Act or the Local Tax Collection Act;
4. Other procedures similar to those prescribed in subparagraphs 1 through 3.

(3) Where an urban gas business entity dies and his or her heir intends to succeed to his or her status, the heir shall report thereon to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the competent Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of the competent Si/Gun/Gu within 30 days from the date of death of the decedent, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

(4) Upon receipt of a report under paragraphs (1) through (3), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the competent Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of the competent Si/Gun/Gu shall review the details of the report and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act; provided, where a person who intends to succeed to the status of an urban gas business entity falls under a ground for disqualification prescribed in any subparagraph of Article 4, no report thereon shall be accepted.

(5) Where a report under paragraph (1) or (2) is accepted, the transferee, a surviving or resulting corporation following merger or consolidation, or a person who acquires all of the gas supply facilities shall succeed to the status of the previous urban gas business entity on the date of the transfer, merger, or takeover.

(6) Where the report under paragraph (3) is accepted, the heir shall succeed to the status of the decedent as an urban gas business entity, and the permission granted to the decedent to engage in urban gas business shall be deemed permission for the heir from

the date of death of the decedent to the date of acceptance of the report.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Feb. 3, 2022]

Article 7-2 (Succession to effect of disposition) If the status of an urban gas business entity has been succeeded as prescribed in Article 7, the effect of disposition of suspension of business or of disposition of restrictions thereon (including penalty surcharges imposed in lieu of suspension of business or order for restrictions prescribed in Article 10) under Article 9 on such previous urban gas business entity shall be succeeded to a person who has succeeded to such status for one year from the expiration date of period for such disposition, and if procedures for disposition are under way, such procedures may continuously apply to a person who has succeeded to such status; provided, where the person who succeeded to such status (excluding persons who succeeded by inheritance) has verified that he or she was not aware of such disposition or violations when he or she succeeded to such status, this shall not apply.

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 8 (Reporting of commencement of business) (1) Where an urban gas business entity intends to commence business or to suspend or close all or any part of his or her business, he or she shall report such fact to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the competent Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of the competent Si/Gun/Gu. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>

(2) Upon receiving a report under paragraph (1), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the competent Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of the competent Si/Gun/Gu shall review the details thereof and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

[Title Amended on Jan. 27, 2010]

Article 8-2 (Quantities intended for self-consumption by synthetic natural gas producers)

Where a synthetic natural gas producer or a person who holds a majority of shares or stakes of the relevant synthetic natural gas producer intends to consume synthetic natural gas for himself/herself, Article 10-9 shall apply to the quantity intended for self-consumption. In such cases, "direct importer for his or her own consumption" shall be

construed as "synthetic natural gas producer or person who holds a majority of shares or stakes of the relevant synthetic natural gas producer", and "natural gas" as "synthetic natural gas", and "import" as "self-consumption", respectively.

[This Article Added on Jan. 21, 2014]

Article 8-3 (Restrictions on disposal by producers of byproduct gas from naphtha or

biogas) (1) No producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas shall supply urban gas he or she has produced to persons other than those provided in the following:

1. A gas wholesale dealer;
2. A general urban gas business entity;
3. A person who intends to use urban gas in a region other than the service area of a general urban gas business entity;
4. A person who is not supplied with urban gas by a general urban gas business entity for good reason, from among those who intend to use urban gas in the service area of an general urban gas business entity;
5. A person who intends to use urban gas after being directly supplied with urban gas by a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, whose aggregate of monthly maximum supply quantity is not more than the quantity prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

(2) No synthetic natural gas producer shall dispose of urban gas he or she has produced by himself or herself to a third party by methods other than supply referred to in subparagraph 4-4 of Article 2.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), a synthetic natural gas producer may dispose of synthetic natural gas to a third party in accordance with procedures and methods for disposal prescribed by Presidential Decree, in cases where it is required to achieve a balance between supply of and demand for synthetic natural gas and efficient treatment thereof, or for other reasons prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Added on Jan. 21, 2014]

Article 8-4 (Restriction on disposal of natural gas by users of liquefied natural gas cold

heat) A user of liquefied natural gas cold heat may consume natural gas generated in the course of using cold heat on his or her own or may dispose of the same for any of the following persons:

1. A gas wholesale dealer;
2. A general urban gas business entity;
3. A person whose majority stock or stake is owned by a user of liquefied natural gas cold heat and who intends to be supplied with natural gas generated in the course of using cold heat for consumption.

[This Article Added on Dec. 10, 2019]

Article 9 (Revocation of permission) (1) Where a gas wholesale dealer or a general urban gas business entity falls under any of the following, or where an urban gas filling business entity falls under any of subparagraphs 1 through 4, 8-2, 8-3, 9, 9-2, or 10 through 12, or a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas or a synthetic natural gas producer falls under any of subparagraphs 1 through 5, 8, 8-2, 8-3, 9, 9-2, or 10 through 16, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may revoke permission for his or her business or order the suspension of, or restrictions on, his or her business within a fixed period of not more than six months; provided, in the case of subparagraph 1 or 4, the permission for his or her business shall be revoked:
<Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Jul. 25, 2011; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

1. Where he or she has obtained permission under Article 3 by fraud or other improper means;
2. Where he or she fails to meet standards for permission under Article 3;
3. Where he or she has caused substantial danger and injury to the public or users by intention or negligence;
4. Where he or she comes to fall under any subparagraph of Article 4; provided, this shall not apply where a corporation that comes to fall under subparagraph 6 of Article 4 appoints a replacement for its representative within three months, and a successor falling under any of subparagraphs 1 through 5 of Article 4 transfers his or her business to any third person within six months from the date of his or her predecessor's death;
5. Where he or she disobeyed an order to modify a gas supply plan issued under Article 18 (5);
6. Where he or she has supplied urban gas, in violation of Article 20 (4);
7. Where he or she has disobeyed an order to apply for approval for amending the supply regulations issued under Article 20 (7);
8. Where he or she has disobeyed an order to restrict gas supply issued under Article 24

(2);

8-2. Where he or she has supplied or consumed urban gas falling short of quality standards, or has stored, transported, or kept such urban gas for the purpose of supply or consumption, in violation of Article 25 (3);

8-3. Where he or she has failed to undergo a quality inspection under Article 25-2 (1) or has refused, interfered with, or evaded a quality inspection under paragraph (2) of that Article;

9. Where he or she has disobeyed an order to amend safety management regulations issued under Article 26 (3);

9-2. Where he or she has failed to maintain gas supply facilities in compliance with the facility standards and technical standards for each facility, in violation of Article 26-2;

10. Where he or she has disobeyed an order issued under Article 27 (1);

11. Where he or she has disobeyed an order issued under the first sentence of Article 27 (2);

12. Where he or she has failed to comply with a request to dismiss a safety manager issued under Article 29 (5) without good cause;

13. Where he or she has disobeyed an order for adjustment issued under Article 40 (1);

14. Where he or she has disobeyed an order for consolidation issued under Article 40 (2);

15. Where he or she has failed to submit a necessary report required under Article 41 (1);

16. Where he or she has failed to submit a report concerning business required under Article 41 (2).

(2) Standards for rendering a disposition to each violation under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, in consideration of the causes and gravity of the violation. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 10 (Penalty surcharges) (1) In any of the following cases, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, each Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may impose a penalty surcharge not exceeding thirty million won in lieu of an order to suspend or restrict business under Article 9: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Jul. 25, 2011; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

1. Where a gas wholesale dealer, general urban gas business entity, producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, or synthetic natural gas producer falls under any of Article 9 (1) 2, 3, 5 through 8, 8-2, 8-3, 9, 9-2, or 10 through 16;

2. Where an urban gas filling business entity falls under any of Article 9 (1) 2, 3, 8-2, 8-3, 9, 9-2, or 10 through 12.

(2) The amount of a penalty surcharge that is imposed under paragraph (1) according to the kind and gravity of each violation and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where a person liable to pay a penalty surcharge under paragraph (1) fails to pay it by the payment due date, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu shall collect it in the same manner as delinquent national taxes are collected or pursuant to the Act on the Collection of Local Administrative Penalty Charges. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 6, 2013; Mar. 24, 2020>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

CHAPTER II-2 NATURAL GAS EXPORT AND IMPORT BUSINESS

Article 10-2 (Registration of natural gas export and import business) (1) Any person who intends to conduct natural gas export and import business shall file for registration with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Presidential Decree, such as the scale of natural gas storage facilities, from among registered matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Requirements for registration, such as facility standards for natural gas export and import business under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(3) Any person who intends to conduct natural gas shipping business shall report to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Presidential Decree, such as the scale of natural gas storage facilities, from among reported matters. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(4) Upon receipt of a report or report of modification under paragraph (3), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall review the details thereof and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

(5) Articles 4, 7, and 7-2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to grounds for disqualification of natural gas export and import business entities, succession to business, and succession to

the effect of dispositions. In such cases, "urban gas business" shall be construed as "natural gas export and import business", "urban gas business entity" as "natural gas business entity", "Article 9" and "permission" under subparagraph 5 of Article 4 as "Article 10-7" and "registration", and "Article 9" and "Article 10" under Article 7-2 as "Article 10-7" and "Article 10-8", respectively. <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 3, 2022>

(6) Articles 4 and 7 shall apply mutatis mutandis to grounds for disqualification of, and succession to, the business of a natural gas shipping business entity. In such cases, "urban gas business" shall be construed as "natural gas shipping business", "urban gas business entity" as "natural gas shipping business entity", "Article 9" in subparagraph 5 of Article 4 as "Article 10-7", and "after permission is revoked" as "after the place of business is closed", respectively. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

[Title Amended on Jan. 21, 2014]

- Article 10-3 (Conditional registration)** (1) Any person who intends to file for registration (Hereafter referred to as "main registration" in this Article) under Article 10-2, may file an application for conditional registration with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy on condition that he or she will have facilities prescribed in the requirements for registration. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Dec. 30, 2014>
- (2) Upon receipt of an application for conditional registration under paragraph (1), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall examine the application within a period prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy and notify the relevant applicant as to whether he or she grants such conditional registration. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (3) Where any person who has completed conditional registration under paragraph (2) files an application for main registration, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall grant the main registration after verifying whether the application meets the requirements for registration. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (4) Deleted. <Dec. 30, 2014>
- (5) Other matters necessary for conditional registration shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>
- [This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 10-4 (Reporting of commencement, suspension, and closure of business) (1)

Where any natural gas export and import business entity or natural gas shipping business entity intends to commence, suspend, or close business, he or she shall report such fact to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 3, 2022>

(2) Upon receipt of a report under paragraph (1), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall review the details thereof and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 30, 2014]

Article 10-5 (Approval for export and import of natural gas) (1) Where a natural gas

export and import business entity that is an urban gas business entity intends to conclude an import, export, or transportation contract of natural gas, he or she shall obtain approval from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy after fully meeting the requirements, such as necessity of such export, import, or transportation in light of supply of and demand for urban gas, appropriateness of price, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to the terms and conditions of the contract so approved. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where a contract for the import, export, or transportation of natural gas, which a natural gas export and import business entity that is an urban gas business entity intends to conclude, falls under the contract prescribed by Presidential Decree in terms of the quantity, period, he or she shall file a report thereon with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy after concluding the contract, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to the terms and conditions of the contract so reported. <Added on Dec. 30, 2014>

(3) Where a natural gas export and import business entity that is a direct importer for his or her own consumption concludes a natural gas import, export, or transportation contract, he or she shall report such fact to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to the terms and conditions of the contract so reported. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 30, 2014>

(4) Where a direct importer for his or her own consumption intends to conclude a natural

gas import contract or export contract under paragraph (3), he or she shall provide prior notification to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy about the amount and scale of, and timing for, import or export, and other matters before concluding such contract, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 30, 2014>

(5) Where a natural gas shipping business entity has entered into a contract for carrying in or out, or transporting, natural gas, he or she shall report such fact to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to the details of the contract reported. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 30, 2014>

