

Status of Japanese E-Waste Recycling

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Relation with Netherlands

 400years friendly relationship between Netherlands and Japan

 Netherlands was only the country for Open Trade during Edo-Shogun period

 Japan have learned the Recycling Technology and Take Back Scheme from Europe

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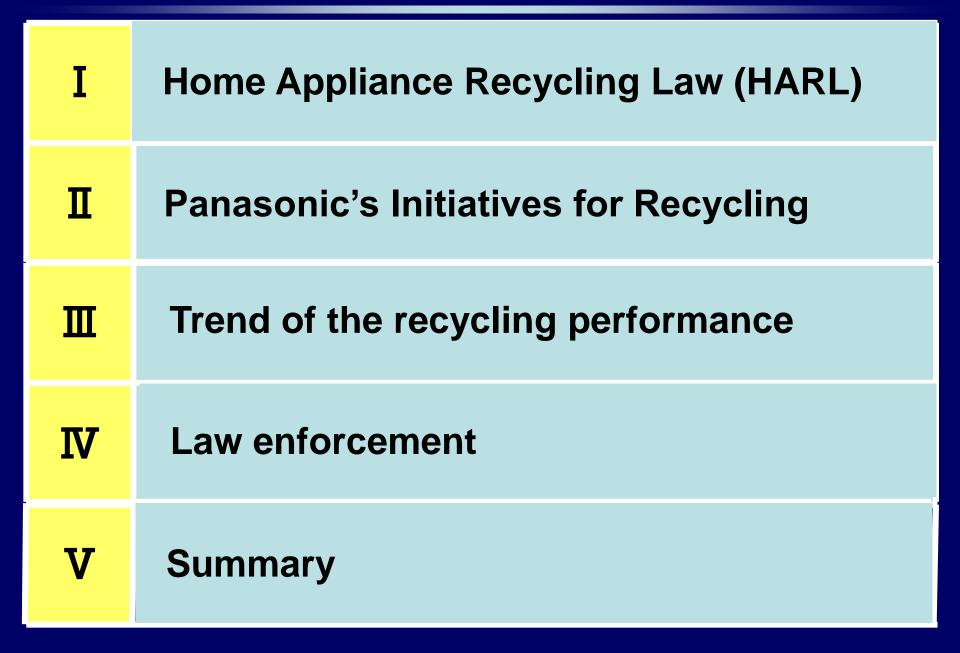
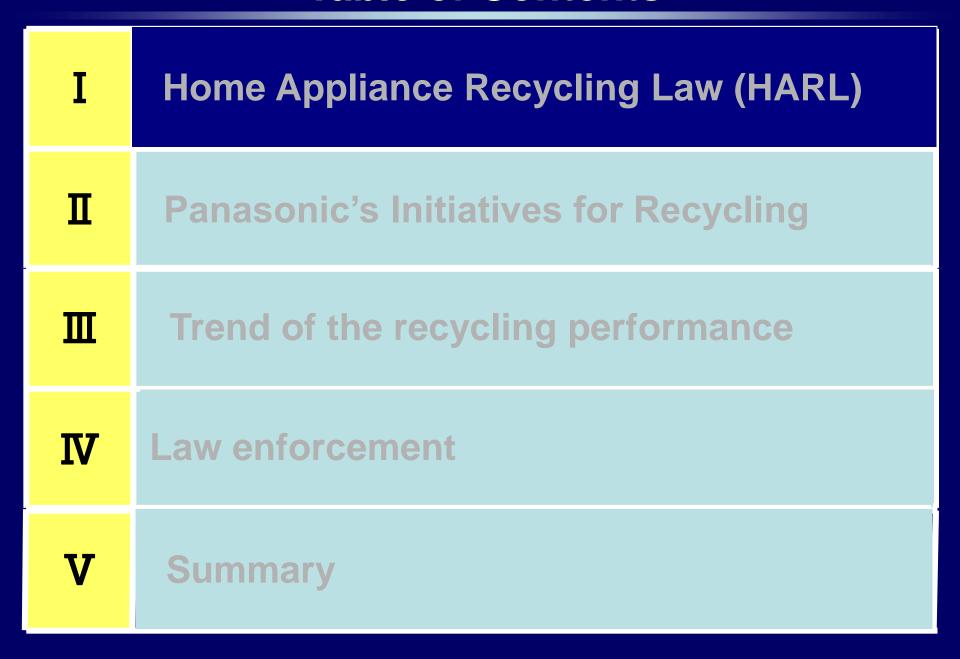
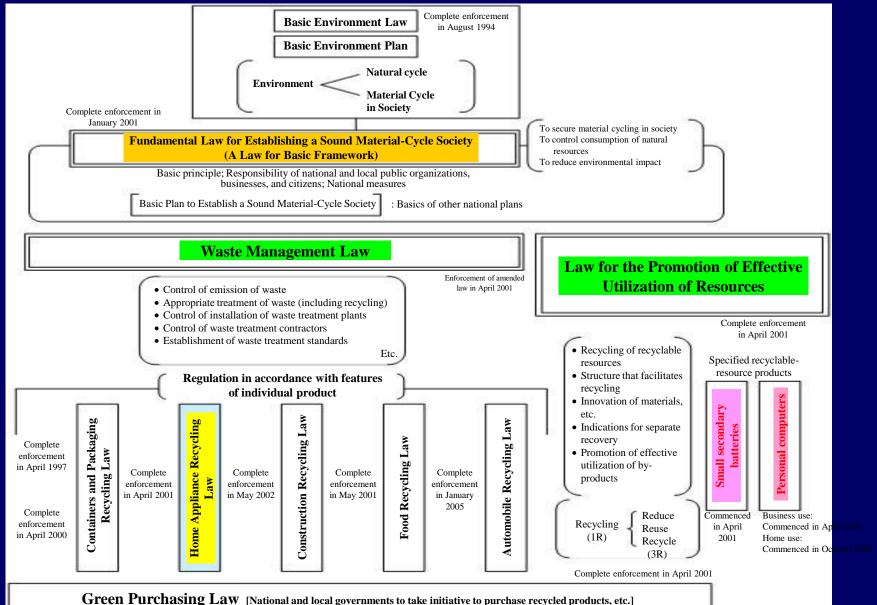


