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# Border Control of TBM of Hazardous Wastes IN **JAPAN**

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# Import/Export of Basel Wastes in 2012

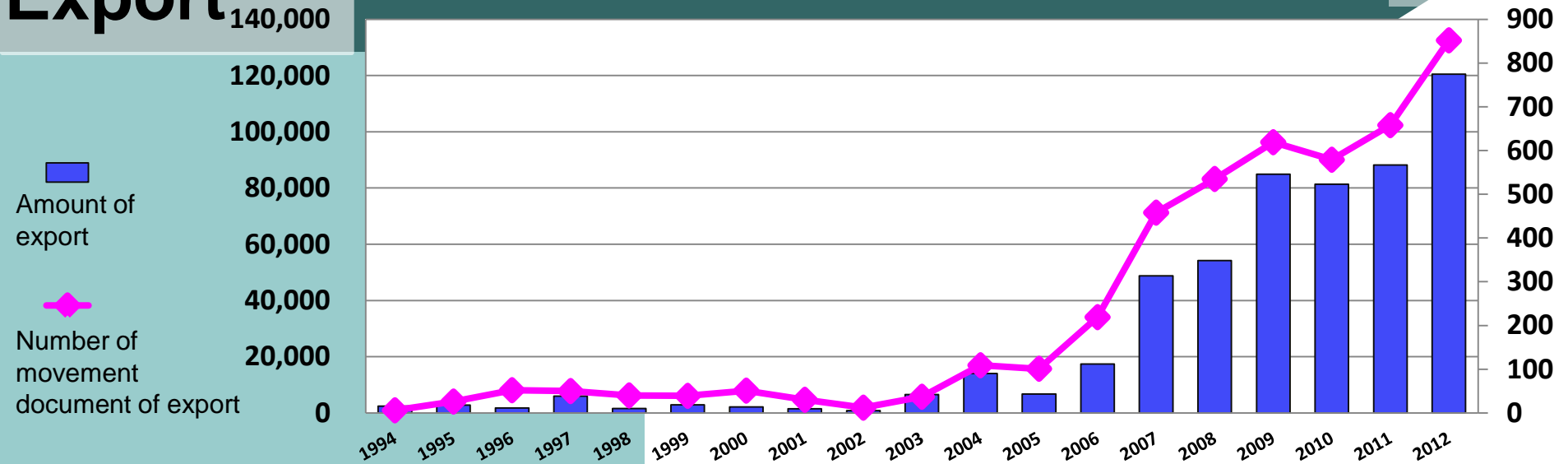
Export from Japan			Import to Japan		
<b>Notification</b>	70	326,047 ton	<b>Notification</b>	72	101,057 ton
<b>Permission</b>	51	184,240 ton	<b>Permission</b>	50	64,638 ton
<b>Movement document</b>	852	120,466 ton	<b>Movement document</b>	181	9,633 ton
<b>Export to</b>	Korea, Belgium, the US, etc.		<b>Import from</b>	Philippines, Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Singapore, Thailand etc.	
<b>Item</b>	Lead scrap(lead acid batteries), lead residues, lead ash, etc.		<b>Item</b>	Electronic scrap, copper scrap, copper sludge, Ni-Cd battery scrap etc.	

# Data of export/import of hazardous wastes in Japan (2012)

## Export

Ton  
140,000

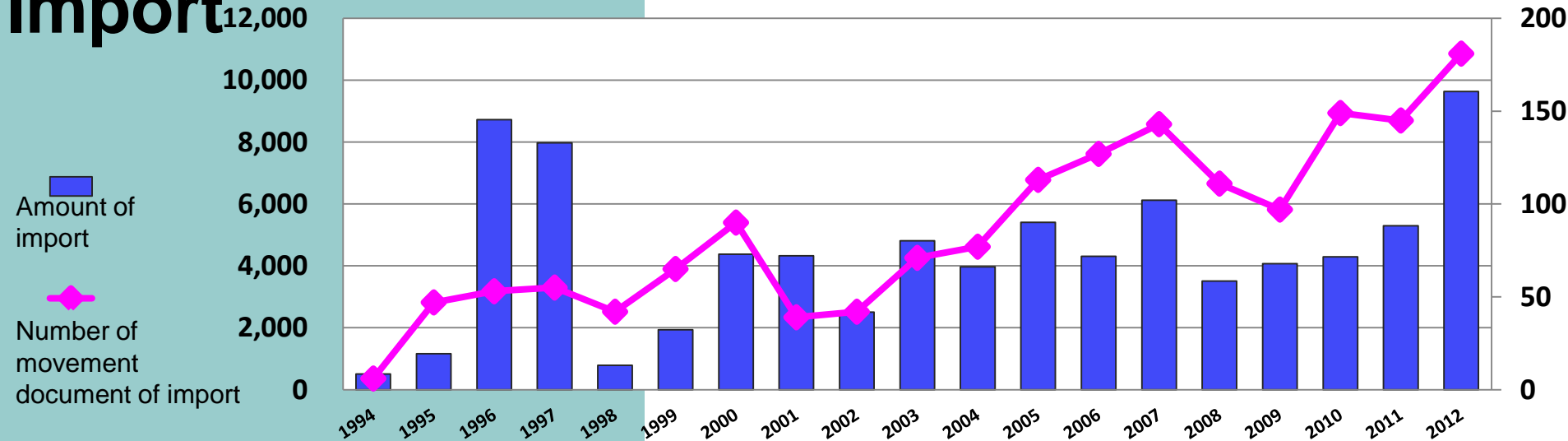
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## Import