(6) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall notify a person who has filed a report or report on modification of whether it has been accepted within five days from the date of receiving the report under paragraph (2), (3), or (5). <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

(7) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy fails to notify a person who has filed a report of whether it has been accepted or the extension of handling period pursuant to the statutes or regulations related to civil petition handling within the period prescribed in paragraph (6), the report shall be deemed accepted on the day following the end of such period (referring to the relevant extended handling period in cases of the extension or re-extension of the handling period under the statutes or regulations related to civil petition handling). <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 10-6 (Restrictions on disposal by direct importers for their own consumption) (1)

No direct importer for his or her own consumption shall dispose of imported natural gas to a third party in the Republic of Korea; provided, the same shall not apply where the disposal of such gas is required to achieve a balance between supply of and demand for natural gas, and its efficient management, or for other reasons prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014>

(2) Where a direct importer for his or her own consumption disposes of natural gas to a third party in the Republic of Korea pursuant to the proviso to paragraph (1), matters necessary for the procedures for such disposal, methods thereof shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014>

(3) No natural gas shipping business entity shall dispose of natural gas carried into a bonded area under Article 154 of the Customs Act to a third party in the Republic of Korea

other than gas wholesale dealers; provided, he or she may dispose of evaporating gas generated in the process of operating gas supply facilities to direct importers for their own consumption in accordance with procedures and methods prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

[Title Amended on Jan. 21, 2014]

- Article 10-7 (Revocation of registration)** (1) Where a natural gas export and import business entity or natural gas shipping business entity falls under any of the following, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall revoke the registration of his or her natural gas export and import business or order the natural gas shipping business entity to close his or her place of business: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 30, 2014; Feb. 3, 2022>
1. Where he or she has filed for registration pursuant to Article 10-2 (1) or reported pursuant to Article 10-2 (3) by fraud or other improper means;
 2. Where he or she has closed his or her natural gas export and import business;
 3. Where he or she comes to fall under any subparagraph of Article 4 that is applied mutatis mutandis in Article 10-2 (5) or (6); provided, this shall not apply where a corporation that comes to fall under subparagraph 6 of Article 4 appoints a replacement for its representative within six months;
 4. Where he or she fails to conduct natural gas export and import business for at least one consecutive year after commencing business without good cause.
- (2) Where a natural gas export and import business entity no longer meets the requirements for registration under Article 10-2 (2), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may revoke the registration or issue an order to suspend all or part of such business within a fixed period of not more than six months. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (3) Standards for issuing a disposition to each violation under paragraph (2) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>
- [This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 10-8 (Penalty surcharges) (1) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy can

issue an order to a natural gas export and import business entity to suspend all or part of his or her business under Article 10-7 (2), he or she may impose a penalty surcharge in lieu of a disposition to suspend business, up to an amount not exceeding the amount equivalent to the volume of natural gas exported or imported during the period for which the business entity fails to meet the requirements for registration. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) The amount of a penalty surcharge that is imposed under paragraph (1) according to the kind and gravity of each violation, the method of calculating a penalty surcharge and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where a person liable to pay a penalty surcharge under paragraph (1) fails to pay it by the payment due date, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall cancel the imposition of the penalty surcharge and issue a disposition of suspending natural gas export and import business under 10-7 (2); provided, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy shall collect such penalty surcharge in the same manner as delinquent national taxes, if it is impossible to issue such disposition of suspending business, due to the suspension or closure of business under Article 10-4 or on any inevitable grounds prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Dec. 30, 2014>

(4) Penalty surcharges imposed and collected under paragraphs (1) and (3) shall devolve on the special accounts for energy and resource-related projects under the Act on the Special Accounts for Energy and Resources-Related Projects. <Amended on Jan. 1, 2014>
[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 10-9 (Quantity of natural gas for direct import for one's own consumption) (1) A direct importer for his or her own consumption may import an additional quantity of natural gas only where a new demand occurs following the construction or enlargement of facilities, the replacement of fuel

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where a gas supply contract into which a direct importer for his or her own consumption has entered with a natural gas export and import business entity who is a gas wholesale dealer is canceled or expired, or it is stipulated in such contract that gas supply may be converted to direct import for his or her own consumption, the direct importer may import natural gas for electricity generation; provided, where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems it necessary to control

the supply and demand, he or she may restrict the import of natural gas for electricity generation, by a direct importer for his or her own consumption.

(3) With regard to the quantity with which a direct importer for his or her own consumption is supposed to be supplied by an urban gas business entity under a contract concluded with the urban gas business entity, the direct importer shall not otherwise import natural gas, except cases provided in paragraph (2).

[This Article Added on Aug. 13, 2013]

Article 10-10 (Obligations to store natural gas) (1) A gas wholesale dealer shall store natural gas to achieve a balance between supply of and demand for urban gas, as prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(2) Where necessary to control the supply of and demand for urban gas, a gas wholesale dealer may use natural gas stored pursuant to paragraph (1), as prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where a gas wholesale dealer directly develops an overseas gas field and imports gas, while meeting the requirements prescribed by Presidential Decree, his or her obligations to store natural gas may be exempted or reduced.

(4) Matters necessary for the exemption from, or reduction of, obligations to store natural gas under paragraph (3) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Added on Aug. 13, 2013]

CHAPTER II-3 BUSINESS OF NATURAL GAS FOR SHIPS

Article 10-11 (Registration of business of natural gas for ships) (1) A person intending to engage in the business of natural gas for ships shall meet the requirements for the registration of the business and shall have the business registered with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification of important matters determined by Presidential Decree, such as the size of facilities for storing natural gas, from among the matters already registered.

(2) The registration requirements referred to in paragraph (1), such as facility standards for the business of natural gas for ships, shall be determined by Presidential Decree.

(3) A person who has had the business of natural gas for ships registered under paragraph (1) intends to directly import natural gas for the business, the person shall have it registered in accordance with Article 10-2 (1). The same shall also apply to any modification of important matters determined by Presidential Decree, such as the size of facilities for storing natural gas, from among the matters already registered.

(4) Where a person prescribed by Presidential Decree, among the persons who built a ship, transfers the ship which has passed a temporary navigation survey under Article 11 of the Ship Safety Act to its owner, the person may transfer the ship, including natural gas remaining therein, without registration of the business of natural gas for ships under paragraph (1).

(5) Articles 4, 7, and 7-2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to the grounds for disqualification of a natural gas business entity for ships, succession to business, and succession to the effect of dispositions. In such cases, "urban gas business" shall be construed as "natural gas business for ships", "permission" as "registration", "urban gas business entity" as "natural gas business entity for ships", "Article 9" in subparagraph 5 of Article 4 as "Article 10-15" and "Article 9" in Article 7-2 as "Article 10-15".

[This Article Added on Feb. 4, 2020]

Article 10-12 (Report on commencement, temporary or permanent closure of business)

A natural gas business entity for ships shall file a report on the commencement, temporary or permanent closure of the business with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

[This Article Added on Feb. 4, 2020]

Article 10-13 (Report on import and export of natural gas for ships and on modifications thereof)

(1) Upon conclusion of a contract on import, export, or transportation of natural gas, a natural gas business entity for ships shall file a report thereon with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modifications of the details of such contract already reported on.

(2) Before concluding a contract on import or export of natural gas under paragraph (1), a natural gas business entity for ships shall notify the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of the quantities and timing of import or export, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of

Trade, Industry and Energy.

[This Article Added on Feb. 4, 2020]

Article 10-14 (Restriction on disposal by natural gas business entities for ships) (1) No natural gas business entity for ships shall dispose of natural gas imported or supplied to any third party in the Republic of Korea, other than ships or other natural gas business entities for ships; provided, evaporation gas generated in the course of operating gas supply facilities may be disposed of in accordance with the procedures and methods prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), where it falls under any ground prescribed by Presidential Decree, such as where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems that the supply of natural gas is required for the urgent stabilization of supply and demand of natural gas and efficient handling thereof, a natural gas business entity for ships may dispose of the natural gas imported or supplied to a third party in the Republic of Korea in accordance with the procedures and methods for disposal prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Added on Feb. 4, 2020]

Article 10-15 (Revocation of registration) (1) The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy shall revoke registration of a natural gas business entity for ships where such business entity falls under any of the following cases:

1. Where registration under Article 10-11 (1) is made by fraud or other improper means;
2. Where the business of natural gas for ships is permanently closed;
3. Where the business entity falls under any subparagraph of Article 4 applied mutatis mutandis in Article 10-11 (5); provided, this shall not apply where a corporation falling under subparagraph 6 of Article 4 reappoints its representative within six months;
4. Where the business entity shows no record of conducting the natural gas business for ships for at least one year since the commencement thereof without good cause;
5. Where the business entity is in violation of the restriction on disposal of natural gas for ships under Article 10-14 (1);
6. Where the business entity sells or supplies natural gas for ships for purposes other than the natural gas business for ships, or sells or supplies the same by mixing it with uses other than the natural gas business for ships.

(2) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may revoke the registration of a natural gas business for ships or may suspend all or part of the business for up to six months where the relevant natural gas business entity for ships fails to meet the requirements under Article 10-11 (2).

(3) The standards for dispositions for violations under paragraph (2) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

[This Article Added on Feb. 4, 2020]

CHAPTER III GAS SUPPLY FACILITIES AND GAS-USING FACILITIES

Article 11 (Approval of facility construction plans) (1) Where an urban gas business entity intends to perform works to install or alter gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, he or she shall obtain approval of such work plan from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu after meeting all requirements, such as the facility standards, technical standards and standards for human resources, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among approved matters.

<Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Where an urban gas business entity intends to perform construction works of gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, from among works to install or alter gas supply facilities, he or she shall report a plan for such works to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among reported matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of a Si/ Gun/Gu receives a report or report on modification under paragraph (2), he or she shall review the details thereof and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

(4) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), where gas supply facilities are installed or altered at the cost of urban gas users pursuant to the Housing Act or any other statute, a person who performs construction works of such gas supply facilities may apply for approval of the work plan or approval of modification thereto, or report the work plan or

any modification thereto, on behalf of the relevant urban gas business entity. In such cases, the person who performs construction works of such gas supply facilities shall notify the urban gas business entity thereof. <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009; Feb. 3, 2022>

(5) Any of the following persons shall in advance hear the opinions of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation on the relevant work plan, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>

1. A person who intends to obtain approval of a work plan under paragraph (1) or approval of modification thereto;
2. A person who intends to report a work plan under paragraph (2) or report any modification thereto;
3. A person who intends to perform works to install or alter gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, other than the gas supply facilities under paragraphs (1) and (2).

(6) Where an urban gas business entity has obtained approval of a work plan under paragraph (1) or approval of modification thereto, or has reported a work plan under paragraph (2) or any modification thereto, he or she shall be deemed to have obtained permission under Article 11 of the Building Act or to have reported under Article 14 of that Act. <Added on Mar. 28, 2008; Feb. 3, 2022>

(7) Any urban gas business entity that intends to file for constructive permission or report under paragraph (6) shall also submit related documents prescribed by the relevant Act. <Added on Mar. 28, 2008; Feb. 3, 2022>

(8) Where an application for approval of a work plan under paragraph (1) or of any modification thereto is made, or a report of a work plan under paragraph (2) or of any modification thereto is filed, if matters falling under paragraph (6) are included in the work plan, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu shall have a prior consultation with the heads of related administrative agencies. In such cases, the heads of the related administrative agencies shall submit their opinions within 15 days after receipt of a request for consultation. <Added on Mar. 28, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 11-2 (Installation of emergency supply facilities) (1) Where an urban gas business entity is not able to obtain approval of a work plan under Article 11 (1) or submit a report

on a work plan under paragraph (2) of that Article due to the destruction or damage of gas supply facilities or a disaster or other emergency, he or she shall install emergency supply facilities and report such fact to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>

(2) If a report filed under paragraph (1) has no deficiency in its descriptions and attached documents and meets the formality requirements prescribed in statutes, regulations, the reporting shall be deemed completed at the time the report arrives at a receiving agency. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 11-3 (Use of public land) (1) Where an urban gas business entity needs to install gas supply facilities above or under the ground of public land managed by the State, a local government or any other public institution, he or she may use the public land upon obtaining permission from the relevant manager to the extent that the utility of such public land is not compromised.