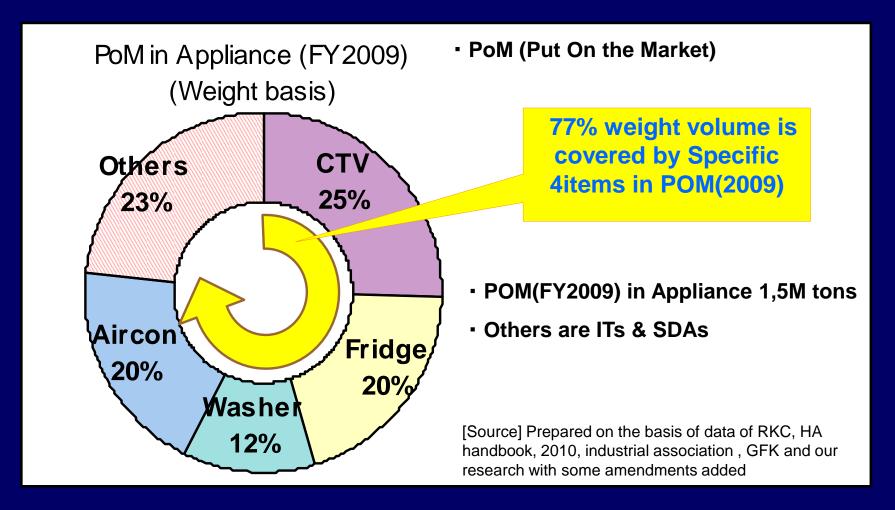
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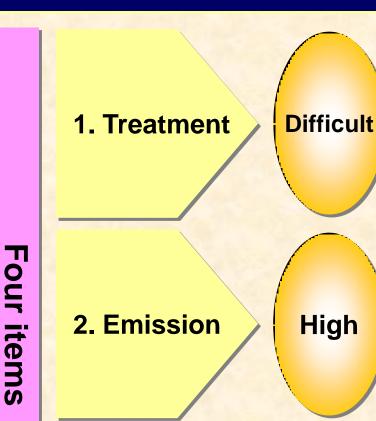
Legal System in Japan



The weight ratio against PoM in Appliance



 Specific 4items (CTVs,Refrigerators,Washing Machine and Air Conditioners are majority of PoM in Weight basis.



Limit of treatment by municipality

- Difficult items for proper treatment
- · Growing in size of home appliance
- Limit of treatment with incinerator(Issue of dioxin)
- Difficult in treating fluorocarbons for insulation

Large volume occupied by home appliance (18-20 million units / 600K tons annually, accounting for 15% of all oversized trash)

 Tight landfills for general waste (8.8 remaining available years as of 2000)

3. Resources Value

High

Useful resources contained is rich

• Effective use of resources (iron, copper, aluminum, etc.)

Overview of HARL

Legislation

Enforcement

Revision

••• May 1998

· · · April 2001

· · · April 2009

Covered items

Legal recycling rate*

1. TVs (CRT TVs)

(Flat-screen TVs)

2. Refrigerators & freezers

3. Washing machines & clothes dryers

4. Home-use air-conditioners

55 (55) % or above

(50) % or above

50 (60) % or above

50 (65) % or above

60 (70) % or above

*(): legal recycling rates after 2009

* Recycling rate (%)

= Weight of valuable materials / Gross weight of wastes x 100

Scheme under HARL

Disposal

Collection & transport

Recycling, etc

Consumers and businesses

Proper handing over and payment for collection & recycling

Mandated takeback of EoL products

Retailers

Mandated handing ov

Issue and keep the HA Recycling Ticket

Mandated takeback of products

Producers and importers

Mandated recycling in line with standards

Designated collection point (379 sites)



Receiving & unloading



Verification with a HA Recycling Ticket



Input and sending data to the HA Recycling Tickets System



Transport from DCP to RP

Recycling plant (49 facilities)



