



Policy Direction on E-Waste Recycling in Korea

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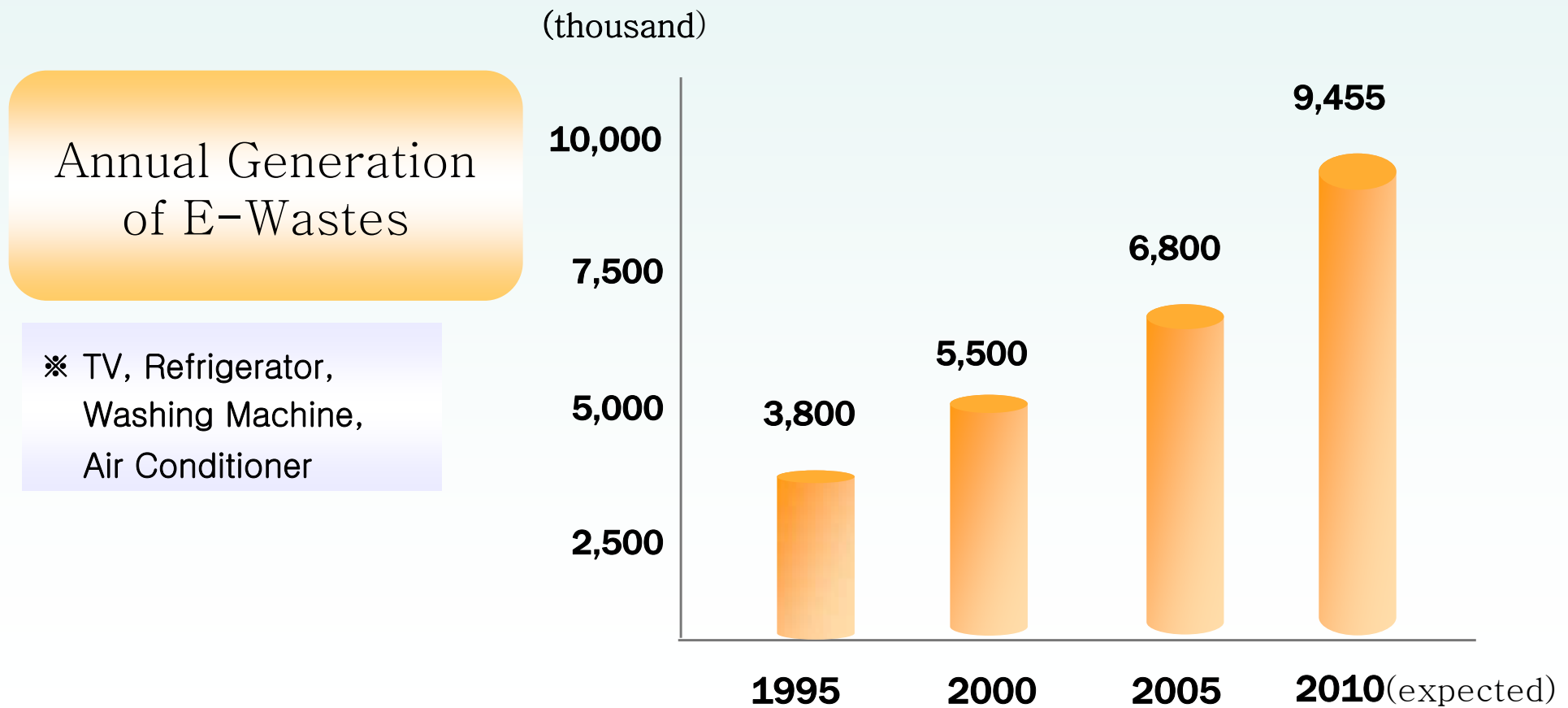
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Generation of E-Waste

- The generation of E-waste in Korea has been rapidly increased, due to economic growth & shortening life span of the products



History of Recycling Policy of E-Waste

Introduction of Waste Deposit-Refund System(1992)

- A deposit is levied on products sold for their collection and recycling, and refunded based on the amount of products recycled (TV, washing machines)

Guideline for Improvement of Material/Structure of Products for Stimulating Recycling (1993)

- Guideline on restriction of use of hazardous substances and recyclability rate

Extended Producer Responsibility System (2003)

- Producers should recycle E-waste for themselves and report the results to the government.