(2) Any manager of public land under paragraph (1) shall not refuse the use of the public land without good cause.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Mar. 30, 2011]

Article 12 (Construction and management of gas facilities) (1) A constructor who has registered gas facility construction business under Article 9 of the Framework Act on the Construction Industry (hereinafter referred to as "constructor") and who intends to perform and manage works to install or alter gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities in excess of the scale prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, shall inform in advance the relevant urban gas business entity of the details of such works so that the urban gas business entity may examine the work plan of such gas supply facilities, impacts on gas supply capabilities, and such urban gas business entity shall inform the constructor and potential gas users of the results of examination of details of the construction work. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Where a constructor performs any works to install or alter gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities, he or she shall perform and manage such works in conformity with the facility standards and technical standards for each facility prescribed by Decree of the

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>
[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 12-2 Deleted. <Dec. 30, 1996>

Article 12-3 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 12-4 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 13 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 14 (Keeping and presentation of construction records) (1) Upon completion of any work to install or alter gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities, every constructor shall prepare and keep the relevant construction records, as-built drawings (Where they are stored in an electronic auxiliary memory unit, they may be replaced by such stored data; hereinafter the same shall apply) or other necessary documents (hereinafter referred to as "construction records"), as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Any constructor shall issue copies of construction records of gas supply facilities to urban gas business entities, and issue copies of construction records of gas-using facilities to urban gas business entities and persons using urban gas at gas-using facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (hereinafter referred to as "specific gas-using facilities"). <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where an urban gas business entity has accepted copies of construction records of gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities pursuant to paragraph (2), he or she shall submit as-built drawings from among them to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

- Article 15 (Construction supervision)** (1) Where an urban gas business entity (referring to a person who installs gas supply facilities in the case of the former part of Article 11 (4); hereafter the same shall apply in this Article) performs works to install or alter gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, he or she shall have it supervised by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu; provided, where he or she receives construction project management services under Article 39 (2) of the Construction Technology Promotion Act, he or she need not have such works supervised, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; May 22, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>
- (2) Where an urban gas business entity has performed works to install or alter gas supply facilities under the main clause of paragraph (1), he or she shall not use the gas supply facilities unless such facilities are determined by the relevant supervisor to be appropriate for use.
- (3) Where an urban gas business entity intends to receive construction project management services under the proviso to paragraph (1), he or she shall notify the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/ Gun/Gu and the Korea Gas Safety Corporation of matters concerning such construction project management services before starting works and after completing works. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; May 22, 2013>
- (4) Where a person who uses gas at specific gas-using facilities (hereinafter referred to as "user of specific gas-using facilities") performs works to install or alter the specific gas-using facility, he or she shall in advance hear the opinions of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation on such work plan; provided, persons prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy may be exempt from such formalities. <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (5) Where an urban gas filling business entity performs works to install or alter gas filling facilities, he or she shall undergo an interim inspection by the head of the competent Si/Gun/Gu on each process of the works, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Added on Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (6) Where an urban gas filling business entity or user of specific gas-using facilities completes works to install or alter gas filling facilities or specific gas-using facilities, he or she may use them only after the relevant gas filling facilities or specific gas-using facilities pass a completion inspection conducted by the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu.

<Amended on Jan. 27, 2010>

(7) The subject matter of, and standards for supervision, interim inspections and completion inspections under paragraphs (1), (5) and (6), and other necessary matters therefor shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

<Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 16 (Temporary use of supply facilities) (1) Where gas supply facilities meet all requirements, such as necessity for achieving a balance between supply of and demand for urban gas and possibility of safe use of such supply facilities, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may permit the temporary use of such gas supply facilities, upon determining a period and methods of use thereof, even before the works to install or alter such gas supply facilities under Article 15 (1) is fully completed. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Gas supply facilities temporarily used under paragraph (1) shall be used only during the period and in the methods determined under paragraph (1).

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 17 (Regular inspections and non-periodic inspections) (1) Any urban gas business entity and user of specific gas-using facilities shall undergo a regular or non-periodic inspection of gas supply facilities or specific gas-using facilities by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy; provided, persons prescribed by Presidential Decree may be exempt from all or some of regular inspections. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) The subject matter of, and standards for regular inspections and non-periodic inspections under paragraph (1), and other matters necessary for inspections shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 17-2 (Implementation of detailed safety inspections and safety evaluations) (1)

Any urban gas business entity shall regularly undergo a detailed safety inspection and a safety evaluation conducted by the Korea Gas Safety Corporation on gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (excluding gas pipeline facilities for which a plan to implement integrity management is submitted under the former part of Article 17-4 (1)). <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Amended on Jan. 6, 2016>

(2) The timing of a detailed safety inspection and safety evaluation of gas supply facilities under paragraph (1) shall be as follows: <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

1. Detailed safety inspection: Each time determined by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy within the range of five years from the year to which the date on which 15 years have passed from the date on which the construction of gas supply facilities under paragraph (1) was completed belongs; provided, in the case of a liquefied natural gas storage tank from among gas supply facilities under paragraph (1), once in the year to which the date on which five years have passed from the date its construction was completed belongs, and each time determined by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from the year to which the date on which 15 years have passed from the date on which its construction was completed;
2. Safety evaluation: Each time determined by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy within the range of five years before and after the construction of gas supply facilities under paragraph (1).

(3) The Korea Gas Safety Corporation shall notify a person who has undergone a detailed safety inspection or safety evaluation of the result of the detailed safety inspection or safety evaluation it has conducted pursuant to paragraph (1), as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and shall report the aforesaid result to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

(4) Where the detailed safety inspection or safety evaluation under paragraph (1) finds that gas supply facilities require improvements, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may order an urban gas business entity and a constructor of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity prescribed in Article 39-2 (1) to take necessary measures, such as the repair or reinforcement of gas supply facilities, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

(5) Matters necessary for the specific timing and methods of, and standards for, detailed safety inspections and safety evaluations under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23,

2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

[Title Amended on Aug. 13, 2013]

- Article 17-3 (Evaluations of safety management level)** (1) An urban gas business entity may undergo a quantitative evaluation of the results of the management and operation (hereinafter referred to as "evaluation of safety management level") of gas supply facilities and gas-using facilities conducted by the Korea Gas Safety Corporation in order to improve safety management level and prevent gas accidents.
- (2) An urban gas business entity who has undergone an evaluation of safety management level pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be deemed to have undergone a regular inspection under Article 17 (1) and confirmation and evaluation as to whether he or she has complied with safety management regulations under Article 26 (5), respectively.
- (3) As for an urban gas business entity who has undergone an evaluation of safety management level pursuant to paragraph (1), the period until which the next regular inspection prescribed in Article 17 (1) shall be conducted, and the period until which the next confirmation and evaluation shall be made as to the compliance with the safety management regulations prescribed in Article 26 (5) may be determined respectively, within the range of three years in consideration of the evaluation results of safety management level, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.
- (4) Standards for and methods of the evaluation of safety management level under paragraph (1) and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

[This Article Added on Aug. 13, 2013]

[(Previous) Article 17-3 moved to Article 17-4 <Aug. 13, 2013>]

- Article 17-4 (Safety management of urban gas pipelines)** (1) Any urban gas business entity prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy shall submit a plan to implement integrity management on gas pipeline facilities determined by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (hereinafter referred to as "implementation plan") to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, in order to prevent gas accidents caused by the prolonged use of urban gas pipelines or any other reason. In such cases, a written opinion of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation shall be attached.

(2) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems it necessary to ensure the safety of urban gas pipelines after reviewing an implementation plan or a written opinion of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation under the latter part of paragraph (1), he or she may order an urban gas business entity referred to in the former part of paragraph (1) to amend its implementation plan.

(3) Any urban gas business entity referred to in the former part of paragraph (1) shall execute an implementation plan, and shall prepare the results thereof and keep them for 10 years.

(4) Any urban gas business entity referred to in the former part of paragraph (1) shall report the results of executing an implementation plan under paragraph (3) to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

(5) Any urban gas business entity referred to in the former part of paragraph (1) shall regularly receive confirmation of the results of executing an implementation plan from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

(6) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems it necessary to improve the safety management of urban gas pipelines after receiving a report under paragraph (4) or checking the results of executing an implementation plan under paragraph (5), he or she may order an urban gas business entity referred to in the former part of paragraph (1) to supplement or re-execute the implementation plan, receive re-confirmation of such results, or take other measures.

(7) Criteria of preparing an implementation plan, period of submitting such plan, or other matters necessary for the safety management of urban gas pipelines shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Added on Jan. 6, 2016]

[(Previous) Article 17-4 moved to Article 17-5 <Jan. 27, 2016>]

Article 17-5 (Detailed standards) (1) The Gas Technical Standards Committee established under Article 33-2 of the High-Pressure Gas Safety Control Act may establish standards specifically stipulating the detailed specifications and standards, specific measurements, specific testing methods, which meet any of the following standards within the scope of such standards (hereinafter referred to as "detailed standards"): <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Aug. 13, 2013>

1. Facility standards and technical standards for each facility under Article 12 (2);
2. Standards for supervision, interim inspections, and completion inspections under Article 15 (7);
3. Standards for regular inspections and non-periodic inspections under Article 17 (2);
4. Standards for detailed safety inspections and safety evaluations under Article 17-2 (5);
- 4-2. Standards for evaluations of safety management level under Article 17-3 (4);
5. Standards for prevention of damage to gas pipelines under Article 30-6.

(2) Detailed standards shall be deliberated and resolved upon by the Gas Technology Standards Committee under paragraph (1) and approved by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, as prescribed by Presidential Decree, after deliberation and resolution. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) When any detailed standard is approved under paragraph (2), the Gas Technology Standards Committee under paragraph (1) shall inform the public of the details of such detailed standards through the website without delay, and the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall announce such approval in the Official Gazette. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(4) Satisfying any detailed standard shall be deemed as satisfying the standards referred to in the subparagraph of paragraph (1) which govern such detailed standard.

(5) In addition to matters provided in paragraphs (1) through (4), the procedures for the establishment and revision of detailed standards shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

[Moved from Article 17-4 <Jan. 27, 2016>]

CHAPTER IV GAS SUPPLY

Article 18 (Gas supply plans) (1) Any general urban gas business entity shall prepare a five-year gas supply plan to be implemented from the following year, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and shall submit the plan to the relevant Mayor/Do Governor by the end of November each year. In such cases, he or she shall consult thereon with gas wholesale dealers. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Any gas wholesale dealer and synthetic natural gas producer shall prepare a five-year gas supply plan to be implemented from the following year, as prescribed by Decree of

the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and shall submit the plan to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy by the end of December each year. In such cases, the synthetic natural gas producer shall consult with gas wholesale dealers. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(3) Any producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas shall prepare a five-year gas supply plan to be implemented from the following year, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and shall submit the plan to a Mayor/Do Governor by the end of November every year. In such cases, the producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas shall consult with gas wholesale dealers or general urban gas business entities. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(4) Where any urban gas business entity modifies a gas supply plan prescribed in paragraphs (1) through (3), he or she shall submit a report thereon to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the relevant Mayor/Do Governor in advance. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(5) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor deems that a gas supply plan prescribed in paragraphs (1) through (4) is likely to hinder the promotion of the public interest because the gas supply plan becomes inappropriate due to changes in social or economic circumstances, he or she may order the relevant urban gas business entity to modify such gas supply plan within a given period. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 18-2 (Gas supply and demand plans) (1) Any Mayor/Do Governor shall prepare a five-year gas supply and demand plan to be implemented from the following year, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and shall submit the plan to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy by the end of December each year. In such cases, the gas supply and demand plan shall include an urban gas supply expansion plan, including support for the promotion of the supply of urban gas to areas where urban gas is not supplied and other matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(2) Every year, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall formulate a five-year gas supply and demand plan including the relevant year, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(3) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall formulate a long-term gas supply and demand plan for the period of at least ten years including the relevant year, every two years, and shall publicly announce the major content thereof, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(4) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall endeavor so that a gas supply and demand plan referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) includes an urban gas supply expansion plan including support for the promotion of the supply of urban gas to areas where urban gas is not supplied and other matters. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

(5) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems it necessary to control the supply and demand of natural gas, he or she may alter a long-term natural gas supply and demand plan referred to in paragraph (3). In such cases, he or she shall publicly announce reasons for such alteration and the major content of the alteration. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 18-3 (Work plans for gas supply facilities) (1) Any Mayor/Do Governor shall establish a work plan for urban gas supply facilities by area for two years including the relevant year, based on the gas supply plans submitted by general urban gas business entities under Article 18 (1), by the end of March each year, and announce the work plan. The same shall apply to any modification to such announced plan.