Dismantling CRT of TV



Recovery of refrigerant fluorocarbon from fridge



Manual dismantling of washing machine



Recovery of refrigerant fluorocarbon from AC

Obligation of Producer / Importer

1. Based on Individual Producer Responsibility in principle

2. Obligation

- Take back arranging designated take back site
- Recycling used home appliances taken back according to the recycling standards set by government

3. Exemption Producer/Importer whose q'ty less than 900K pcs of ACs/ TVs and 450Kpcs of Washing machine/Fridge for last 3years

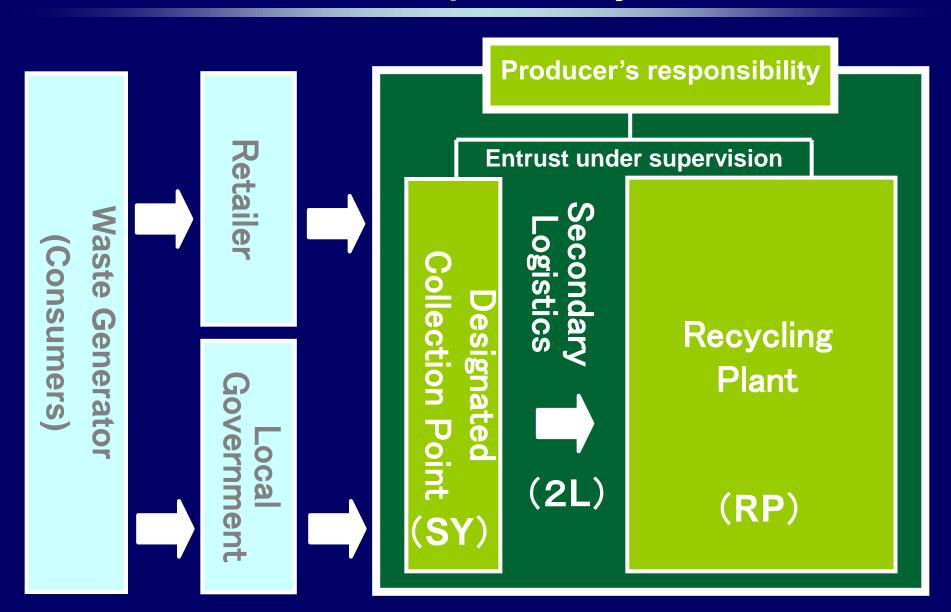
4. There are 3schemes,

A Group: (23 companies-Panasonic, Toshiba, JVC, Daikin etc)

B Group: (18 companies-Hitachi, Mitsubishi, SONY, SHARP etc.)

Designated bodies: (Orphan Product, Small producer/Importer)

Producer's Responsibility in HARL



^{*}Producers are responsible for breach of HARL at SY and RP.

Two Producers Take Back Schemes

- 1. Individual producer responsibility in principle
- 2. Need a system in which competition principle & formed A and B
- 3. Designated Bodies can entrust Group A or B

	Group A Group B				
Basic concept	Effective utilization of existing recyclers' facilities Decentralized local processing system	Newly established manufacturers' own recycling plants and utilizing logistics-dedicated companies			
Participating manufacturers	23 (Panasonic, Toshiba, etc.)	18 (Hitachi, Mitsubishi, Sharp, Sanyo, Sony, etc.)			
Collection volume (on a unit basis)	Approx. 40%	Approx. 60%			
Designated collection points (SY)	379 (commoditized in Sep, 2010)				
Recycling plants (RP)	36	18			

Obligation of Retailer

Obligation

- -Take back used home appliances
 - Retailers themselves previously sold to consumers
 - Retailers sell the same kind of home appliances to consumer
- -Transfer
 After taking back those appliances, transfer to relevant manufactures or importers.





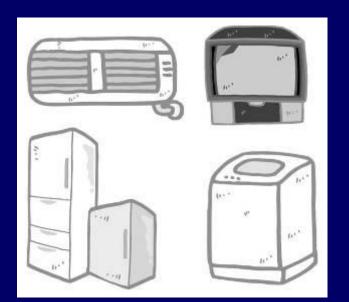


Obligation of Consumer (Disposer)

Obligation

- -Cooperation in appropriately transferring used appliances to retailers.
- -Agreed to pay necessary fees for transfer and recycling of those appliances.