E-Waste EPRS

■ Items under EPR system

- It began with 5 items and extend to 10 items now

Year	Items
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refrigerators, Washing Machines, TV, Air Conditioners, PC(including Monitor)
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audio, Mobile Phone
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Printers, Copy Machines, Facsimile

E-Waste EPRS

■ Player's Role

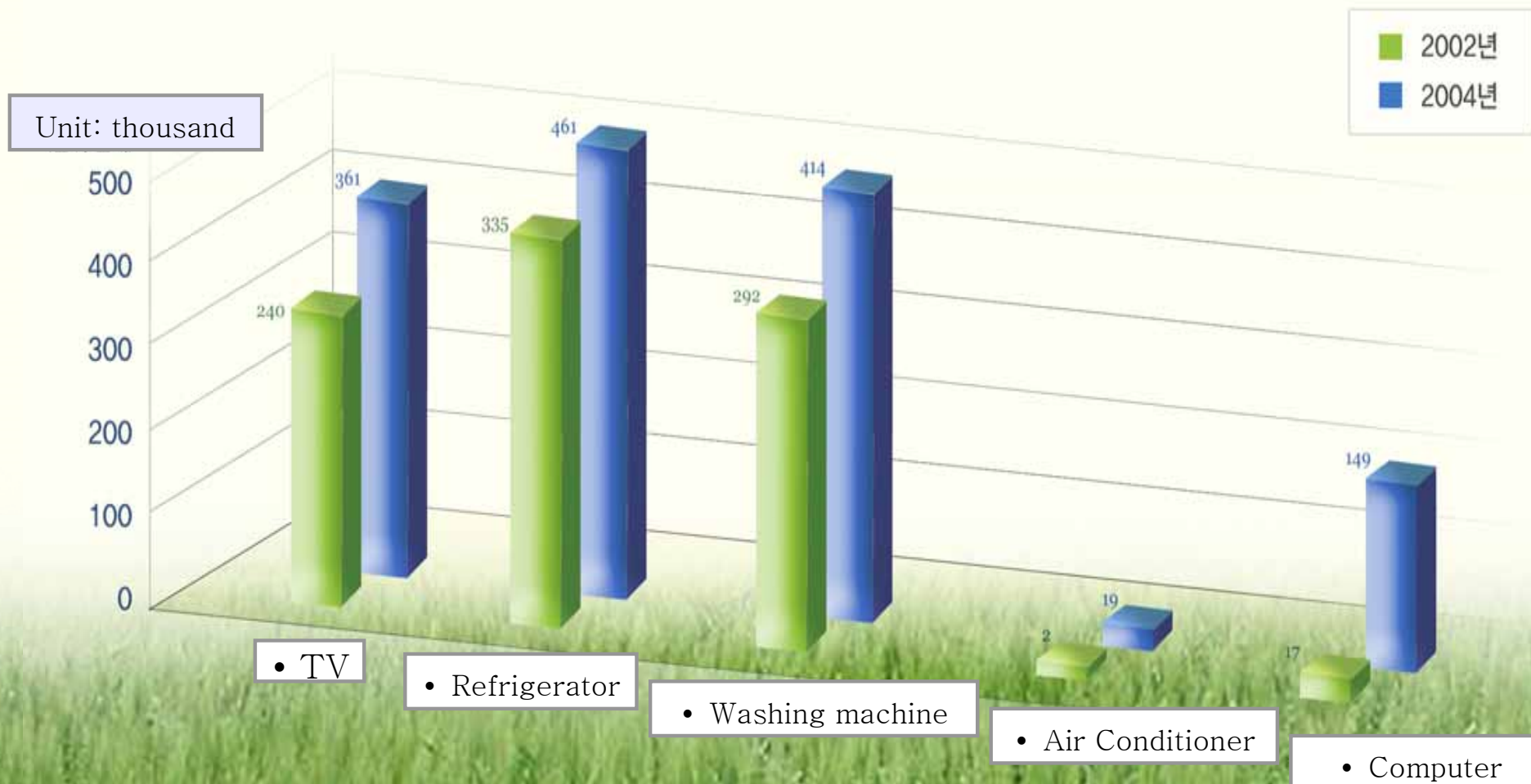
- Respective role is assigned to each player