(2) Any general urban gas business entity shall install gas supply facilities according to the work plan for urban gas supply facilities by area announced under paragraph (1); provided, this shall not apply where inevitable reasons prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy exist. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 18-4 Deleted. <Dec. 21, 2007>

Article 19 (Urban gas business entities' obligations to supply) (1) No gas wholesale dealer shall refuse or suspend the supply of natural gas he or she is supposed to supply to general urban gas business entities, urban gas filling business entities, or large-quantity users prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, without a reason

specifically prescribed in supply regulations set forth in Article 20 (1) or other good reason; provided, a gas wholesale dealer may suspend the supply of natural gas for a user of liquefied natural gas cold heat who disposes of natural gas in violation of Article 8-4.

<Added on Aug. 13, 2013; Dec. 10, 2019>

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), except where obligations to supply natural gas is reflected in a gas supply plan submitted to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy pursuant to Article 18 (2), no gas wholesale dealer shall be obligated to supply natural gas to a direct importer for his or her own consumption. <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

(3) No general urban gas business entities shall either refuse to supply urban gas or suspend the supply thereof to gas users in its permitted service area except in any of the following cases: <Amended on Aug. 13, 2013>

1. Where the number of households applying for gas supply service in an area where the installation of gas supply facilities is required is less than the number as notified by a City/Do;
2. Where it is impracticable to install gas supply facilities or to secure the safety thereof due to unique geographical features such as railroad, high-speed railroad, water and sewage, river, bedrock;
3. Where an area is prescribed by Presidential Decree as inappropriate for gas supply given its locational conditions such as geography, environment;
4. Where an area is restricted for the construction works of gas supply facilities as prescribed by other statutes;
5. When there are other good reasons.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jan. 27, 2010]

[Title Amended on Aug. 13, 2013]

Article 19-2 (Sharing expenses for installation of gas supply facilities) (1) Any general urban gas business entity may require a person who requests for a modification to any terms and conditions of a contract for urban gas supply or gas supply to bear all or some expenses incurred in installing gas supply facilities.

(2) Where any general urban gas business entity requests the bearing of expenses incurred in installing gas supply facilities under paragraph (1), he or she shall do so according to the following criteria:

1. Gas consumption;
2. Type of gas consumption, for example, for cooking, house heating, business purposes,

industrial purposes;

3. Scale of gas pipes, gas supply facilities, and auxiliary facilities thereof.

(3) Where any general urban gas business entity requests the bearing of expenses incurred in installing gas supply facilities under paragraphs (1) and (2), he or she notify a person who bears such expenses in writing of his or her share of the expenses, standards for and methods of calculation thereof, and payment method, payment due date

(4) Details regarding the standards for calculation of apportionment of expenses for installation under paragraphs (2) and (3), method of sharing, procedure for payment thereof, and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jan. 27, 2010]

Article 19-3 (Support for expenses for installing gas supply facilities) The State or a local government may fully or partially subsidize expenses incurred in installing gas supply facilities to any general urban gas business entity, if it is impracticable for him or her to supply urban gas because he or she falls in cases under any subparagraph of Article 19.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Mar. 30, 2011]

[(Previous) Article 19-3 moved to Article 19-4 <Mar. 30, 2011>]

Article 19-4 (Urban gas filling business entities' obligations to conduct safety

inspections) (1) When any urban gas filling business entity supplies urban gas to users, he or she shall conduct a safety inspection on the facilities of the users and provide the users with guidance necessary for preventing hazards, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) If any safety inspection conducted under paragraph (1) finds that user facilities are not in compliance with the facility standards and technical standards under Article 12 (2), the relevant urban gas filling business entity shall advise the user to improve his or her facilities.

(3) Where an urban gas filling business entity has conducted a safety inspection under paragraph (1), he or she shall prepare a safety inspection record and keep such record for two years, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

(4) The qualifications and number of inspectors, inspection equipment, inspection

standards, and other matters necessary for conducting safety inspections under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

[This Article Added on Jan. 27, 2010]

[Moved from Article 19-3] <Mar. 30, 2011>

- Article 20 (Supply regulations)** (1) Any gas wholesale dealer shall establish supply regulations about urban gas charges and other terms and conditions of supply (hereinafter referred to as "supply regulations") and shall obtain approval of such regulations from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall apply to any modification to approved matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>
- (2) Any general urban gas business entity shall establish supply regulations and obtain approval from a Mayor/Do Governor. The same shall also apply to any modification to approved matters. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>
- (3) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or Mayors/Do Governors shall approve the supply regulations only when the following requirements are satisfied: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>
1. Charges shall be fair;
 2. Charges shall be clearly set, either in fixed rates or fixed amounts;
 3. There shall be a fair and clear determination with respect to the responsibilities as well as the apportionment of expenses incurred in for gas supply facilities and gas-using facilities, between the gas supplier and the persons supplied with gas or among the gas users;
 4. There shall be no unfair discrimination against a specified business entity or specified person.
- (4) Any gas wholesale dealer or general urban gas business entity shall supply urban gas according to supply regulations approved pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2). <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014>
- (5) Detailed matters concerning requirements for approval under paragraph (3) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>
- (6) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems that it is necessary to improve the supply regulations of a general urban gas business entity because matters concerning

urban gas charges, terms and conditions of supply, and apportionment of expenses are inappropriate and may cause imbalance in supply of and demand for urban gas, or to protect gas users, he or she shall require the relevant Mayor/Do Governor to take measures necessary for modifying the details of the supply regulations. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(7) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or each Mayor/Do Governor deems that the supply regulations are likely to hinder the promotion of the public interest because such regulations became inappropriate due to changes in social or economic circumstances, he or she may order each gas wholesale dealer or general urban gas business entity to apply for approval of modification to such regulations within a given period. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(8) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may request a Mayor/Do Governor or general urban gas business entity to submit data concerning the calculation of urban gas rates, payment methods of rates, and bearing of expenses under the supply regulations approved by the Mayor/Do Governor pursuant to paragraph (2). <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 20-2 (Keeping and distribution of supply regulations) Each gas wholesale dealer or general urban gas business entity shall keep the supply regulations approved pursuant to Article 20 (1) or (2) at a place where such regulations are easy to access, such as his or her office or place of business, and shall deliver a copy of the relevant supply regulations upon request of gas users, so that gas users are informed of the content thereof. <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Added on Jan. 27, 2010]

Article 20-3 (Reduction of urban gas rates) (1) Any gas wholesale dealer or general urban gas business entity may provide necessary support, such as reduction of urban gas rates, so that energy can be universally supplied to all citizens, including the poor.

(2) A gas wholesale dealer, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may file an application for support, such as reduction of urban gas rates, on behalf of a person eligible for support, so that support, such as reduction of urban gas rates, under paragraph (1) is not omitted. In such cases, the consent of the person eligible for support shall be

obtained, and the consent of the person eligible for support can be deemed such application filed by the person eligible for support.

(3) Detailed matters regarding the scope of persons eligible for support under paragraph (1), the details and methods of support, etc. shall be prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

[This Article Added on Sep. 20, 2024]

Article 20-4 (Request for cooperation to relevant agencies) (1) A gas wholesale business entity, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may, in order to file an application under Article 20-3 (2), may request the head of a relevant agency to provide data on gas users, including their registration information as persons of distinguished service to the State, as basic livelihood security recipients, and as persons with disabilities, and their resident registration information, family relation registration information, overseas Korean national registration information, etc.; or to use related electronic computer networks, such as the social security information system under Article 37 (2) of the Framework Act on Social Security. In such cases, the head of the relevant agency in receipt of such request shall comply therewith unless there is good cause not to do so.

(2) A gas wholesale business entity, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may request a general urban gas business entity for information on gas users to file an application under Article 20-3 (2). In such cases, a general urban gas business entity in receipt of such request shall comply therewith unless there is good cause not to do so.

(3) No person who performs or has performed duties utilizing the data or information under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall use the data or information provided or acquired under that paragraphs for any purpose other than those prescribed by this Act, or provide or divulge such data or information to any other person or institution.

(4) Fees, user fees, etc. shall be exempt with respect to data or information provided under paragraph (1).

(5) The detailed scope of data or information that may be requested under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Added on Sep. 20, 2024]

Article 21 (Ensuring appropriateness in measurement of amount of gas supply) (1) Any general urban gas business entity shall take measures to ensure appropriateness in

measuring the amount of gas supply as prescribed by Presidential Decree, such as applying a correction factor, to correct measurement errors in the amount of gas supply that may occur due to difference in the temperature and pressure when urban gas is supplied.

<Amended on Mar. 25, 2009>

(2) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or Mayors/Do Governors may give support to any general urban gas business entity that intends to ensure appropriateness in measuring the amount of gas supply under paragraph (1), as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where the Mayors/Do Governors deem it necessary for ensuring appropriateness in measuring the amount of gas supply, they may require general gas business entities to submit a report on the measures taken under paragraph (1), or require affiliated public officials to enter the relevant offices to inspect books, documents, facilities and other Articles. In such cases, public officials entering the offices for inspection shall carry a certificate indicating their authority and produce it to related parties.

(4) Where the Mayors/Do Governors intend to conduct an inspection under paragraph (3), they shall notify related parties of an inspection plan including the time, reasons, details of the inspection by no later than seven days before such inspection; provided, this shall not apply where it is necessary to conduct an inspection urgently or giving a prior notice can defeat the purpose of an inspection due to the destruction of evidence.

(5) Where the Mayors/Do Governors acknowledge the need for improvement after having accepted a report or having conducted an inspection under paragraph (3), they may issue a correction order to the relevant general urban gas business entity.

(6) Necessary matters for submitting reports, conducting inspections, notification of inspection plans, and methods of, and procedures for issuing correction orders under paragraphs (3) through (5) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 22 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 23 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

Article 24 (Restrictions on use of gas) (1) Where it is deemed that citizens' livelihood and

the public interest will be obviously hindered unless emergency restrictions are taken on gas use due to a temporary shortage in the supply of urban gas, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may require gas users to restrict the use thereof upon prescribing the following matters to a necessary extent: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

1. Limits on the amount used;
2. The purpose of use;
3. A period of restrictions on use.

(2) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may order urban gas business entities to restrict gas supply to the extent necessary for imposing restrictions under paragraph (1). <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 25 (Maintenance of quality of urban gas) (1) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may establish the quality standards of urban gas, in terms of inflammability, calories, harmful constituents, concentration of odorous substances, in order to secure the proper quality of urban gas. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy has established the quality standards of urban gas pursuant to paragraph (1), he or she shall announce the quality standards so established. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Any urban gas business entity or direct importer for his or her own consumption shall maintain the quality of urban gas which he or she supplies or consumes, or stores, transports or keeps for the purpose of supply or consumption in compliance with the quality standards of urban gas established under paragraph (1).

