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# UPDATES ON NATIONAL REGULATIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE BASEL CONVENTION

## Transboundary Movement & Environmentally Sustainable Management of Plastic Wastes

2018 Workshop of Asian Network for Prevention of  
Illegal Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes  
Akita, Japan

6 November  
2018



# I. NATIONAL REGULATIONS

HAZARDOUS WASTE  
(CONTROL OF EXPORT,  
IMPORT AND TRANSIT)  
ORDER, 2013

CUSTOMS ORDER, 2006

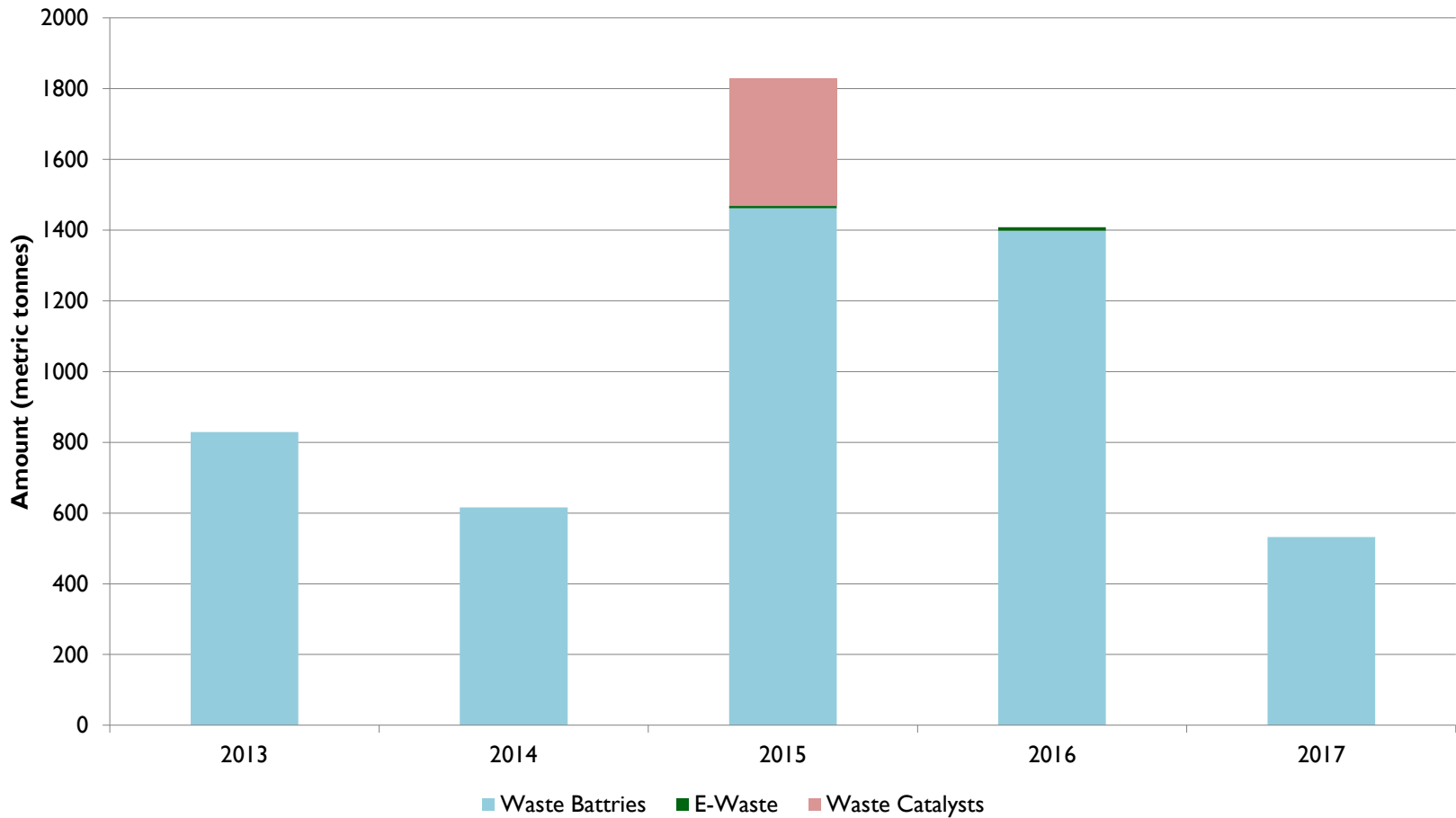
Hazardous waste is defined as:

- i. Waste has any of the characteristics mentioned in Annex III to the Basel Convention; or
- ii. Waste that belongs to any category contained in Annex I to the Basel Convention, unless it does not possess any of the characteristics contained in Annex III to the Convention



# I. NATIONAL REGULATIONS

## Amount of Hazardous Wastes Exported in 2013 - 2017



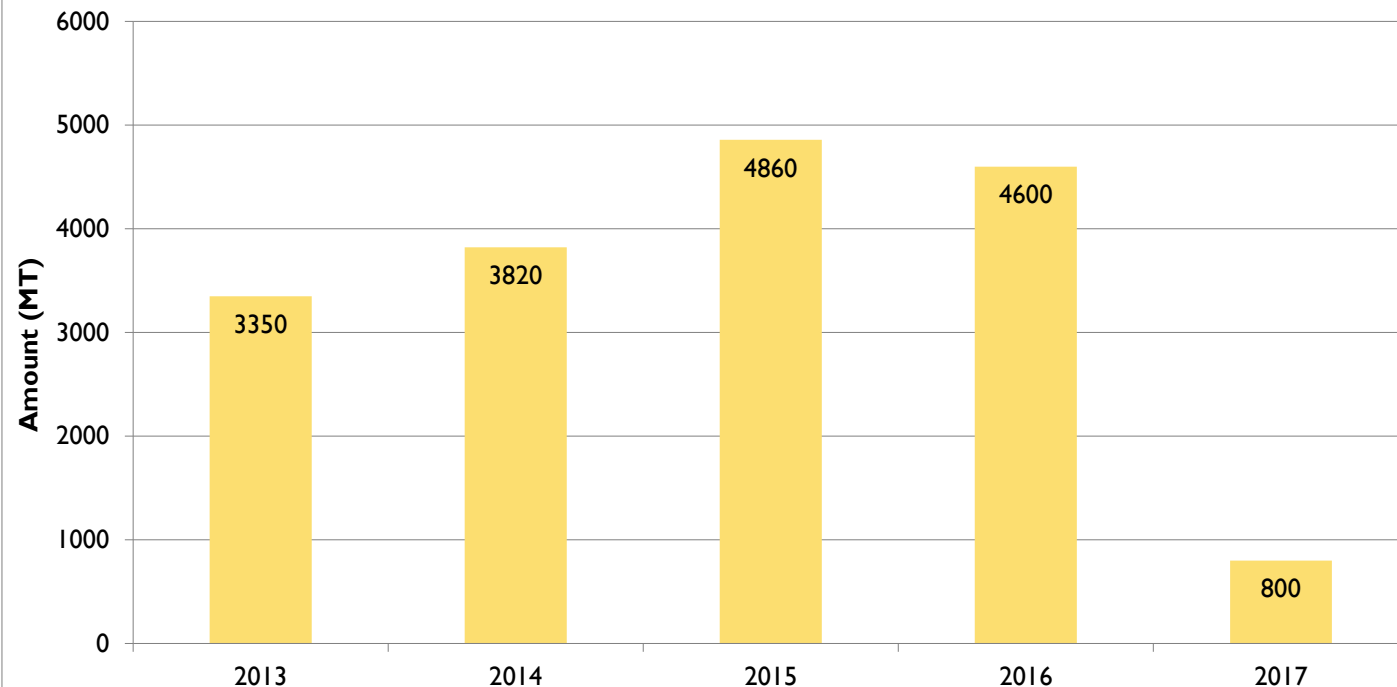


## 2. TBM OF PLASTIC WASTES

TBM of plastic waste is not subject to the Basel Convention procedures

However, importation of plastic waste is administratively not allowed

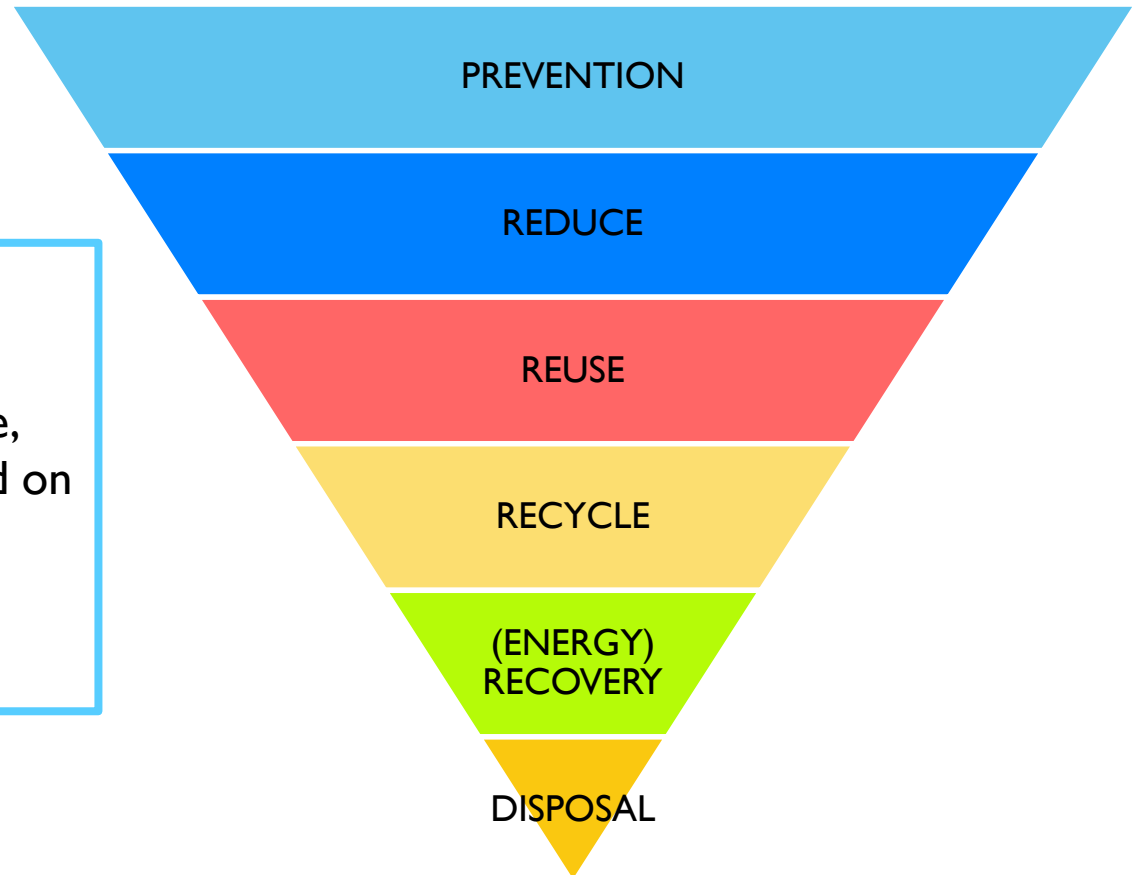
**Plastic Waste Collected for Export 2013 - 2017**