Obligation of Municipality

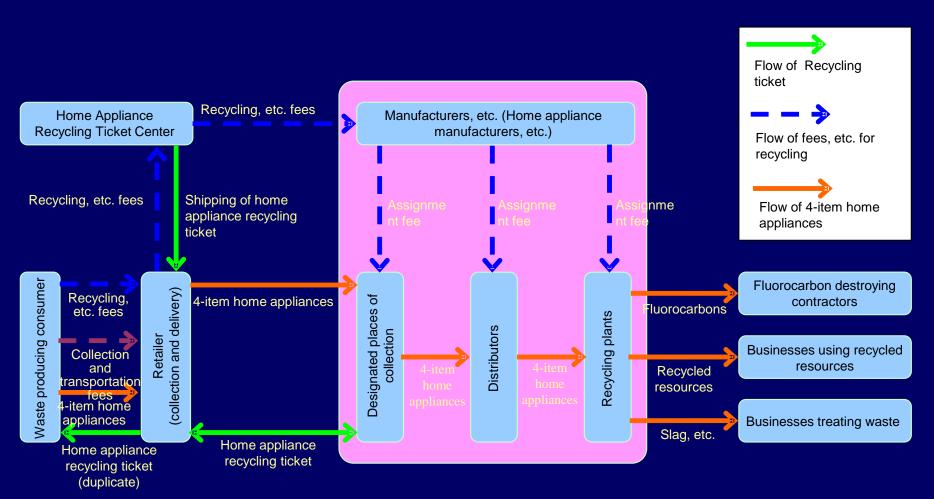
Obligation

- -Transfer to manufacture or independent bodies used appliances took back from consumers.
- <Notice from Ministry of Environment to Municipality>
- Manage Retailers for appropriate operation
- Education of recycling manner to Consumer
- Monitor Illegal Disposal and establishment of the system



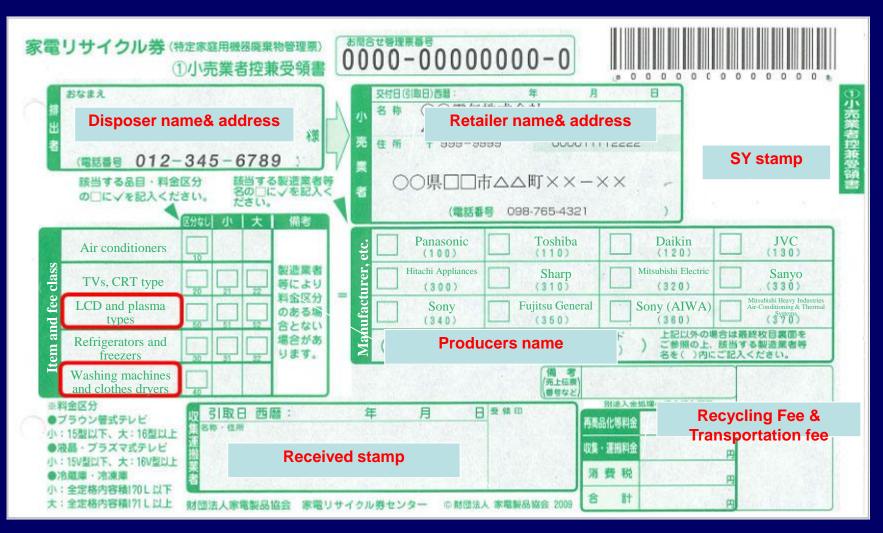


Money flow in HARL



[source] Prepared by modifying the "Guidebook for Persons in Charge of Home Appliance Recycling Law" (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

Home Appliance Recycling Ticket



Processing Flow at Designated Collection Point



Receiving used home appliance



Checking Recycling Ticket against 4 items of used appliance



Reading and inputting Recycling Manifest





Uploading 4 items of home appliance to RP.



Storing Home
Appliance Recycling
ticket



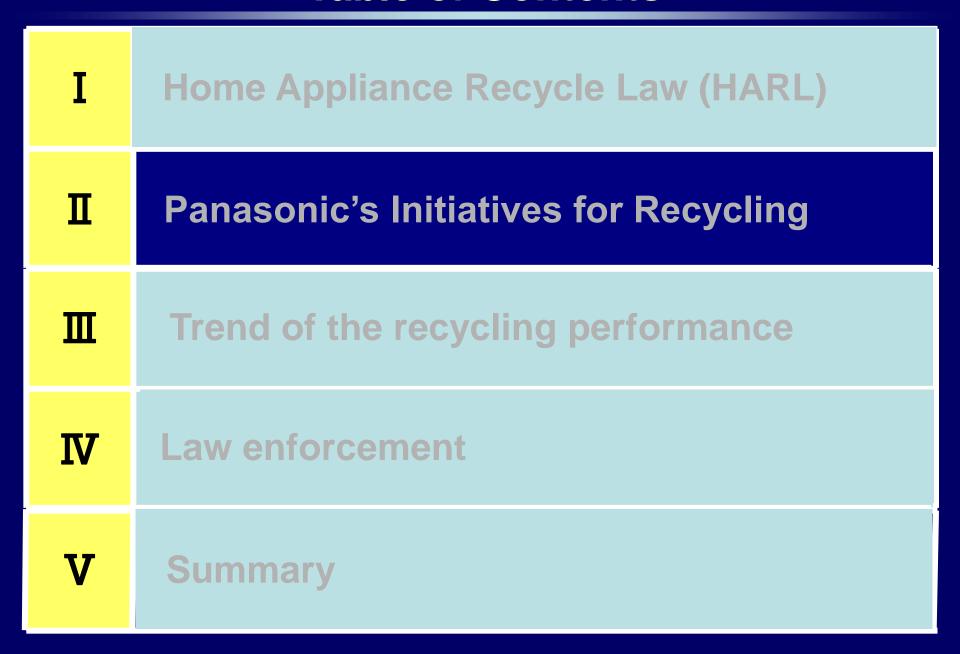
Sending data to the Home Appliance Recycling System