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jul. 25, 2011]

Article 25-2 (Quality inspection of urban gas) (1) When a gas wholesale dealer, a general urban gas business entity that produces petroleum gas, an urban gas filling business entity, a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, a synthetic natural gas producer, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, or a user of liquefied natural gas cold heat (excluding self-consumption or cases falling under Article 8-4 (3)) intends to supply or consume urban gas, he or she shall undergo a quality inspection conducted by any urban gas quality inspection agency prescribed by Presidential Decree in order to ascertain

whether such urban gas meets the quality standards of urban gas under Article 25 (1).

<Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 12, 2017; Dec. 10, 2019>

(2) If necessary to maintain the quality of urban gas, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu may conduct quality inspections of urban gas which urban gas business entities and direct importers for their own consumption supply or consume, or store, transport or keep for the purpose of supply or consumption. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Matters necessary for methods and procedures for conducting quality inspections under paragraphs (1) and (2) and other matters shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Added on Jul. 25, 2011]

CHAPTER V SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- Article 26 (Safety management regulations)** (1) Any urban gas business entity shall establish safety management regulations concerning the maintenance of safety of gas supply facilities and gas-using facilities, and shall submit the safety management regulations to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu before commencing his or her business. In such cases, the statement of opinion of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation shall be attached to the safety management regulations. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (2) Safety management regulations referred to in paragraph (1) shall give priority to safety in all management activities, including management policies, organizational management, data and information management and facility management, and include necessary matters for securing safety comprehensively through giving priority to safety.
- (3) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu deems it necessary to secure safety, he or she may order the relevant urban gas business entities to modify safety management regulations under paragraph (1). <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>
- (4) Any urban gas business entity, safety management agent of gas-using facilities under Article 28 (1) and his or her respective employees shall observe safety management regulations, and prepare and maintain the implementation records thereof.
- (5) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, each Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a

Si/Gun/Gu shall confirm whether an urban gas business entity, safety management agent of gas-using facilities under Article 28 (1) and his or her respective employees observe the safety management regulations under paragraph (1) and conduct an evaluation thereof, as prescribed by the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>

(6) Guidelines for establishing safety management regulations and necessary matters for the Korea Gas Safety Corporation to present its opinion under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 26-2 (Safety maintenance of gas facilities) Any urban gas business entity or user of specific gas-using facilities shall maintain the gas supply facilities or specific gas-using facilities in compliance with the facility standards and technical standards for each facility prescribed in Article 12 (2).

[This Article Added on Aug. 13, 2013]

Article 27 (Orders to improve gas facilities) (1) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu deems that any gas supply facility or gas-using facility fails to meet the facility standards and technical standards for each facility under Article 12 (2), he or she may issue an order to the relevant urban gas business entity or gas users to repair, improve, relocate such gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities to make them meet the standards, or issue an order to take measures necessary for preventing hazards, such as suspension or restriction of gas supply, or suspension or restriction of use of gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu deems it urgent and inevitable to maintain public safety, he or she may order any urban gas business entity to relocate gas supply facilities, suspend or restrict the use thereof, or discard gas in the gas supply facilities. In such cases, due compensation shall be made for any loss incurred to such urban gas business entity, as prescribed by Presidential Decree, unless it is caused by an act of God, war or other force majeure. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 28 (Safety management agents of gas-using facilities) (1) Where any general urban gas business entity intends to commission any third person to perform his or her duties on his or her behalf to efficiently conduct the duties of safety management of gas-using facilities according to the safety management regulations under Article 26, he or she shall commission a person having qualifications prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (hereinafter referred to as "safety management agent of gas-using facilities") to vicariously perform such duties. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Safety management agents of gas-using facilities shall be prohibited from installing a boiler using urban gas as fuel among gas-using facilities.

(3) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor may require a safety management agent of gas-using facilities to submit data concerning the cost of installation of gas-using facilities which he or she imposes on gas users, and where he or she deems it necessary for the protection of gas users and the promotion of public interest, he or she may publish all or part of the content thereof. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 28-2 (Safety measures following change to gas-using facilities) Where a gas user intends to use urban gas after changing liquefied petroleum gas-using facilities under the Safety Control and Business of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act, to gas-using facilities, the relevant general urban gas business entity, constructor, and gas user shall take safety measures prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, regarding such liquefied petroleum gas-using facilities, such as removal of liquefied petroleum gas containers and supplementary installation. <Amended on Mar. 23, 2013; Dec. 30, 2014>

[This Article Added on Mar. 25, 2009]

Article 28-3 (Safety measures following building work) (1) Where a building in which urban gas pipelines are installed is planned for work of extension, renovation, major repair, or removal, the implementer of such building work shall inform the relevant urban gas business entity that supplies urban gas of his or her work plan including the date and time and details of work, by not later than seven days before the commencement of such work,

as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy; provided, this shall not apply to works prescribed by Presidential Decree that are deemed as having no risk of causing damage to urban gas pipelines.

(2) The implementer of a building work under paragraph (1) and the relevant urban gas business entity shall take safety measures prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, regarding gas pipeline facilities and gas-using facilities, such as turning off gas shut-off valves and removal of gas remaining inside the pipelines.

[This Article Added on Dec. 30, 2014]

Article 29 (Safety managers) (1) Any urban gas business entity and any of the following users of specific gas-using facilities (referring to any person entrusted with the duty to manage specific gas-using facilities, if applicable; hereinafter the same shall apply in this Article, Article 30 (2), subparagraphs 5 and 6 of Article 53, and Article 54 (1) 16) shall select and appoint a safety manager before commencing his or her business or using the relevant facilities to perform duties of maintaining the safety of and operating gas supply facilities or specific gas-using facilities. In such cases, safety managers appointed under Article 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act shall be deemed safety managers appointed under this Act: <Amended on Jan. 6, 2016; Jan. 15, 2019>

1. The owner of a building;
2. A person entrusted with the management of specific gas-using facilities, where such management is entrusted;
3. A lessee or an occupant of a building, where the head of a Si/Gun/Gu deems it impracticable for a user of specific gas-using facilities to appoint safety managers due to his or her unknown domicile or residence or any other reason.

(2) Where a person appointing safety managers under paragraph (1) appoints or dismisses a safety manager, or where a safety manager retires, he or she shall, without delay, report the fact to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu, and appoint a new safety manager within 30 days from the date of dismissal or retirement of the safety manager, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy; provided, where it is impracticable to appoint a safety manager within such period, he or she may extend the period after obtaining approval from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) In any of the following cases, a person who has appointed a safety manager under

paragraph (1) shall designate an agent to have him or her temporarily perform duties on behalf of the safety manager, as prescribed by Presidential Decree: <Amended on Dec. 2, 2016>

1. Where the safety manager is unable to temporarily perform his or her duties due to travel, disease, or any other reason;
2. Where a new safety manager is not appointed at the same time as the safety manager is dismissed or retired.

(4) Any safety manager shall conscientiously perform his or her duties and a person who has appointed a safety manager under paragraph (1) and his or her employees shall respect the safety manager's opinion about safety and follow the advice of the safety manager.

(5) Where a safety manager prescribed by Presidential Decree fails to conscientiously perform his or her duties, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu may request the urban gas business entity or the user of specific gas-using facilities who has appointed the safety manager to dismiss such safety manager. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(6) Where the Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu requests dismissal of a safety manager under paragraph (5), he or she shall notify the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy of the fact that the safety manager has failed to conscientiously perform his or her duties. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(7) If a report filed under paragraph (2) has no deficiency in its descriptions and attached documents and meets the formality requirements prescribed in statutes, regulations, the reporting shall be deemed completed at the time the report arrives at a receiving agency. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

(8) The type, qualifications, number, scope of duties of safety managers, period for which the agent of a safety manager acts for the safety manager and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 30 (Safety education) (1) Any person who performs duties related to safety management of urban gas business entities, constructors, or users of specific gas-using facilities shall receive safety education provided by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Any urban gas business entity, constructor, or user of specific gas-using facilities shall require persons, among his or her employees, who are obligated to receive safety education under paragraph (1) to receive such safety education.

(3) The scope of persons obligated to receive safety education, period and curriculum thereof, and other matters necessary for safety education under paragraph (1) shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

CHAPTER V-2 PROTECTION OF URBAN GAS PIPELINES

Article 30-2 (Establishment of Excavation Work Information Support Center) In order to efficiently implement the construction and operation of an information network to support excavation works necessary for supplying information, publicity to prevent damage to urban gas pipelines that can be caused by drilling, piling, excavating sites or other works of excavating ground (hereinafter referred to as "excavation works"), and other duties of support of information on the verification of pipelines laid underground, an Excavation Work Information Support Center (hereinafter referred to as "the information support center") shall be established in the Korea Gas Safety Corporation.

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 30-3 (Verification of status of urban gas pipelines laid underground) (1) A person who intends to perform excavation works in an area where the urban gas business has been permitted shall request the Information Support Center, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, to verify whether the urban gas business entity permitted to supply urban gas in the area has laid urban gas pipelines under the relevant land, before starting such excavation works; provided, this shall not apply to excavation works prescribed by Presidential Decree, which are acknowledged as having no risk of causing damage to urban gas pipelines. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Upon receipt of a request under paragraph (1), the Information Support Center shall notify the relevant urban gas business entity of such fact, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Upon receipt of notification under paragraph (2), the relevant urban gas business entity

shall verify whether urban gas pipelines are laid under the relevant land, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(4) Where urban gas pipelines are found to be laid underground upon verification under paragraph (3), the relevant excavation worker and urban gas business entity shall take the following measures before starting excavation works, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

1. Indicating the location of the field of excavation works and the location of urban gas pipelines laid underground;
 2. Notifying the Information Support Center of the indication under subparagraph 1;
 3. Measures prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy to prevent any accident due to excavation works, such as installation of facilities necessary for protecting urban gas pipelines, provision of drawings marking the location of urban gas pipelines laid underground
- (5) No excavation workers shall perform excavation works before receiving notice of commencement of excavation works from the Information Support Center.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

- Article 30-4 (Gas safety impact assessment)** (1) Persons prescribed by Presidential Decree who intend to perform excavation works in an area where the urban gas business is permitted shall prepare documents for gas safety impact assessment (hereinafter referred to as "assessment document") and submit them to the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu. In such cases, a written opinion of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation shall be attached to the assessment document.
- (2) A person who prepares an assessment document shall ask the opinion of the urban gas business entity that manages urban gas pipelines affected by excavation works and shall include the opinion in the assessment document. <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009>
- (3) Where the head of a Si/Gun/Gu deems it necessary to supplement an assessment document, he or she may require the person who has submitted the assessment document to supplement it.
- (4) A person who has submitted an assessment document pursuant to paragraph (1) (including a person who has supplemented the assessment document under paragraph (3)) shall perform excavation works according to the details of the assessment document.

(5) Matters necessary for guidelines for preparing an assessment document and other matters shall be prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

<Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 30-5 (Consultation and work-around inspections) (1) Any one who intends to perform excavation works prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy that have great danger of causing damage to urban gas pipelines in an area where the urban gas business is permitted shall consult with the relevant urban gas business entity to protect such urban gas pipelines, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and the urban gas business entity in receipt of a request for consultation shall comply therewith except in extenuating circumstance; provided, this shall not apply to persons who have submitted an assessment document to the head of a Si/Gun/Gu pursuant to the fore part of Article 30-4 (1). <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) When an urban gas business entity and a person who intends to perform excavation works have consulted with each other under the main clause of paragraph (1), they shall prepare a written agreement, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and observe the details of the written agreement. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where gas pipelines pass a underground construction site where a railroad (including an urban railroad) or road is constructed or other works prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy are under way, the urban gas business entity managing the gas pipelines and the implementer of such works shall establish a joint monitoring system and conduct regular work-around inspections, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 30-6 (Compliance with standards for prevention of damage to gas pipelines) Any person who performs excavation works in an area where the urban gas business is permitted shall perform excavation works in accordance with the standards for the prevention of damage to gas pipelines prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade,

Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

[Title Amended on Mar. 25, 2009]

Article 30-7 (Safety measures for gas pipelines) (1) Any urban gas business entity shall endeavor to take safety measures prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy for gas pipelines where excavation works are performed in the permitted service area. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Any urban gas business entity shall prepare and preserve drawings of gas pipelines, indicating the locations of the urban gas pipelines laid underground and other matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

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CHAPTER VI DELETED.