Ton  
12,000

Number



**JAPAN'S**

**ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**



# Enforcement Menu

*Training Workshop*

*Legal Clarity*

*Consultation Services*

*Information Sharing*

*Customs Inspection*

# Enforcement Process

## Website



## Consultation service



## Customs inspection



## Training Handbook workshop



# Consultation Service

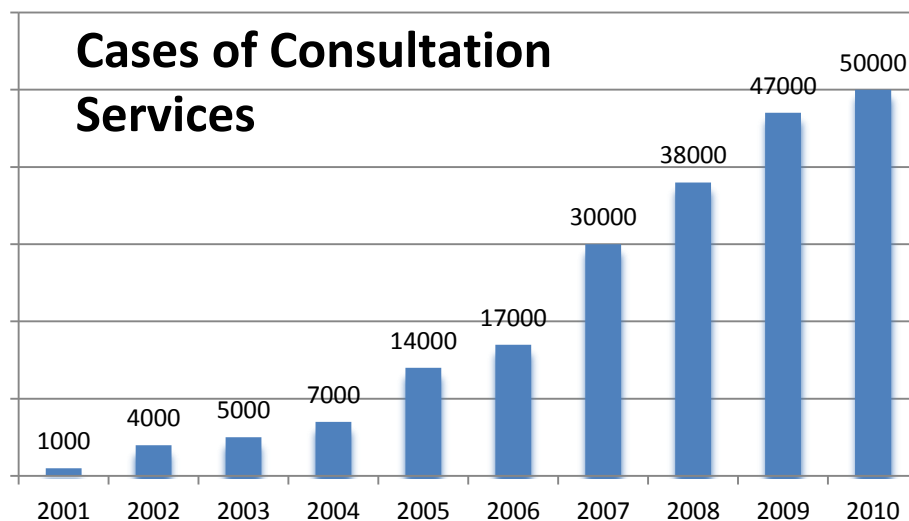


***"What's Basel wastes?"***  
***"Will my cargo be subject to Basel regulations?"***

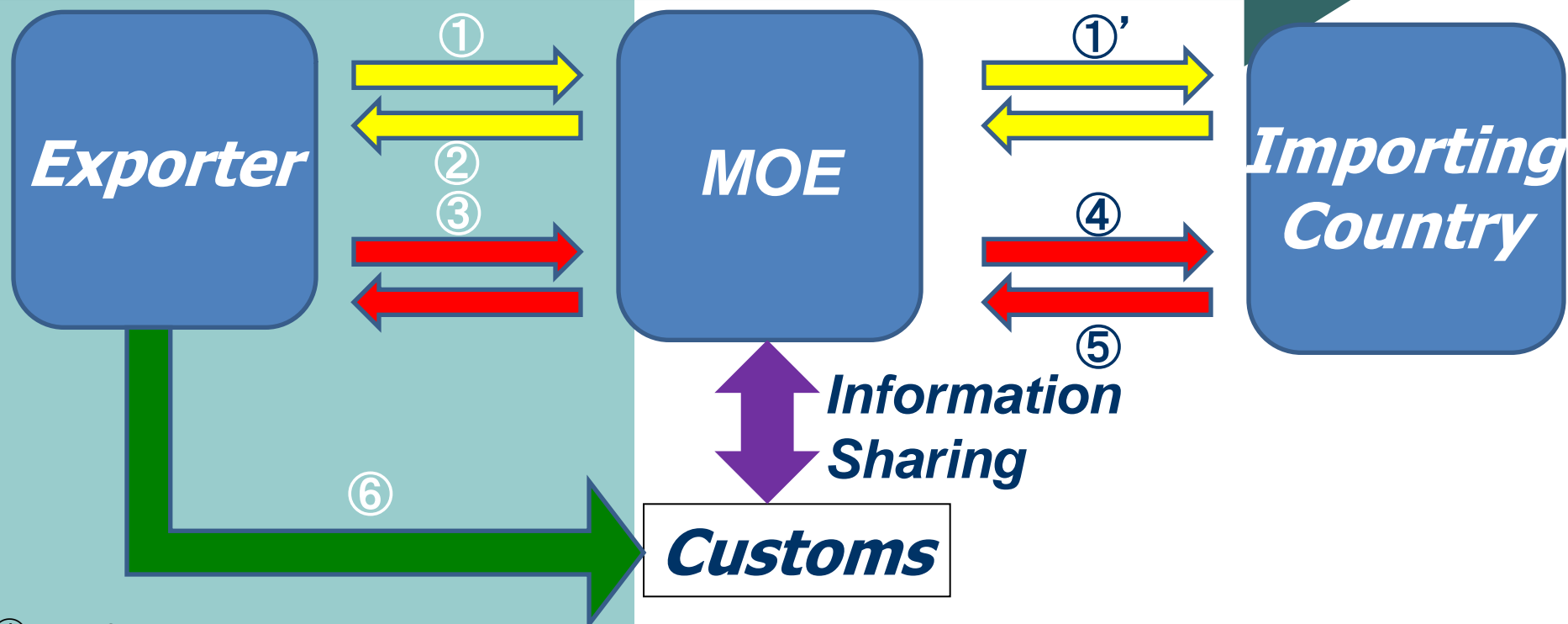


## ***Pre-application consultation service by the Government***

- ***Preliminary judgment***
- ***Provide necessary information (relevant regulations, procedure, etc.)***
- ***Collaboration with customs***



# Document Screening: Hazardousness



- ① Ask if the items are Basel wastes or not
- ①' If needed, ask importing country (Informal PIC)
- ② Reply the judgment
- ③ Apply BC procedure
- ④ Notification under the BC
- ⑤ Consent/ Deny under the BC
- ⑥ Declaration

MOE= Ministry of the Environment



# Customs Inspection

- If customs find suspected Basel wastes “before” declaration...
  - *Consultation Service*
- If customs find suspected Basel wastes “after” declaration...
  - *Cargo Inspection*



# Information Sharing

- ▶ *Database system on consultation information and blacklist being shared with customs and relevant ministries*
- ▶ *Network meetings with customs*
- ▶ *Information dissemination on other countries' regulations and criteria*



# Prevented Cases



# Efforts to prevent illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes in Japan

- \* ***Reinforced Monitoring Activities for Prevention of Illegal Export and Import of Wastes during 3R Promotion Month in October***
- 1) **Strengthened joint inspection of dubious cargos by authorities of MOE and the Customs**



# Efforts to prevent illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes in Japan

- \* ***Reinforced Monitoring Activities for Prevention of Illegal Export and Import of Wastes during 3R Promotion Month in October***
- 2) Yard investigation of part of cargoes for which the pre-application consultation is made by exporters



# Efforts to prevent illegal transboundary movement of hazardous wastes in Japan

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3) Enhanced communication of the legal framework to control export and import of wastes and the pre-application consultation service by distributing the brochures and disseminating information of training workshops for importers and exporters



