

**Workshop 2010 of the Asia Network Prevention of Illegal Transboundary
Movement of Hazardous Wastes
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***Approach of Japan Customs on
Prevention of Illegal Transboundary
Movement of Hazardous Wastes***

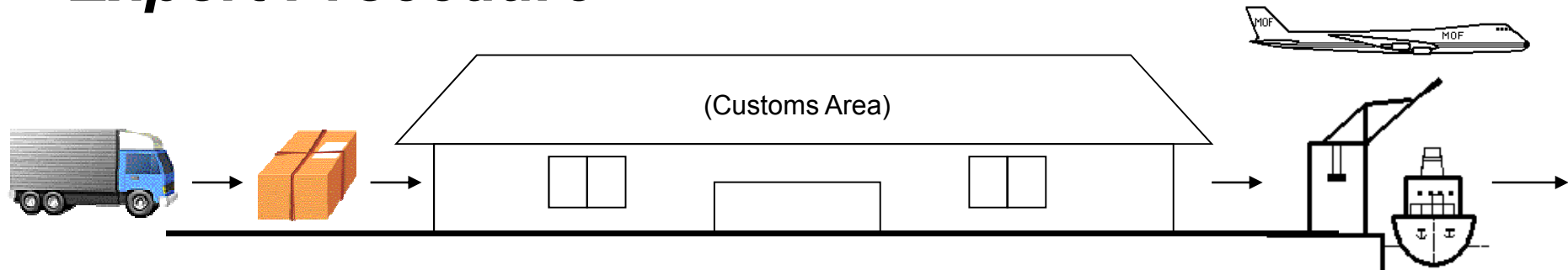
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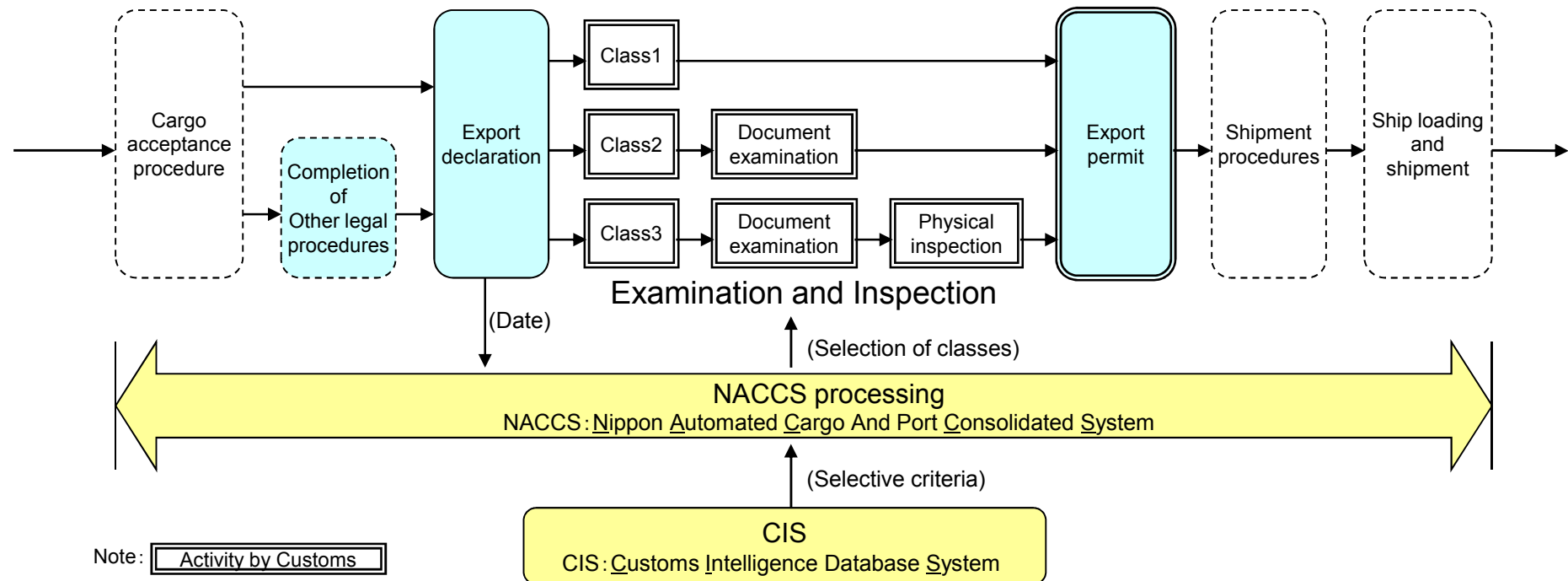