List of Panasonic's Home Appliance Recycling Fee

	Item	Recycling Fee			
Item		Туре	(Currently)	(At the start of the law)	
TVs	CRTs	16 inches & over	2,835 yen	2,835 yen	
	OIVIS	15 inches & under	<u>1,785 yen</u>	2,000 yen	
	LCDs / Plasma	16 inches V & over	2,835 yen	-	
		15 inches V & under	<u>1,785 yen</u>	-	
Refrigerators / Freezers		171L and more	4,830 yen	4,830 yen	
		170L and less	<u>3,780 yen</u>	4,030 yen	
Washing machines / Clothes dryers			2,520 yen	2,520 yen	
Air-conditioners			<u>2,100 yen</u>	3,675 yen	

^{*} Additional collection and transport charge by retailers and local governments other than the above.

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Characteristics of Group A's Recycling System

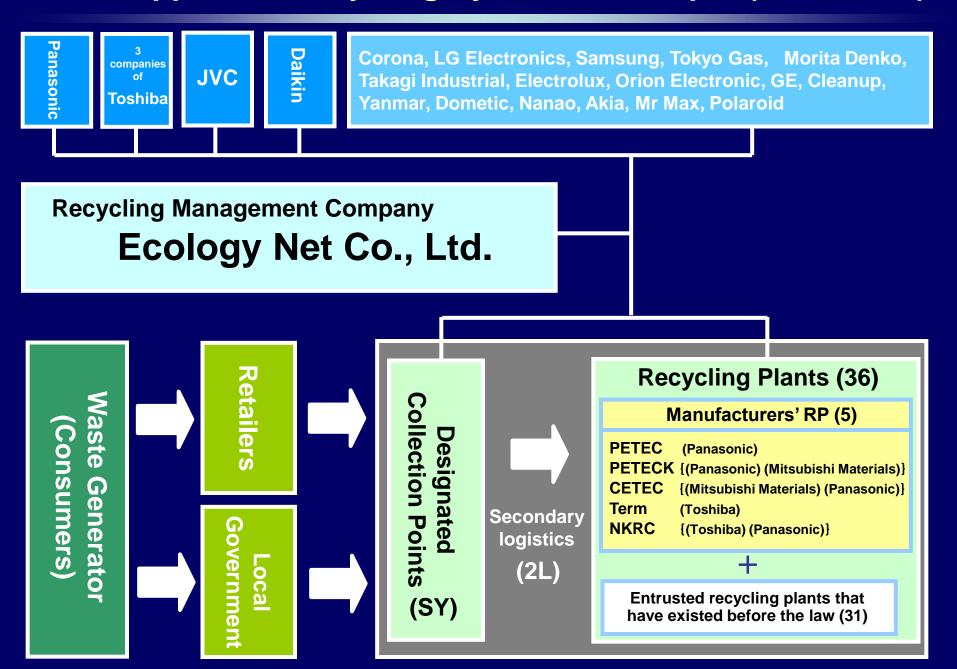
1. Panasonic and Toshiba developed a system that can be accepted by society and related stakeholders : and formed Group A

2. Panasonic established a recycling management company Ecology Net jointly with Toshiba, which takes on 23 manufacturers' recycling obligations:

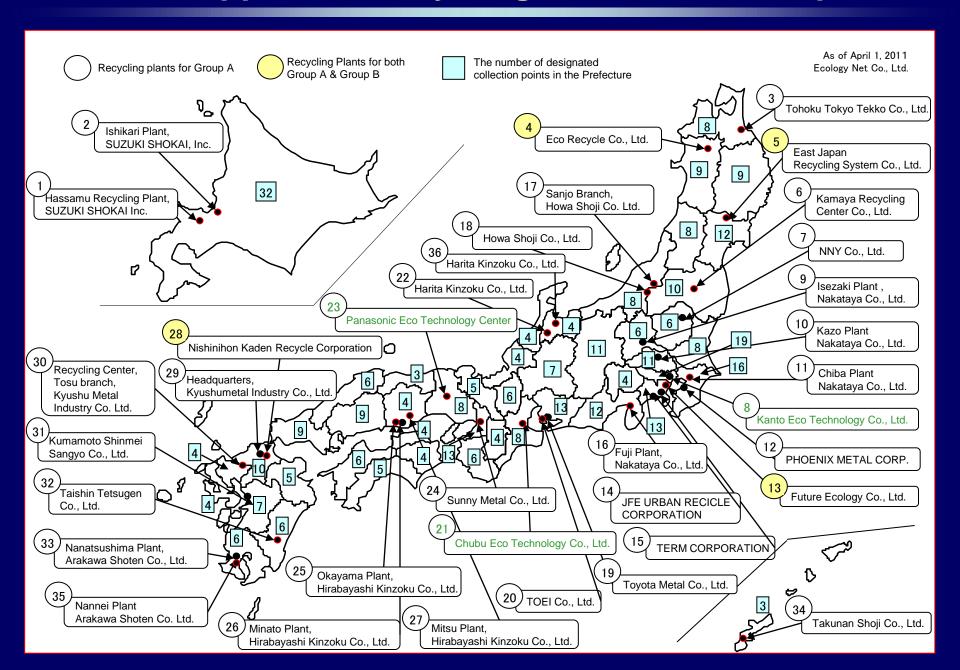
Ecology Net developed a system to administer and operate all the 36 recycling plants and 379 designated collection points collectively