# Criteria to distinguish UEEE as Second-Hand Goods

- ✓ Japan has decided to formulate the Criteria to distinguish UEEE as Second-Hand Goods at the Time of Its Export for application from April, 2014
- ✓ The criteria is capable of objectively judging the export of UEEE for re-use



# Criteria to distinguish UEEE as Second-Hand Goods

## <Criteria>

- (1) year of manufacture and external appearance
- (2) proper functionality
- (3) state of packing and loading
- (4) facts of trading of second-hand products
- (5) existence of market for second-hand products

## <Expected Effect>

- ✓ The new criteria will make it easier for an exporter to prove that the cargo is not a controlled subject under the Basel Convention and Japanese relevant regulations.
- ✓ The new criteria will be used for cargo inspection by those responsible for border control, such as customs.



# Alternative measures to the Functionality Test prior to export

<Current situation and opinions as public comments>

- ✓ UEEE which is considered to be non-reusable is actually repaired in importing countries for use as second-hand goods.
- ✓ A system which ensures the return of equipment which cannot be repaired in importing countries to Japan without fail can be an alternative to the functionality test prior to export.



- ✓ The Government of Japan announced the "Requirements for Alternative Measures to the Functionality Test and Its Implementation" for the purpose of receiving proposals of alternative means which are deemed to satisfy the requirements.

# Alternative measures to the Functionality Test prior to export

## <Future Plan>

- Each proposal received will be evaluated by a panel comprised of experts, etc. to determine if the contents of the proposal satisfy the requirements.
- The results of evaluation will be shared with those responsible for border control as their reference for cargo inspection.
- Japan will continuously contribute to the discussion on the Technical Guidelines on the Transboundary Movement of E-Waste within the framework of the Basel Convention, utilizing our practices.

# More Information

- **Ministry of the Environment (in English)**  
→ <http://www.env.go.jp/>
- **Japan's Activities for the Basel Convention (in English)**  
→ [http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/basel\\_conv/index.html](http://www.env.go.jp/en/recycle/basel_conv/index.html)



***Thank you***