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CHAPTER VI-2 INSTALLERS OF GAS SUPPLY FACILITIES OTHER THAN URBAN GAS BUSINESS ENTITIES

Article 39-2 (Approval of facility work plans) (1) Where any installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity (referring to a person who enters into a contract for the use of gas supply facilities with an urban gas business entity, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, a natural gas shipping business entity, or a natural gas business entity for ships and installs such gas supply facilities, and a direct importer for his or her own consumption, a natural gas shipping business entity, or a natural gas business entity for ships who installs gas supply facilities; hereinafter the same shall apply) intends to perform works to install or alter gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, he or she shall obtain approval of such work plan according to the following classification after meeting all requirements, such as facility standards, technical standards, and standards for human resources, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among approved matters: <Amended on Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020>

1. Gas supply facilities except those prescribed in subparagraph 2: The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy;
2. Gas pipeline facilities connected to pipelines of a general urban gas business entity: A Mayor/Do Governor.

(2) Where an installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity intends to perform works prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and

Energy, from among works for installation or alteration of gas supply facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, he or she shall report such work plan to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor according to the classification referred to in each subparagraph of paragraph (1), as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall apply also apply to any modification to important matters prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy from among reported matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

(3) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor receives a report or report on modification under paragraph (2), he or she shall review the details thereof and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

(4) A person who intends to obtain approval of a work plan or approval of modification thereto under paragraph (1), or to submit a report on a work plan or a report on modification thereto under paragraph (2) shall hear the opinions of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation on the work plan. <Amended on Feb. 3, 2022>

(5) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor intends to grant approval or approval of modification to a work plan under paragraph (1), he or she shall hear the opinions of the relevant urban gas business entity that possesses gas pipeline facilities connected to the gas supply facilities included in the work plan, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>

(6) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy grants approval or approval of modification to a work plan under paragraph (1) or receives a report on a work plan or a report on modification thereto under paragraph (2), he or she shall notify the Mayor/Do Governor having jurisdiction over the work plan of such gas supply facilities of the details of such approval or report. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 39-3 Deleted. <Dec. 21, 2007>

Article 39-4 (Gas supply and demand plans) Any direct importer for his or her own consumption shall formulate a five-year gas supply and demand plan to be implemented from the following year by the end of December each year, as prescribed by Decree of the

Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and shall submit the plan to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 39-5 (Provisions applicable mutatis mutandis) Articles 14 (2) and (3), 15 (1) through (3) and (7), 17, 17-2, 26, 26-2, 27, 29, 30, 30-3, 30-5, 30-7, 40 (1), 41 (1), (3), and (4), 43, 43-3, 44 (2) 1, 3, 4, 4-4, 5, and 6, 44 (3), and 44-2 shall apply mutatis mutandis to installers of gas supply facilities other than urban gas business entities. In such cases, "the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu", "the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu", and "the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor" referred to in the former part of Article 26 (1), paragraphs (3) and (5) of the aforesaid Article, Article 27 (1), the former part of paragraph (2) of the aforesaid Article, and Articles 29 (2) and (5), 43-3, and 44-2 (1) and (2) shall be construed as "a Mayor/Do Governor", respectively. <Amended on Jan. 6, 2016>
[This Article Wholly Amended on Aug. 13, 2013]

CHAPTER VI-3 JOINT USE OF GAS SUPPLY FACILITIES

Article 39-6 (Joint use of gas supply facilities) (1) A producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, a synthetic natural gas producer, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, or a natural gas business entity for ships may use gas supply facilities jointly with a person possessing such gas supply facilities in consultation with him or her.
<Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020>

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a gas wholesale dealer that possesses gas pipeline facilities shall provide the service of using gas pipeline facilities to a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, a synthetic natural gas producer, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, or a natural gas business entity for ships within the extent of facility capacity, as stipulated by pipeline facility use regulations under Article 39-8 (1). <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020>

(3) A producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, a synthetic natural gas producer, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, or a natural gas business entity for ships who intends to jointly use the gas supply facilities under paragraph (1) shall include a plan for the joint use of gas supply facilities in a work plan formulated under Article 11 or 39-2,

as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020>

(4) Any installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity may use gas supply facilities directly or allow another business entity to use gas supply facilities in order to enhance efficiency in the use of facilities. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 39-7 (Prohibited conduct) (1) When providing the service of using gas pipeline facilities pursuant to Article 39-6 (2), a gas wholesale dealer that possesses gas pipeline facilities shall not refuse to offer, or delay in giving, the service of using such gas pipeline facilities, unless a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, a synthetic natural gas producer, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, or a natural gas business entity for ships breaches any terms and conditions of use stipulated in pipeline facility use regulations under Article 39-8 (1). <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020>

(2) Where a gas wholesale dealer is deemed to violate paragraph (1), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may order the gas wholesale dealer to suspend the violation. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 39-8 (Pipeline facility use regulations) (1) Gas wholesale dealers that possess gas pipeline facilities shall establish pipeline facility use regulations regarding pipeline facility use charges and other terms and conditions of use, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and obtain approval from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. The same shall also apply to any modification to approved matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems that gas pipeline facility use regulations under paragraph (1) are likely to undermine the promotion of the public interest as the gas pipeline facility use regulations become inappropriate due to changes in social and economic circumstances, he or she may order the relevant gas wholesale dealer to modify such gas pipeline facility use regulations within a period prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) General urban gas business entities shall establish guidelines for use of pipeline facilities, including pipeline facility use charges and other terms and conditions of use, as

prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and report them to the relevant Mayor/Do Governor. The same shall also apply to any modification to reported matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(4) Gas wholesale dealers that possess gas-producing facilities shall establish guidelines for use of manufacturing facilities, including manufacturing facility use charges and other terms and conditions of use, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and report them to the relevant Mayor/Do Governor. The same shall also apply to any modification to reported matters. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(5) Upon receipt of a report or report on modification under paragraph (3) or (4), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor shall review the details thereof and accept the report if it is in compliance with this Act. <Added on Feb. 3, 2022>

[This Article Added on Dec. 21, 2007]

CHAPTER VII SUPERVISION

Article 40 (Adjustment orders) (1) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy deems it necessary to control the supply of and demand for urban gas, he or she may order urban gas business entities or direct importers for their own consumption to make necessary adjustments, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

(2) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or a Mayor/Do Governor deems it necessary to achieve a balance between supply of and demand for urban gas and to promote the public interest, and where any general urban gas business entity has refused to supply urban gas or has suspended the supply of urban gas in a violation of Article 19, he or she may order the adjustment of the relevant gas service area or consolidation of business. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

(3) Where a Mayor/Do Governor determines that part of the service area of a general urban gas business entity falls under any of the following subparagraphs and the characteristics of the part have substantially changed compared with those at the time of permitting business, he or she may order the adjustment of the gas service area or consolidation of the business in consultation with the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; May 30, 2011; Mar. 23, 2013; Dec. 11, 2018>

1. Where any part of a gas service area has been designated as a housing site development area under Article 3 of the Housing Site Development Promotion Act when

a certain period of time elapses after general urban gas business was permitted;

2. Where any part of a gas service area has been designated as a regional development project zone under Article 11 of the Regional Development Assistance Act when a certain period of time elapses after general urban gas business was permitted;

3. Where a specific-use area within any part of a gas service area has been changed under Article 36 (1) of the National Land Planning and Utilization Act when a certain period of time elapses after general urban gas business was permitted.

(4) Detailed standards for the area and the period under paragraph (3) shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 40-2 (Accounting) (1) Any urban gas business entity shall keep accounts according to the accounting standards determined by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy in consultation with the Financial Services Commission. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Any urban gas business entity that conducts urban gas business and any business other than the urban gas business shall keep separate accounts of urban gas business, from those of business other than urban gas business.

(3) The accounts of urban gas business shall be kept separately by sub-dividing them into accounts of gas supply facilities and accounts of other urban gas business.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 40-3 (Guidance and supervision) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy shall guide and supervise the Mayors/Do Governors or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus with respect to safety management affairs, such as various inspections of gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities, as prescribed by Presidential Decree, in order to ensure public safety and prevent hazards related to the supply and use of urban gas. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 41 (Reports) (1) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may require Mayors/Do Governors, the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus, urban gas business entities, a direct importer for his or her own consumption, or a natural gas business entity for ships to submit necessary

reports, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Feb. 4, 2020>

(2) Mayors/Do Governors or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus may require general urban gas business entities and producers of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas to submit reports on their business, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>

(3) Where any of the following accidents occurs in connection with gas supply facilities or facilities for using gas supplied by an urban business entity, the urban business entity shall immediately notify the Korea Gas Safety Corporation of such accident, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and the Korea Gas Safety Corporation in receipt of such notification shall report the same to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

1. An accident in which persons die;
2. An accident in which persons are injured or poisoned;
3. An explosion or fire accident due to gas leakage;
4. An accident in which persons are evacuated or gas supply is suspended due to damage to gas facilities or gas leakage;
5. Other accidents prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy in which gas facilities have been damaged or gas has leaked.

(4) Upon receipt of notification under paragraph (3), the Korea Gas Safety Corporation may investigate the cause, circumstances of the relevant accident if deemed necessary to prevent recurrence of accidents and other gas accidents. <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 42 Deleted. <Feb. 8, 1999>

CHAPTER VIII SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

Article 42-2 (Use of any other person's land) (1) Where it is necessary for a general urban gas business entity to conduct his or her business, he or she may install gas pipeline facilities on any other person's land to the extent of not interfering with the current method of use. In such cases, the general urban gas business entity shall have a prior

consultation with the owner or occupant of such land about the method of installation, and the period of existence of, gas pipeline facilities.

(2) Where it is significantly impracticable to locate the whereabouts of the owner or occupant of the land on which a general urban gas business entity intends to install gas pipeline facilities, he or she shall make public announcements at least twice on two or more daily newspapers distributed nationwide, and where he or she cannot consult with the owner or occupant of the land because the owner or occupant is still unknown or his or her domicile, residence, place of business, or office is still unknown after 30 days have passed from the date of announcements, he or she may use such land with permission of a Mayor/Do Governor having jurisdiction over the location of the relevant land, notwithstanding the provision of the latter part of paragraph (1).

(3) Where a general urban gas business entity inflicts a loss by installing gas pipeline facilities on any other person's land pursuant to paragraph (2), he or she shall provide just compensation for the person who has sustained the loss, and the Act on Acquisition of and Compensation for Land for Public Works Projects shall apply mutatis mutandis to matters concerning compensation, such as the calculation of the amount of compensation and the method of compensation.

[This Article Added on Aug. 13, 2013]

Article 43 (Purchasing insurance) (1) Any of the following persons shall purchase insurance in order to compensate for damage to the life, body or property of other persons caused by any accidents from urban gas supplied or used by them, or by any accidents following the construction of gas facilities: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013>

1. An urban gas business entity;
2. A user of specific gas-using facilities prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy;
3. A constructor prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

(2) The type of insurance and procedures for purchasing insurance under paragraph (1) and other necessary matters shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

(3) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy may require insurance companies to use some of their profits from insurance under paragraph (1) for supporting persons who perform projects to prevent urban gas accidents every three years within three months from the end of the third business year in consultation with the Financial Services

Commission, and necessary matters therefor shall be prescribed by Presidential Decree.

<Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 43-2 (Distribution of gas safety devices) (1) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or Mayors/Do Governors may advise urban gas business entities to distribute gas safety devices, such as fuse cocks and automatic gas shutoff device, and provide necessary support, in order to maintain the safety of gas-using facilities. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) A Mayor/Do Governor may advise the users of urban gas to install gas safety devices, such as fuse cocks. <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 43-3 (Investment for safety management) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or Mayors/Do Governors may advise urban gas business entities who are found to possess gas supply facilities that are outdated in excessive number or that are likely to cause large-scale urban gas accidents following inspections under Article 17 or evaluations of safety management level, or other urban gas business entities prescribed by Presidential Decree, to make investments necessary for the maintenance and control of gas supply facilities and may provide necessary support for such business entities, in order to improve the safety of gas supply facilities and to prevent accidents. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 43-4 (Hearings) Where the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, a Mayor/Do Governor, or the head of a Si/Gun/Gu falls under any of the following, he or she shall hold hearings: <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020>

1. Where he or she intends to revoke permission or order the suspension of, or restrictions on, business pursuant to Article 9;
2. Deleted; <Dec. 30, 2014>
3. Where he or she intends to revoke registration, or order the closure of a place of business or the complete or partial suspension of business pursuant to Article 10-7;
4. Where he or she intends to issue an order for revocation of registration or suspension

of all or part of the business under Article 10-15.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Aug. 13, 2013]

- Article 44 (Fees)** (1) Any person who intends to obtain permission for urban gas business or permission for modification thereto under Article 3 (1) through (5) shall pay fees, as prescribed by Decree of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014>
- (2) Any of the following persons shall pay fees or educational expenses, as prescribed by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Jul. 25, 2011; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 6, 2016>
1. Any person who intends to receive supervision on the construction works to install or alter gas supply facilities under Article 15 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 - 1-2. Any person who intends to undergo an interim inspection on works to install or alter gas filling facilities under Article 15 (5);
 2. Any person who intends to receive a completion inspection on works to install or alter gas filling facilities or specific gas-using facilities under Article 15 (6);
 3. Any person who intends to undergo a regular inspection of gas supply facilities or specific gas-using facilities under Article 17 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 4. Any person who intends to undergo a detailed safety inspection or safety evaluation under Article 17-2 (1);
 - 4-2. Any person who intends to undergo an evaluation of safety management level under Article 17-3 (1);
 - 4-3. Any person who intends to receive confirmation of the results of executing an implementation plan under Article 17-4 (5);
 - 4-4. Any person who intends to undergo a quality inspection under Article 25-2 (1);
 5. Any person who intends to hear the opinions of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation concerning safety management regulations under Article 26 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 6. Any person who intends to receive safety education under Article 30 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 7. Any person who intends to hear the opinions of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation concerning gas safety impact assessment under Article 30-4 (1).

(3) Expenses incurred by the Information Support Center in performing duties relating to the confirmation of conditions of urban gas pipelines laid underground under Article 30-3 shall be borne by the relevant urban gas business entity, as prescribed and publicly announced by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 44-2 (Notification of violations) (1) Where the Korea Gas Safety Corporation becomes aware of a violation of this Act or an order issued under this Act in the course of investigating an accident under Article 41 (4) or exercising the authority entrusted under Article 45 (2), it shall notify the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu of such violation with evidentiary data. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) Upon receipt of notification under paragraph (1), the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, the relevant Mayor/Do Governor or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu shall render a disposition on such violation without good cause. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 45 (Delegation and entrustment of authority) (1) The Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy or Mayors/Do Governors may delegate any part of his or her authority under this Act to the Mayors/Do Governors or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

(2) The following duties among the authority of the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, Mayors/Do Governors or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus under this Act may be entrusted to the Korea Gas Safety Corporation, as prescribed by Presidential Decree; provided, duties referred to in subparagraph 5 may be entrusted only where a serious hazard has occurred or it is deemed urgent and inevitable because the occurrence of hazard is imminent: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Jan. 6, 2016>

1. Receipt of copies of as-built drawings under Article 14 (3);
2. Construction supervision, interim inspections, and completion inspections under the main clause of Article 15 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5) and paragraphs (5) and (6) of that Article;

3. Regular inspections and non-periodic inspections under the main clause of Article 17 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 - 3-2. Regular confirmation under Article 17-4 (5);
 4. Confirmation as to whether safety management regulations under Article 26 (5) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5) are observed and evaluations thereof;
 5. Orders to take measures to prevent hazards under Article 27 (1);
 6. Provision of safety education under Article 30 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5).
- (3) Duties concerning regular inspections of specific gas-using facilities under the main clause of Article 17 (1) among the authority of the Mayors/Do Governors or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus under this Act may be entrusted to the Korea Gas Safety Corporation or an inspection agency designated under Article 35 of the High-Pressure Gas Safety Control Act, as prescribed by Presidential Decree.
- [This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 45-2 (Legal fiction as public officials for purposes of applying penalty provisions)

The executive officers and employees of the Korea Gas Safety Corporation or an inspection agency that performs the duties entrusted by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, Mayors/Do Governors or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus under Article 45 (2) and (3) shall be deemed public officials for purposes of applying Articles 129 through 132 of the Criminal Act. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 23, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 46 (Relationship to other statutes) (1) The High-Pressure Gas Safety Control Act and the Safety Control and Business of Liquefied Petroleum Gas Act shall apply mutatis mutandis to matters not prescribed by this Act with respect to gas supply facilities or gas-using facilities.

(2) Article 10 of the Petroleum and Alternative Fuel Business Act shall not apply where urban gas business entities sell urban gas. <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 47 (Exemption from application to urban gas filling business entities) (1) Articles

11, 11-2, 14, 30-7, and 40-2 shall not apply to urban gas filling business entities.

<Amended on Jul. 25, 2011; Jan. 21, 2014>

(2) Article 40-2 shall not apply to producers of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas or synthetic natural gas producers. <Added on Jan. 21, 2014>

[This Article Added on Jan. 27, 2010]

[Title Amended on Jan. 21, 2014]

CHAPTER IX PENALTY PROVISIONS

Article 48 (Penalty provisions) (1) Any person who obstructs the supply of urban gas by damaging gas-producing facilities or gas pipeline facilities among the gas supply facilities of urban gas business entities or by impairing the function thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not less than one year but not more than ten years, or by a fine not exceeding 150 million won.

(2) Any person who obstructs the supply of urban gas by damaging gas filling facilities, facilities for producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, or synthetic natural gas producing facilities, from among gas supply facilities of urban gas business entities, or by impairing the function of such facilities, shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than five years or by a fine not exceeding 50 million won. <Amended on Jan. 21, 2014>

(3) Any of the following persons shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than 10 years or by a fine not exceeding 100 million won: <Amended on Sep. 20, 2024>

1. A person who obstructs the supply of urban gas by damaging or impairing the function of a gas supply facility installed by an installer of gas supply facilities, other than an urban gas business entity;

2. A person who uses, provides, or divulges data or information, in violation of Article 20-4 (3).

(4) Any person who obstructs the supply of urban gas by damaging the urban gas pipelines of gas users or by impairing the function thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than four years or by a fine not exceeding 40 million won. <Added on Dec. 30, 2014>

(5) Any person who commits a crime under paragraph (1) by negligence in the course of conducting affairs or by gross negligence, shall be punished by imprisonment without

labor for not more than seven years or by a fine not exceeding 20 million won. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(6) Any person who commits a crime under paragraph (2) by negligence in the course of conducting affairs or by gross negligence, shall be punished by imprisonment without labor for not more than two years or by a fine not exceeding 20 million won. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(7) Any person who commits a crime under paragraph (3) by negligence in the course of conducting affairs or by gross negligence, shall be punished by imprisonment without labor for not more than three years or by a fine not exceeding 10 million won. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(8) Any person who commits a crime referred to in paragraph (4) by negligence in the course of conducting affairs or by gross negligence, shall be punished by imprisonment without labor for not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding 10 million won. <Added on Dec. 30, 2014>

(9) Any person who inflicts an injury upon another person by leaking or exploding gas by committing a crime referred to in paragraphs (5) through (8), shall be punished by imprisonment without labor for not more than 10 years or by a fine not exceeding 100 million won, and any person who has caused another person's death shall be punished by imprisonment without labor for not less than one year but not more than 10 years or by a fine not exceeding 150 million won. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(10) Any person who obstructs the supply of urban gas by operating gas supply facilities without obtaining approval from urban gas business entities or installers of gas supply facilities other than urban gas business entities, shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding 10 million won. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(11) Where a person who engages in urban gas business or in the operation of gas supply facilities other than urban gas business obstructs the supply of urban gas without good cause, he or she shall be punished in the same manner as provided in paragraph (10). <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(12) Any person who alters gas supply facilities without approval from urban gas business entities or installers of gas supply facilities other than urban gas business entities, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five million won. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

(13) Any person who attempts to commit a crime referred to in paragraphs (1) through (4) and (10), shall be punished. <Amended on Dec. 30, 2014>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Jan. 27, 2010]

Article 49 (Penalty provisions) Any of the following persons shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than three years or by a fine not exceeding 30 million won, or such imprisonment with labor and fine may be imposed concurrently:
<Amended on Jan. 27, 2010; Feb. 4, 2020>

1. Any person who has operated the gas wholesale business or general urban gas business without obtaining permission under the fore part of Article 3 (1) or the fore part of Article 3 (2);
2. Any person who has operated urban gas export and import business without registration or registration of modification under Article 10-2 (1) (including a person who has failed to make registration or registration of modification, in violation of Article 10-11 (3));
3. A person who has operated the natural gas business for ships without registration or registration of modification, in violation of Article 10-11 (1).

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 50 (Penalty provisions) Any of the following persons shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than two years or by a fine not exceeding 20 million won: <Amended on Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Jul. 25, 2011; Jan. 21, 2014>

1. Any person who modifies permitted matters without obtaining permission for such modification, in violation of the latter part of Article 3 (1) or the latter part of Article 3 (2);
- 1-2. Any person who conducts urban gas filling business without obtaining permission under the former part of Article 3 (3);
- 1-3. Any person who conducts the business of producing byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, or the business of producing synthetic natural gas without obtaining permission under the former part of Article 3 (4) or the former part of paragraph (5) of the aforesaid Article;
2. Any person who concludes a natural gas import contract, export contract or transportation contract without obtaining approval or approval of modification under Article 10-5 (1);
3. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who performs works to install or alter gas supply facilities without

- obtaining approval under Article 11 (1) or 39-2 (1);
4. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who uses gas supply facilities that are not determined as appropriate (including temporary use under Article 16 (1)) under Article 15 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 5. Any urban gas filling business entity that uses gas filling facilities or any person who uses specific gas-using facilities without undergoing or after having failed a completion inspection, in violation of Article 15 (6);
 - 5-2. Any person who supplies or consumes urban gas not in compliance with the quality standards, or stores, transports or keeps such urban gas for the purpose of supply or consumption, in violation of Article 25 (3);
 - 5-3. Any person who fails to undergo a quality inspection under Article 25-2 (1) or refuses, interferes with, or evades a quality inspection under paragraph (2) of that Act;
 6. Any urban gas business entity, gas user, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to comply with an order issued under Article 27 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 7. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to comply with an order issued under the former part of Article 27 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 8. Any person or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who performs excavation works without making a request for verification of the status of urban gas pipelines laid underground under Article 30-3 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
 9. Any person who performs excavation works without submitting an assessment document under the fore part of Article 30-4 (1);
 10. Any person who performs excavation works without having consultation under the main clause of Article 30-5 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5) or fails to comply with a request for consultation under the main clause of Article 30-5 (1) without good cause;
 11. An urban gas business entity, implementer of excavation works, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to abide by any terms and conditions of agreement between such urban gas business entity and implementer of excavation works, in violation of Article 30-5 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);

12. An urban gas business entity, implementer of excavation works, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to establish a joint monitoring system or conduct regular work-around inspections, in violation of Article 30-5 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
13. Any person who performs excavation works without following the standards under Article 30-6;
14. An urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to prepare and keep drawings of urban gas pipelines, or prepares and keeps false drawings of urban gas pipelines under Article 30-7 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
15. Any person who fails to comply with an adjustment order or an order for consolidation of business under Article 40 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5).