Player	Roles
Producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Produce and design of recycling-friendly products• Establish and manage recycling facilities• Charge expenses to recycle E-Wastes
Consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Separate discharge of the recyclable goods
Sellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect wasted products at no cost (in case of purchasing new product)
Local Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collect wasted products
Recyclers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recycle wasted products and report the results

E-Waste EPRS

❖ Outcome of EPR system

- Remarkably increase in collecting and recycling rate (50% increase for 3 years)



E-Waste EPRS

❖ E-Waste Recycling Center

- 5 recycling centers are operating across the country



Proposed Act for Resource Recycling of Electrical/Electronic Products and Automobiles

❖ Background : Supplementation & Extension of Existing Regulations



Design & Production in consideration of recycling

- ◆ Elimination of hazardous substances
- ◆ Design of product to easy-to-dismantle
- ◆ Use of easy-to-recycle substance

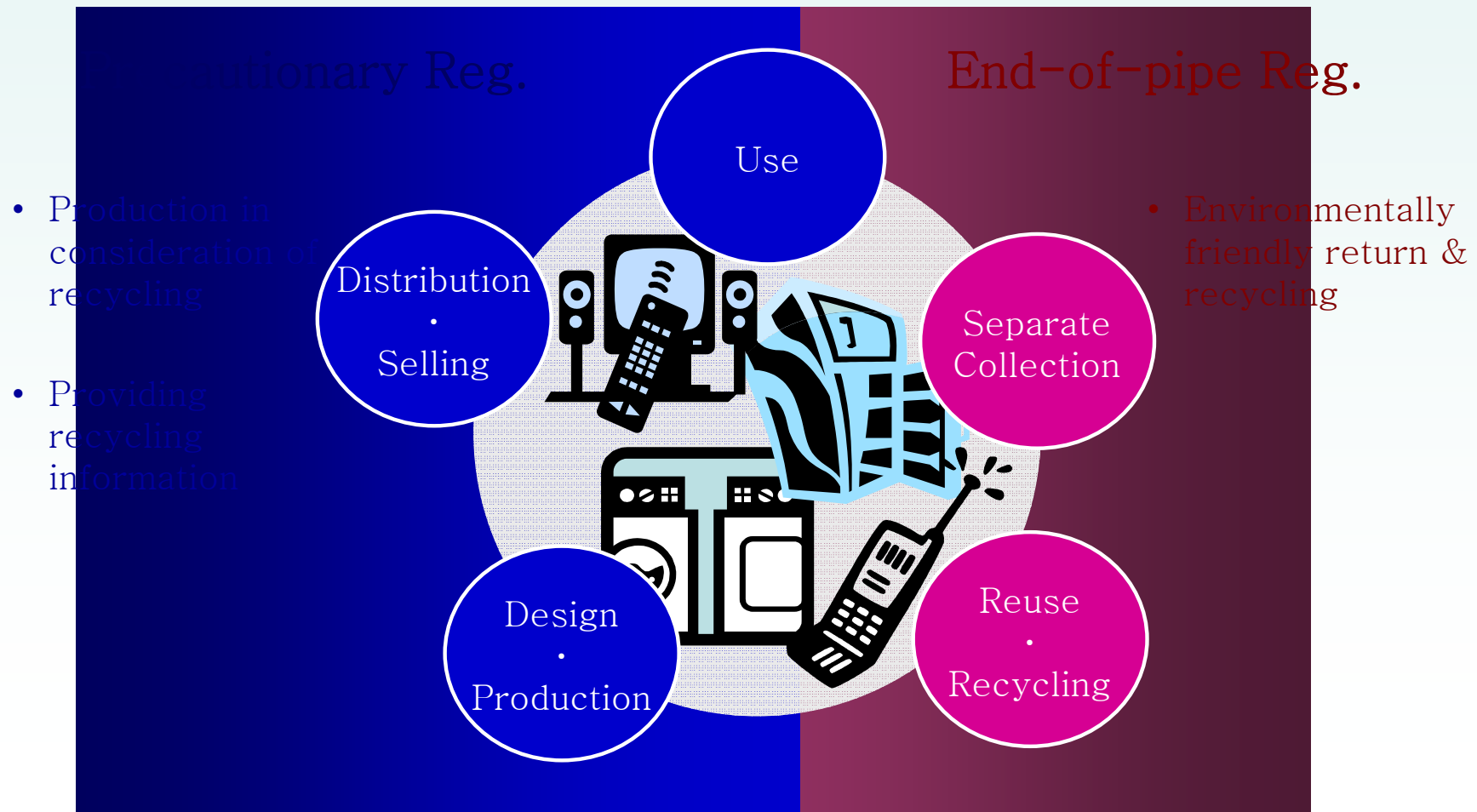
Environmentally friendly collection, treatment & recycling