3. Group A adopted a geographically dispersed recycling system utilizing existing contractors (collectors, recyclers, etc.) through the administration of Ecology Net

Home Appliance Recycling System of Group A (Panasonic)



Home Appliance Recycling Network of Group A



Rare-metal Recovery of Neodymium

Air-conditioners adopting neodymium magnet have increased since 2001



Commercialize neodymium magnet recovery promptly by developing a recovery procedures and equipments with low cost

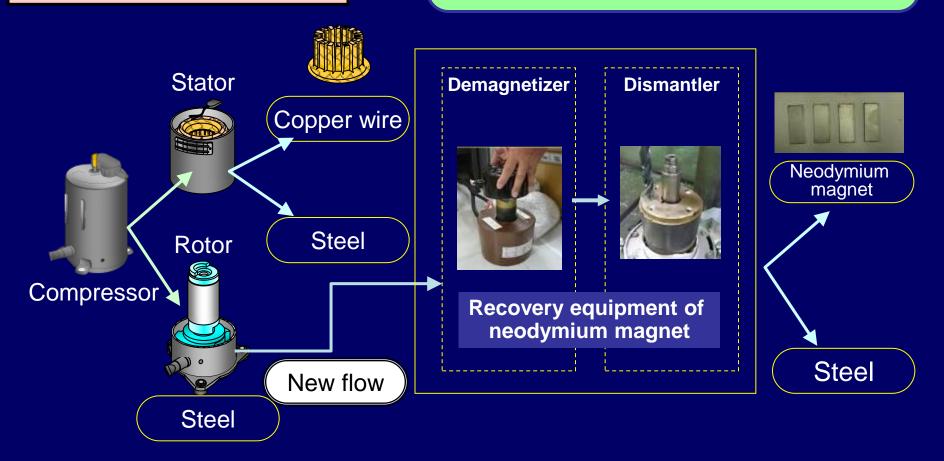


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Transition of Recycled Units & Recycling Rate

(1,000 units)

			2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
Collected units (The Total of 4 items)			8,549	10,150	10,462	11,216	11,620	11,618	12,112	12,900	18,786	27,700	
Recycling rate	TVs	CRT	(legal) 55% or more	73%	75%	78%	81%	77%	77%	86%	89%	86%	85%
		PDP & LCD	50% or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	74%	79%
	Fridges & freezers		50% or more	59%	61%	63%	64%	66%	71%	73%	74%	75%	76%
	Washing machines & clothes dryer		50% or more	56%	60%	65%	68%	75%	79%	82%	84%	85%	86%
	Air- conditioners		60% or more	78%	78%	81%	82%	84%	86%	87%	89%	88%	88%

(1,000 tons)

Figures of recovered resources by recycling 4 items (iron, copper, aluminum, etc.)

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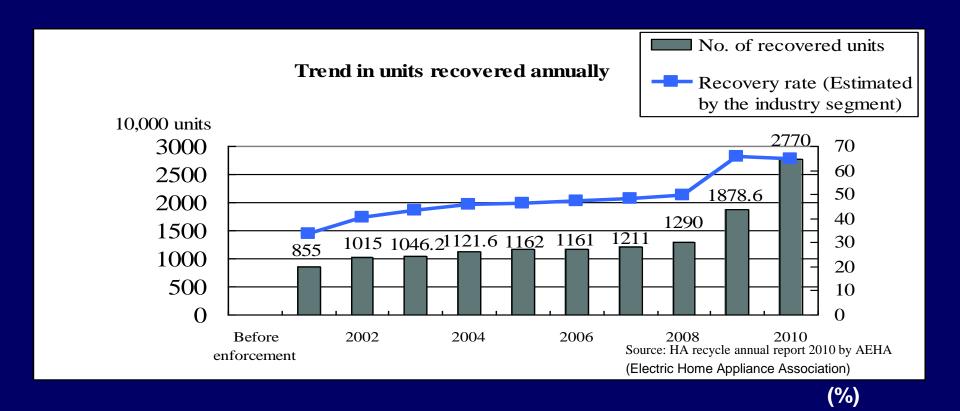
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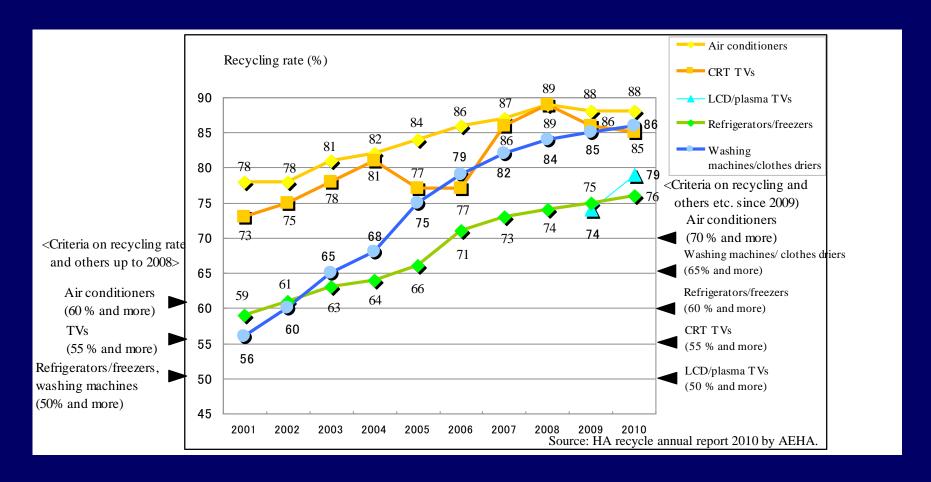
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Trend of number of recycled units