Export Procedure



<Flow of conventional export declaration>



- Note:
- Activity by Customs
 - Activity by exporters
 - Activity by other entities

- Note:
- Class1: Released immediately
 - Class2: Document examination required
 - Class3: Cargo inspection required



Verification of Fulfillment of Requirements of Laws and Regulations other than Customs Law

Overview (Article 70, Customs Law)

- Requirements for license, authorisation etc. for import/export of cargo, provided in laws and regulations other than the Customs Law
- Evidence for fulfillment of requirements to be submitted to Customs at the time of declaration or subsequent examination
- Without verification by Customs, no permit – scheme to achieve objectives of other laws and regulations through Customs confirmation

List of laws and regulations

Export: 13 laws and regulations, Import: 28 laws and regulations

※Major examples

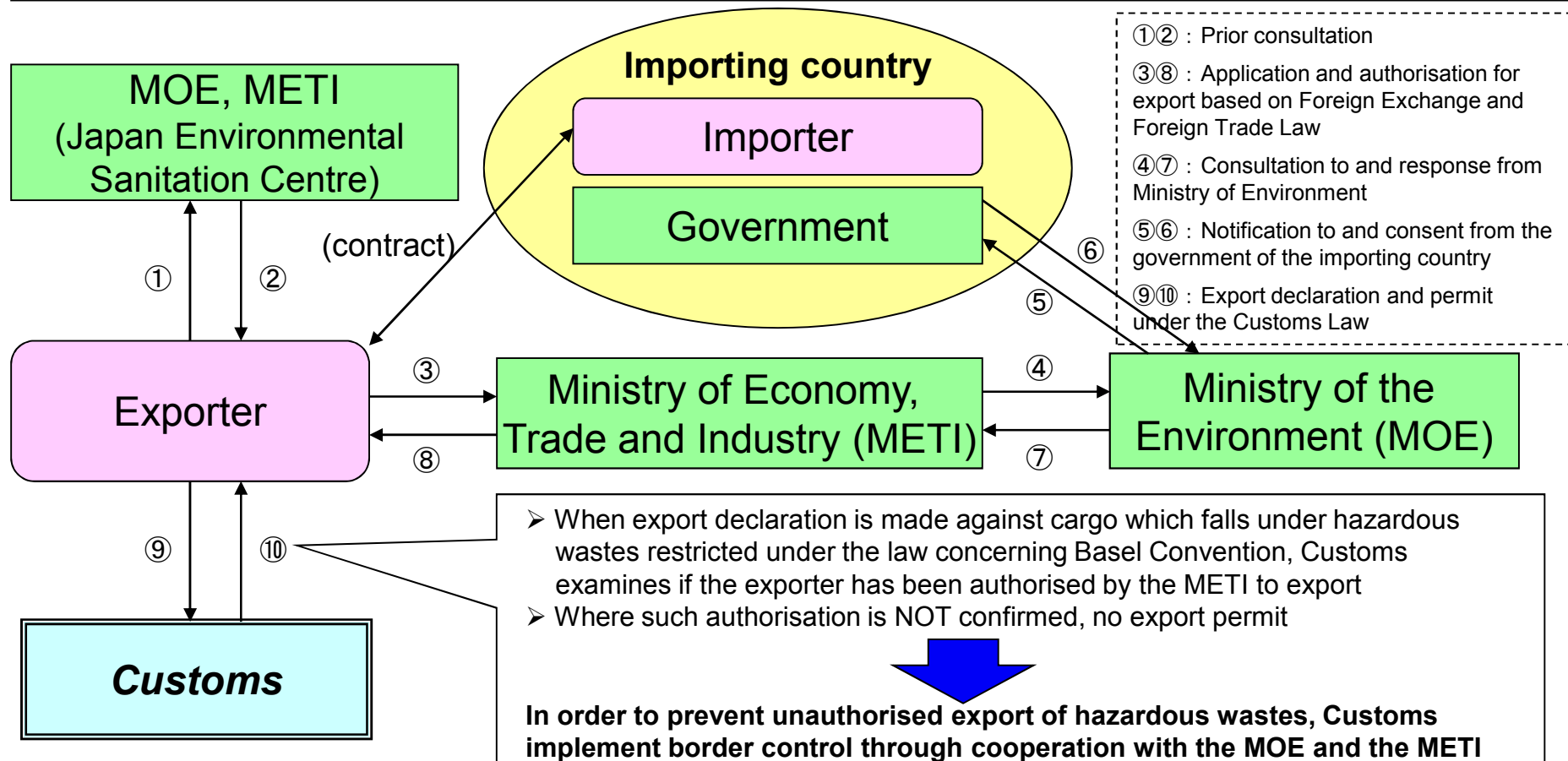
Name of the laws	Major items subject to the laws	Supervising government agencies
Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law Export Trade Order Import Trade Order	Import quota items (fishery products), cargo destined to or originated from North Korea, weapons, weapons of mass destruction, <u>cargo which falls under the Basel Convention</u> , <u>cargo which falls under the Washington Convention (CITES)</u> , cargo which falls under the Montreal Protocol, etc.	Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Pharmaceutical Affairs Law	Pharmaceutical items, medical equipment etc.	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
Food Sanitation Law	All food and drink, tableware, toys for infants, etc.	id.
Domestic Animal Infectious Disease Control Law	Ox, horse, poultry and meats of these etc.	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
Plant Quarantine Law	Plant, insects, etc.	id.