- ◆ Systematic collection, sorting, transport of wasted product
- ◆ Environmentally friendly pre-treatment
- ◆ Return of environment-economic value through recycling
- ◆ Environmentally friendly treatment of waste

Proposed Act for Resource Recycling of Electrical/Electronic Products and Automobiles

■ Structure of the proposed act

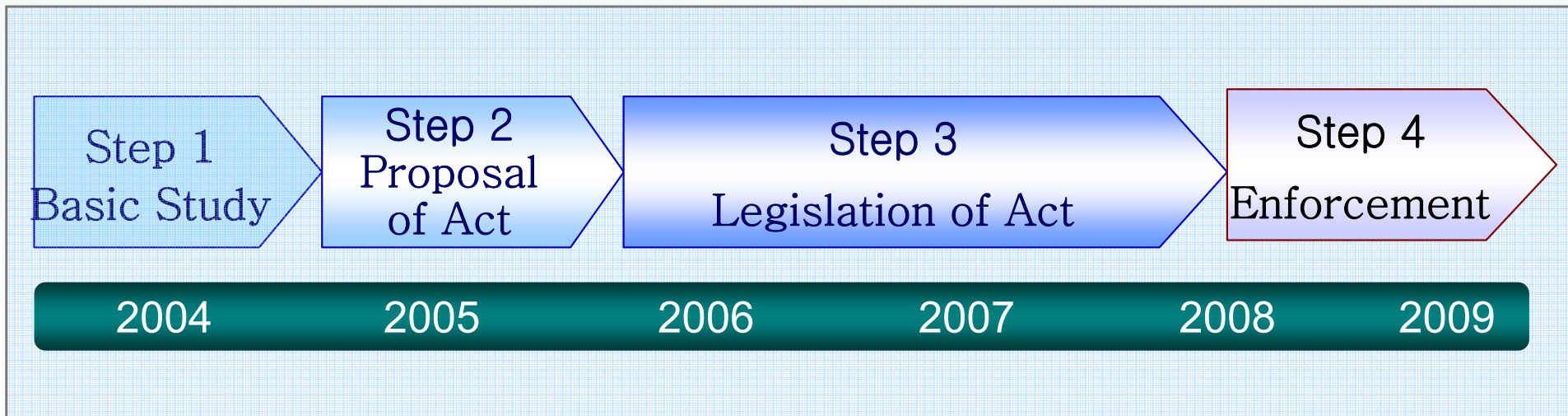
- The act consists of precautionary and end-of-pipe regulation along with life cycle of the product



Proposed Act for Resource Recycling of Electrical/Electronic Products and Automobiles

❖ Current Situation

- It is in the process of legislation and will be enforced on Jan. 2008
- Open forums and symposiums have been held for cooperation among stakeholders (producers, recyclers, NGOs)



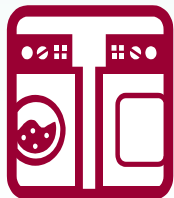
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❖ Precautionary Regulation

Restriction on use of hazardous substances

- The use of prescribed hazardous substance in electrical/electronic products is restricted
- Concentration and exemption are the same as to EU RoHS Directive

Electrical/
Electronic



Pb

Cd

Hg

Cr6+

PBB

PBDE

- **Pb, Hg, Cr6+, PBB, PBDE : under 1000ppm**
- **Cd : under 100ppm**

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❖ Precautionary Regulation

Design of easy-to-recycle product

- At design stage, producers self-test and improve the recyclability
- The guideline about material/structure improvement should be obliged.
 - ※ plastic material labeling, structure to easy-to-separate and dismantle