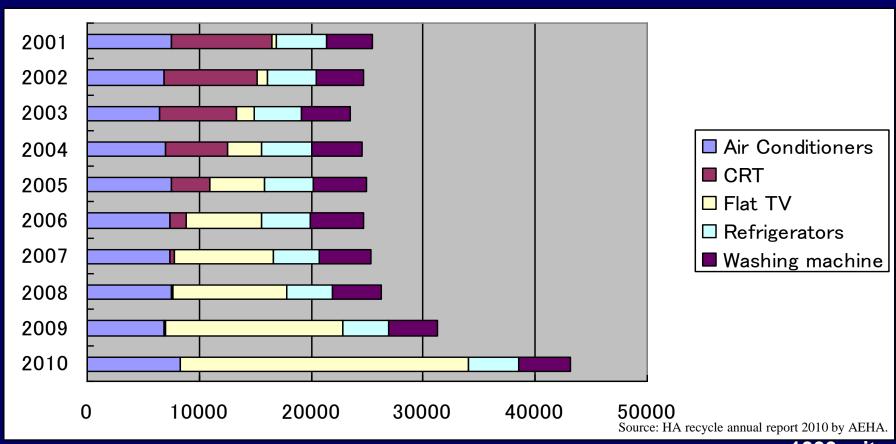
• The recycled units have been increased in 2010 caused by Eco Point contribution scheme.

Trend of recycling ratio



- Enhancement of recycling rate
- A recycling rate considerably higher than the legallyspecified value has been achieved

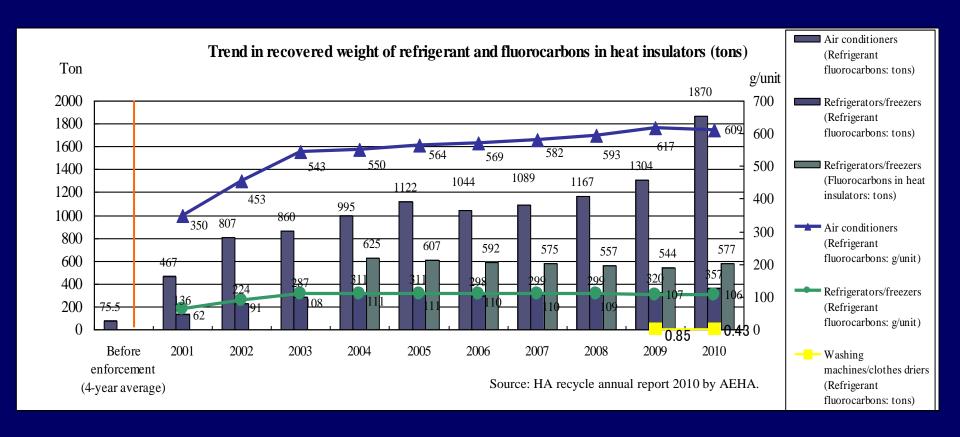
Trend in number of PoM 4-item home appliances



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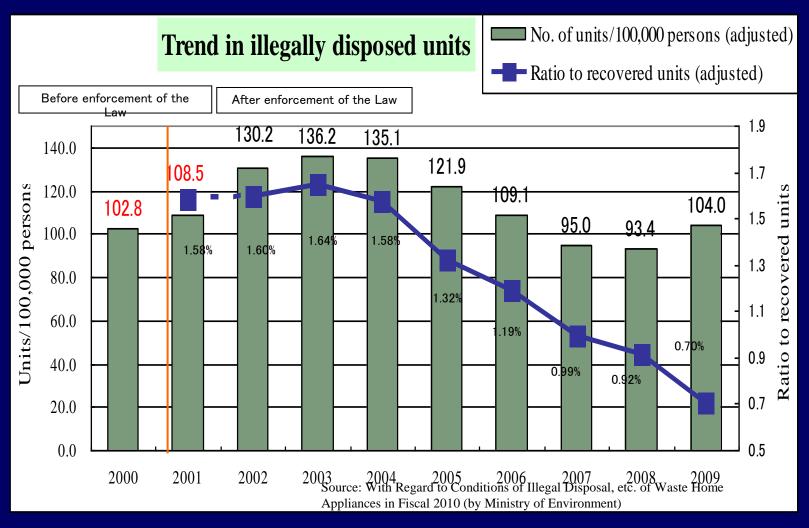
Drastic increase, due to change of satellite system as well as ECO points contribution by government.