### 3. PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT

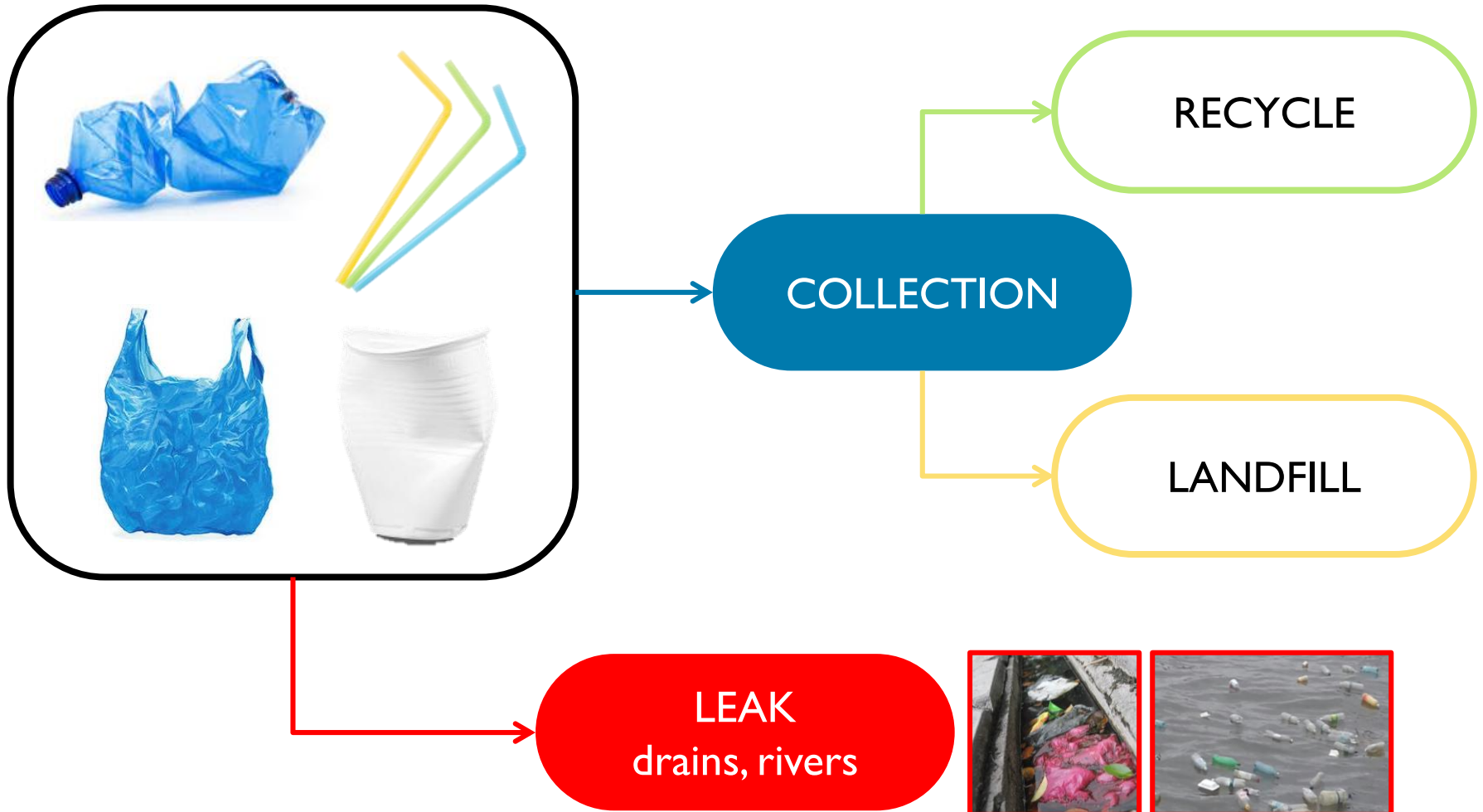
#### THE WASTE HIERARCHY



Like any other (solid) waste, plastic waste is managed based on the waste hierarchy



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## NO PLASTIC BAG EVERYDAY

Participating retail stores stop giving out plastic carrier bags to customers

✓  
Saturday &  
Sunday  
26 March  
2011

✓  
Friday  
17 February  
2012

✓  
Thursday  
19 April 2018

✓  
Wednesday  
11 July 2018

✓  
Tuesday  
2 October  
2018

✓  
Monday  
31 December  
2018

NO PLASTIC  
BAG  
EVERYDAY  
JANUARY  
2019



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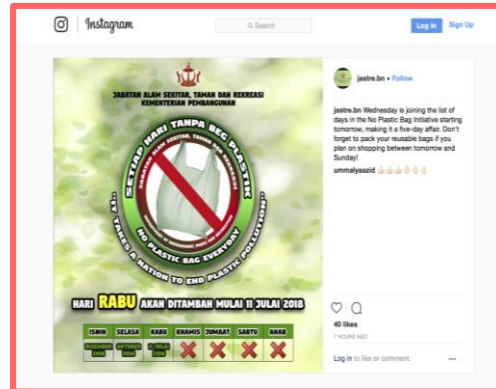
## NO PLASTIC BAG EVERYDAY



Session with retailers



Media conference



Social media



OR







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#### CHALLENGES

##### Facilities and Services

- No plastic recycling facilities
- Volume of domestically generated plastic waste is so small, that it is not economically viable to set up plastic recycling facility in the country

##### Awareness

- Lack of public awareness – single-use plastics are still widely used
- Waste segregation is not fully implemented and well practiced



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