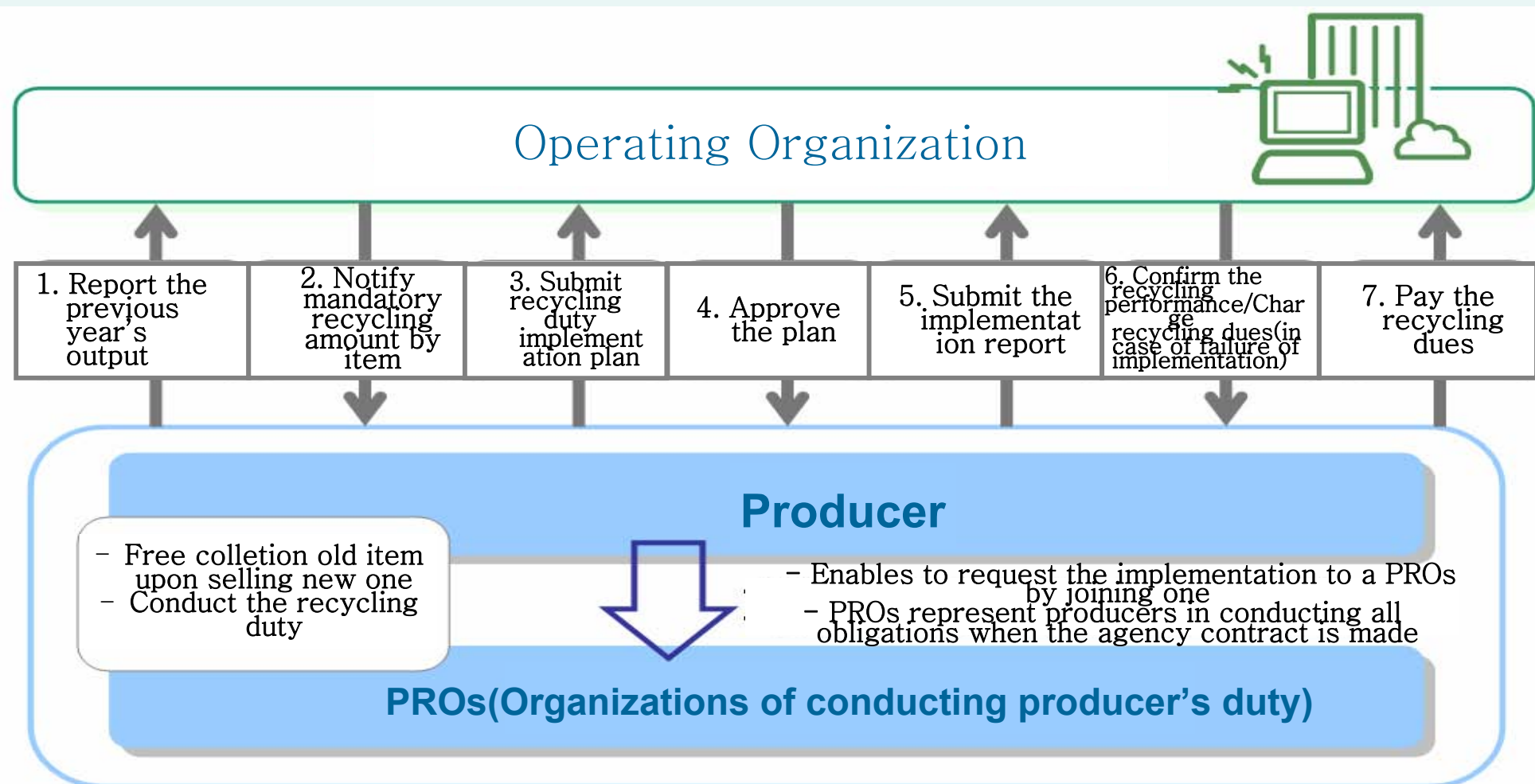
Provision of recycling information

- Producers provide recycler with recycling information to enhance recycling (internet, CD-ROM etc.)

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❖ End-of-pipe Regulation

- The current EPR system is implemented.



Future Agenda

Harmonization with international test/analysis methods such as EU, etc.

- Self-declaration concerning to restriction on the use of hazardous substances and standardization of test methods

Enhancement of cooperation among stakeholders

- Strengthening cooperation among government, civil society and companies for collecting E-waste
- Promoting purchase of green products

Development of recycling technology

- Technology for environmentally friendly recycling of E-Waste

Thank You