Trend of recovered refrigerant and fluorocarbons in the heat insulator



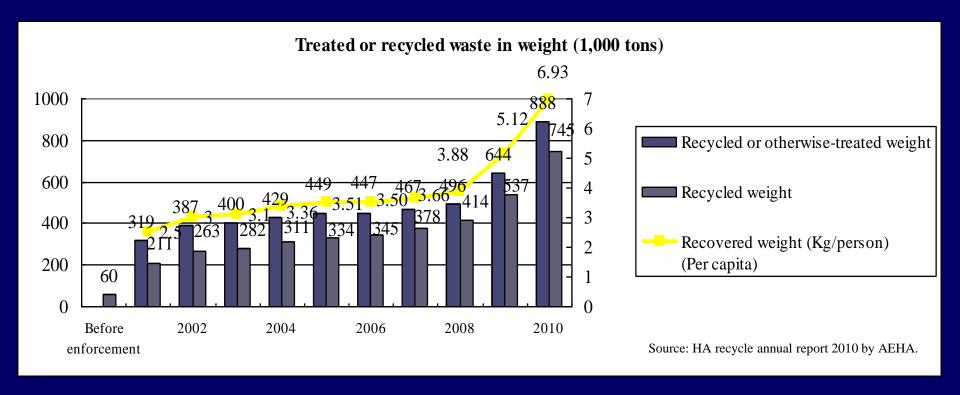
 The recovered and destroyed amounts of refrigerant and fluorocarbons have been increasing at a good rate

Trend in number of illegally disposed 4-item home appliances



• After enforcement law, the ratio of illegally disposed units have been decreased. In 2009, the ration becomes 0.7%.

Trends in treated weight of recycled or otherwise treated products and per-capita treated weight (total of 4 items)



- The number of recovered appliances has been increasing at a good rate year by year.
 - latest recovered weight per capita is 6.93KG in 4items.

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Strict control for recovery of CFC









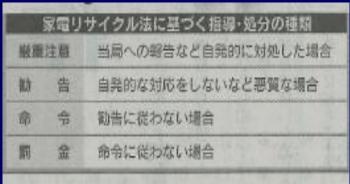




• Well controlled the separation of the type of refrigerant at Panasonic Eco Technology Center.

Tight control by Government





- Government must exercise strict control over any violation on the law, the violator should set "Report on the collection" by government.
- If not compliance of the law, the violator act is published by news, media as well as web site by Ministry of Environment.

Invisible Flow (Estimated in 2010)

Number of used home appliance (4 items) not delivered to manufacturers, etc. and distribution route = "Invisible Flow"

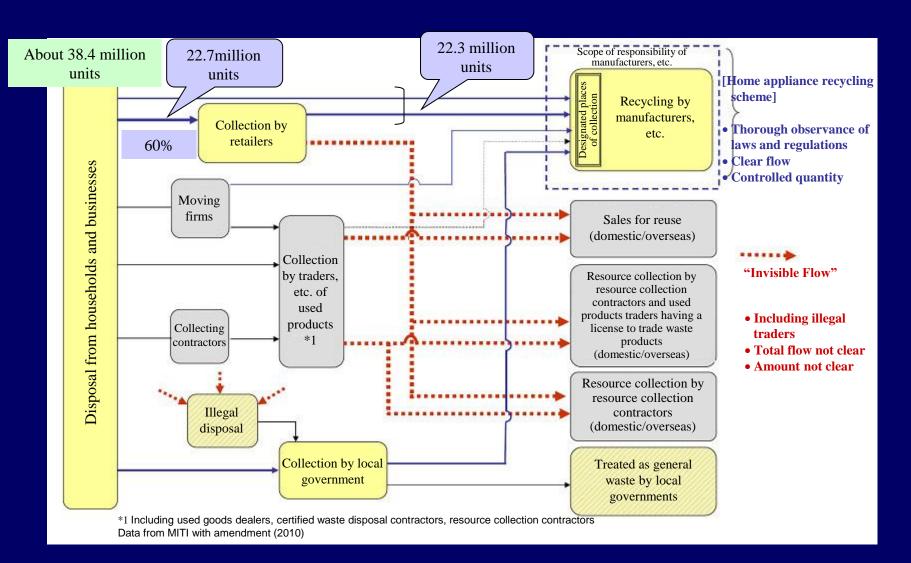


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Summary

- (1) The shared responsibility runs well in HARL for 4items. As a result, the recycling rate of the 4-item total was 66% in the first year and rose to 84% in 2010.
- (2) Government strictly enforced to producers & retailers to achieve HARL
- (3) Even strict control by law, there may be invisible flow which must be paid attention.
- (4) The Small HA is not applicable under law, and PCs, Mobile phones and batteries are covered in separate law.

Thank you for your kind attention