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 51 (Penalty provisions) Any of the following persons shall be punished by imprisonment with labor for not more than one year or by a fine not exceeding 10million won; provided, from among those referred to in subparagraph 1-3, an urban gas filling business entity, a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, or a synthetic natural gas producer, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three million won: <Amended on Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 30, 2011; Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Jan. 6, 2016; Feb. 3, 2022>

1. Any person who modifies permitted matters without obtaining permission for such modification, in violation of the latter part of Article 3 (3);
- 1-2. Any person who modifies permitted matters without obtaining permission for such modification, in violation of the latter part of Article 3 (4) or the latter part of paragraph (5) of the aforesaid Article;
- 1-3. Any person who commences, suspends, or closes his or her business without making a report under Article 8 (1);
- 1-4. Any person who conducts natural gas shipping business without making a report or a report on alteration under Article 10-2 (3);
2. Any person who disposes of natural gas, in violation of Article 10-6;
3. Any constructor who performs and manages construction works not in compliance with the facility standards and technical standards for each facility under Article 12 (2);
- 3-2. Any urban gas filling business entity who fails to undergo an interim inspection under Article 15 (5);

4. Any urban gas business entity, user of specific gas-using facilities, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to undergo a regular or non-periodic inspection under Article 17 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
5. Any person who fails to undergo a detailed safety inspection or safety evaluation under Article 17-2 (1);
- 5-2. Any person who fails to submit an implementation plan under Article 17-4 (1);
- 5-3. Any person who fails to execute an implementation plan under Article 17-4 (3);
- 5-4. Any person who fails to receive confirmation regularly under Article 17-4 (5);
6. Any person who refuses to supply urban gas or has the supply of urban gas interrupted, in violation of Article 19;
- 6-2. Any urban gas filling business entity who fails to conduct a safety inspection under Article 19-4 (1);
7. Any urban gas business entity who fails to obtain approval of supply regulations under Article 20 (1) or (2);
8. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to maintain gas supply facilities in compliance with facility standards and technical standards for each facility, in violation of Article 26-2 (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
9. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to verify the status of gas pipelines laid underground under Article 30-3 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
10. Any excavation worker, urban gas business entity, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to take measures under any subparagraph of Article 30-3 (4) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
11. Any excavation worker who performs excavation works before receiving notice of commencement of excavation works, in violation of Article 30-3 (5);
12. Any person who performs excavation works not in compliance with the assessment document under Article 30-4 (4);
13. Any person who fails to comply with an order under Article 39-7 (2);
14. Any person who fails to obtain approval or approval of modification under Article 39-8 (1);
15. Any person who fails to keep accounts pursuant to Article 40-2.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 52 Deleted. <Jan. 5, 1995>

Article 53 (Penalty provisions) Any of the following persons shall be punished by a fine not exceeding 10 million won; provided, from among those referred to in subparagraph 5 or 6, an urban gas filling business entity, a producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas, or a synthetic natural gas producer shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five million won: <Amended on Jan. 27, 2010; Jan. 21, 2014>

1. Any person who fails to comply with an order to modify a gas supply plan under Article 18 (5);
2. A general urban gas business entity who fails to install gas supply facilities according to a work plan for gas supply facilities under the main clause of Article 18-3 (2);
3. Any person who fails to comply with an order to apply for approval of modification to supply regulations under Article 20 (7);
4. A safety management agent of gas-using facilities who violates Article 28 (2);
5. An urban gas business entity, a user of specific gas-using facilities, or an installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to appoint a safety manager under Article 29 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
6. An urban gas business entity, user of specific gas-using facilities, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who violates Article 29 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
7. Any person who fails to comply with an order of modification under Article 39-8 (2);
8. Any person who fails to submit a report or report of modification under Article 39-8 (3) or submits a false report;
9. Any person who fails to submit a report or report of modification under Article 39-8 (4) or submits a false report.

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 21, 2007]

Article 53-2 (Penalty provisions) Any user of specific gas-using facilities that fails to maintain specific gas-using facilities in compliance with facility standards and technical standards for each facility, in violation of Article 26-2, shall be punished by a fine not

exceeding five million won.

[This Article Added on Aug. 13, 2013]

[(Previous) Article 53-2 moved to Article 53-3 <Aug. 13, 2013>]

Article 53-3 (Joint penalty provisions) If the representative of a corporation or an agent or employee of, or any other person employed by, a corporation or an individual commits an offense under Articles 48 through 51 or Article 53 or 53-2 in connection with the business affairs of the corporation or individual, not only shall such offender be punished, but also the corporation or individual shall be punished by a fine under the relevant provisions; provided, the same shall not apply where such corporation or individual has not been negligent in giving due attention and supervision concerning the relevant business affairs to prevent such offense. <Amended on Aug. 13, 2013>

[This Article Wholly Amended on Dec. 26, 2008]

[Moved from Article 53-2 <Aug. 13, 2013>]

Article 54 (Administrative fines) (1) Any of the following persons shall be subject to an administrative fine not exceeding 30 million won: <Amended on Aug. 13, 2013; Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 30, 2014; Jan. 6, 2016; Feb. 4, 2020; Jun. 15, 2021>

1. Any person who fails to submit a report or report of modification under Article 10-5 (2), (3), or (5) or submits a false report;
2. Any person who fails to provide prior notification under Article 10-5 (4) or provides false notification;
- 2-2. Any person who fails to have natural gas in store, in violation of Article 10-10;
- 2-3. Any person who fails to make a report or report on modification or makes a false report, in violation of Article 10-13 (1);
- 2-4. Any person who fails to provide prior notification or provides false notification, in violation of Article 10-13 (2);
3. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who performs works to install or alter gas supply facilities without submitting a report or report of modification under Article 11 (2) or 39-2 (2);
4. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who performs works to install or alter gas supply facilities by submitting a false report or report of modification, in violation of Article 11 (2) or 39-2 (2);

5. Any urban gas business entity that fails to submit a report or submits a false report after installing emergency supply facilities under Article 11-2;
- 5-2. Any person who fails to comply with an order to make improvements of gas supply facilities under Article 17-2 (4);
- 5-3. Any person who fails to comply with an order to amend an implementation plan under Article 17-4 (2);
- 5-4. Any person who fails to prepare and keep the results of executing an implementation plan under Article 17-4 (3);
- 5-5. Any person who fails to make a report under Article 17-4 (4);
- 5-6. Any person who fails to comply with an order issued under Article 17-4 (6);
6. Any general urban gas business entity that violates Article 18 (1);
7. Any urban gas business entity or direct importer for his or her own consumption that fails to prepare or submit a gas supply plan or gas supply and demand plan under Articles 18 (2) and 39-4;
- 7-2. Any producer of byproduct gas from naphtha or biogas that fails to prepare or submit a gas supply plan, in violation of Article 18 (3);
8. Any urban gas business entity that fails to submit a report under Article 18 (4) or submits a false report;
9. Any general urban gas business entity that fails to implement an order to take measures issued by the Mayor/Do Governor under Article 20 (6);
10. Any general urban gas business entity that fails to fulfill his or her responsibilities to ensure appropriateness in the measurement of amount of gas supply, in violation of Article 21;
11. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to submit safety management regulations under Article 26 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
12. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to implement an order to modify safety management regulations under Article 26 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
13. Any urban gas business entity, safety management agent of gas-using facilities, and their respective employees, or any installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity and his or her employees, who fail to observe safety management regulations under Article 26 (4) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5) or to prepare or keep implementation records thereof, or prepare false implementation

records thereof;

13-2. A person who refuses, interferes with, or evades confirmation under Article 26 (5) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);

13-3. The implementer of a building work who fails to inform the relevant urban gas business entity of his or her work plan, in violation of Article 28-3 (1);

14. Any person who violates Article 29 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);

15. Deleted; <Aug. 13, 2013>

16. Any urban gas business entity, constructor, user of specific gas-using facilities, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to require his or her employees to receive safety education under Article 30 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);

17. Any urban gas business entity, user of specific gas-using facilities, constructor, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to purchase insurance, in violation of Article 43 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5).

(2) Any of the following persons shall be subject to an administrative fine not exceeding 20 million won: <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Mar. 23, 2013; Dec. 30, 2014; Feb. 3, 2022>

1. Any successor that fails to submit a report under Article 7 (1) through (3) or submits a false report;

2. Any constructor that fails to inform an urban gas business entity of the details of construction works, in violation of Article 12 (1);

3. Any urban gas business entity that fails to inform a constructor and a person intending to use urban gas of the results of examination of the details of construction works to be performed, in violation of Article 12 (1);

4. Any constructor that fails to prepare or keep construction records or prepares false construction records, in violation of Article 14 (1);

5. Any constructor that fails to issue a copy of construction records to an urban gas business entity, user of specific gas-using facilities, or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, in violation of Article 14 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);

6. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to submit a copy of as-built drawings to the Minister of Trade,

Industry and Energy or the head of the relevant Si/Gun/Gu, in violation of Article 14 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);

7. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to notify matters concerning responsible supervision or fraudulently notifies matters concerning responsible supervision, in violation of Article 15 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5);
8. Any urban gas business entity that uses gas supply facilities, in violation of Article 16 (2);
- 8-2. An urban gas business entity or implementer that fails to take safety measures under Article 28-3 (2);
9. Any urban gas business entity or installer of gas supply facilities other than an urban gas business entity, who fails to notify or fraudulently notifies the Korea Gas Safety Corporation of the occurrence of an accident, in violation of Article 41 (3) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5).

(3) Any of the following persons shall be subject to an administrative fine not exceeding 10 million won: <Amended on Jan. 27, 2010; Jan. 21, 2014; Dec. 30, 2014; Feb. 4, 2020; Feb. 3, 2022>

1. Any person who fails to submit a report under Article 10-4 (1) or submits a false report;
- 1-2. Any person who fails to make a report or makes a false report, in violation of Article 10-12;
2. Any constructor that fails to provide notification under the latter part of Article 11 (4);
- 2-2. Any general urban gas business entity that fails to submit data pursuant to Article 20 (8) or submits false data;
- 2-3. Any person who fails to make supply regulations available, in violation of Article 20-2, or who fails to distribute a copy of supply regulations upon request from gas users for their reference;
3. Any person who fails to submit a report or submits a false report, or refuses, interferes with or evades an inspection under Article 21 (3);
4. Any general urban gas business entity that fails to comply with a correction order under Article 21 (5);
- 4-2. Any safety management agent of gas-using facilities that fails to submit data referred to in Article 28 (3) or submits false data;
5. Any person who fails to prepare a written agreement or prepares a false written agreement under Article 30-5 (2) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5).

(4) Any urban gas filling business entity that fails to prepare and keep safety inspection records under Article 19-4 (3) shall be subject to an administrative fine not exceeding five million won. <Added on Aug. 13, 2013>

(5) Any of the following persons shall be subject to an administrative fine not exceeding three million won: <Amended on Aug. 13, 2013>

1. An urban gas filling business entity that fails to advise the improvement of facilities, in violation of Article 19-4 (2);
2. A person who fails to receive safety education, in violation of Article 30 (1) (including cases applied mutatis mutandis in Article 39-5).

(6) Any general urban gas business entity, implementer, or gas user that fails to take safety measures under Article 28-2, shall be subject to an administrative fine not exceeding two million won. <Added on Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Aug. 13, 2013; Dec. 30, 2014>

(7) Administrative fines under paragraphs (1) through (6) shall be imposed and collected by the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, Mayors/Do Governors, or the heads of Sis/Guns/Gus, as prescribed by Presidential Decree. <Amended on Feb. 29, 2008; Mar. 25, 2009; Jan. 27, 2010; Mar. 23, 2013; Aug. 13, 2013>

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