Export Control of Hazardous Wastes

Authorisation of Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) is required for export of hazardous wastes from Japan

(Law for the Control of Export, Import and Others of Specified Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes, Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Law)





Customs Control over Illegal Export of Hazardous Wastes

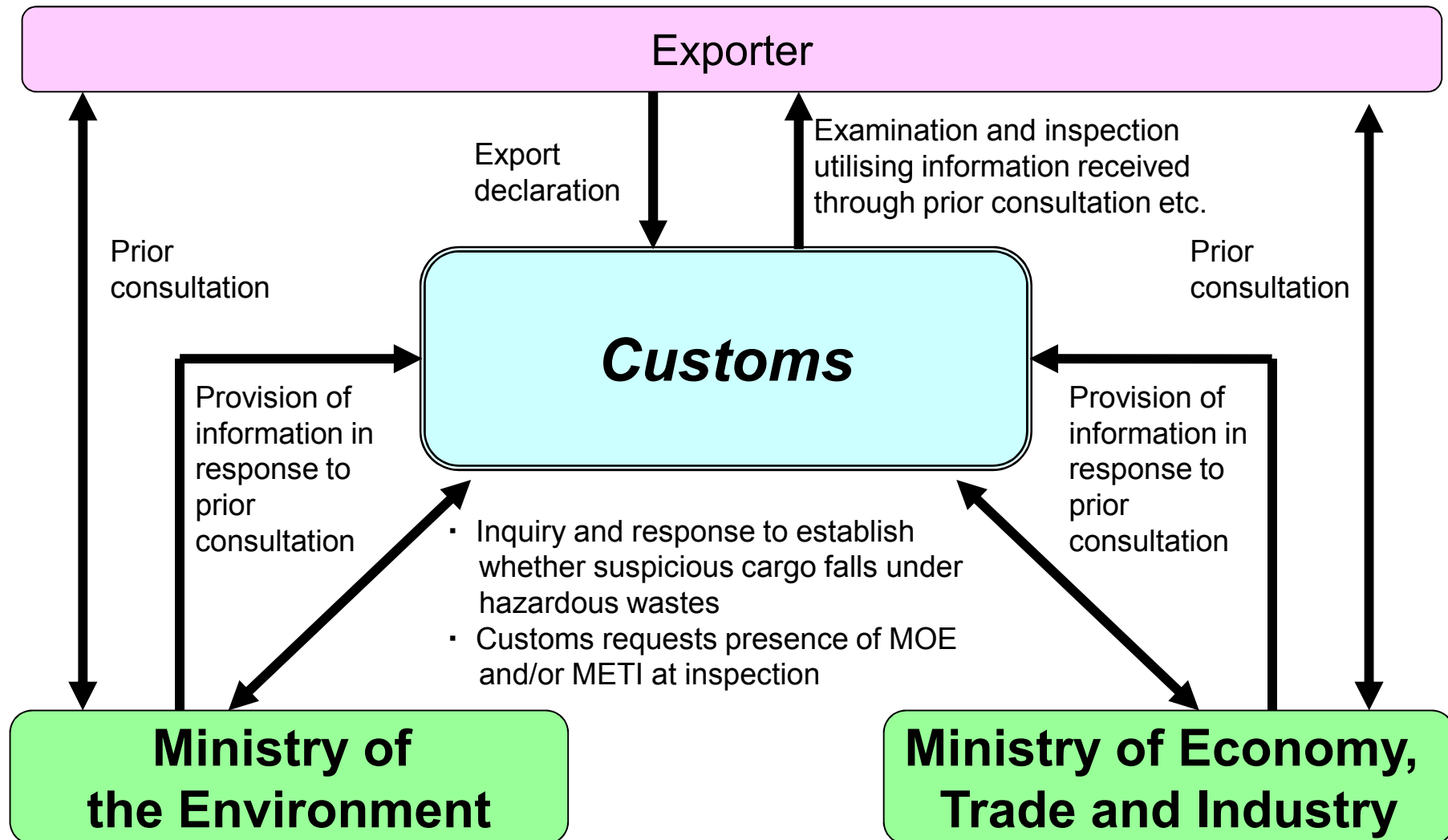
In cooperating with relevant agencies, Customs controls export of hazardous wastes, based on the following information:

- **Information on exporters**
 - ⇒ Utilise compliance history of exporters in examining and inspecting cargos
- **Information on cargos**
 - ⇒ Items which are highly likely to fall under hazardous wastes are subject to strengthened examination and inspection
- **Information from relevant agencies**
 - ⇒ Utilise information from agencies (e.g. MOE) on exporters and cargos in examining and inspecting cargos
- **Inspection equipment**
 - ⇒ Employment of large-scale X-ray inspection equipment (13 ports, 16 facilities)





Partnership for Export Control of Hazardous Wastes



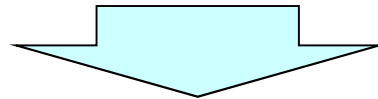


Partnership for Export Control of Hazardous Wastes (continued)

Amendment of Export statistics codes

Following requests from the MOE, Customs amended export statistics codes concerning 4 items of home electronics to be able to separate new goods and used goods in January 2008.

✂ 4 items of home electronics: HS84.15: Air conditioning machines, HS84.18: Refrigerators, HS84.50: Washing machine, HS85.28: Monitors and projectors



By figuring out the actual exports of these 4 used items of home electronics, we can strengthen the implementation of export control of hazardous wastes.

Intensive Control Month

Customs implements strengthened control in cooperation with MOE (initiative since October 2008). Customs enhances further cooperation with MOE.

Information sharing activities

Information sharing meeting among Customs, MOE and METI on a regular basis, in order to exchange views and experiences on Basel Convention and on challenges in controlling unauthorised exports



Cargos which have many records of violation of laws concerning Basel Convention

H.S. code	DESCRIPTION
39.15	Waste, parings and scrap, of plastics.
85.28	Monitors and projectors
72.04	Ferrous waste and scrap, remelting scrap ingots of iron or steel
74.04	Copper waste and scrap
84.71	Automatic data processing machines; magnetic or optical readers, machines for transcribing data onto data media
85.07	Electric accumulators
76.02	Aluminium waste and scrap
87.08	Parts and accessories of the motor vehicles
95.04	Articles for funfair, table or parlour games
84.07	Spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines



Cases ① (Waste of plastics)



Plastic sheet covered with red rust



Unwashed plastic bottles



Muddied plastic sheet for agricultural use



Toner cartridge with residual toner



Cases② (Waste of plastics (continued))



Close to the door of the container placed cargo covered with white plastic sheet, which seemed as washed cargo; in fact, it was UNWASHED plastic sheet.



Compressed plastic sheets, bundled and washed and then rapped.
In breaking out the cargo, they turned out to be heavily muddied unwashed plastic sheets.



Cases ③ (Lead batteries)



Broken batteries



In removing cargo close to the door of the container, Customs found concealed wasted batteries under flexible container bags in the back of the container.



Cases ④ (Cathode-ray-tube (CRT)-based televisions and monitors)



Tumble of monitors and PCs in a container



Broken liquid crystal display monitor



It appears to be equipped with protective layer for monitors; however, it turned out not to have sufficient protection. (not sufficient condition to be determined for reuse)





Cases ⑤ (Coated electric cables (polyvinyl chloride: PVC) and Pinball machines)



Parings of cables coated with PVC (polyvinyl chloride), which were crammed in a container



Pressed pinball machines



Cases⑥ (Wasted platforms and Transformers)



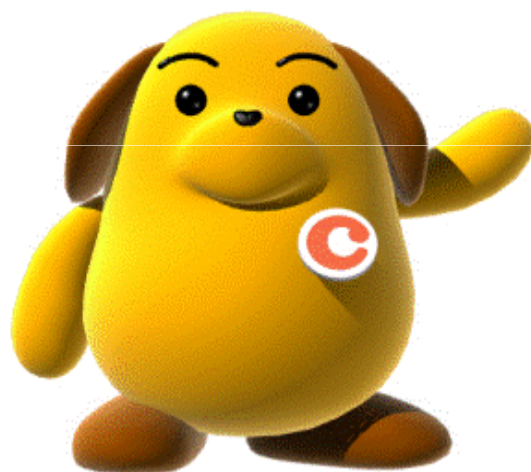
Wasted platforms in indeterminate forms, crammed in a container



Transformers concealed in outdoor pile of scrap



Thank you for your attention!



Customs' official character

