



Good practices and challenges for implementing PIC in Japan

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- 2. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing**
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PIC Overview in Japan



Export

- 43 notifications sent/402,661 tonnes (2021)
- Fly ash, tin and lead scraps
- Main destinations: South Korea and the Philippines

Import

- 62 notifications received/23,357 tonnes (2021)
- Scraps of electric components, battery scraps, and metal contained sludge
- Origins: The Philippines, Taiwan and Thailand

National Implementation

- Basel Act (1992)
- CA under Basel Convention: Ministry of the Environment Japan
- Import/export approval authority: Ministry of the Economy, Trade and Industry
- Custom Control: Japan Customs

Challenges for PIC procedures



Speedy PIC vs. Robust implementation of Basel Convention

Pressure from applicants

Administrative capacity is limited

Illegal shipments and ship backs exist

Different regulatory systems

Waste nature and composition are diverse

Complementary to PIC process



1. Awareness raising and knowledge sharing



Website

Handbook

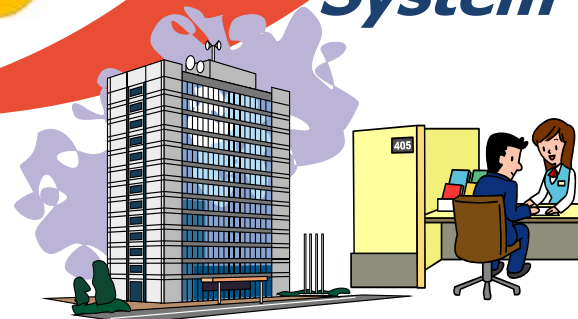
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2. Consultation service



3. Certified Operator System



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Awareness raising and knowledge sharing

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Portal Website



FAQ



Handbook



Statistical Data



Movie

Basel workshop



- ▶ **Target participants: importers/exporters, recyclers, custom agents etc.**
- ▶ **10 cities all over Japan**
- ▶ **Provide information on;**
 - **Framework of Basel Convention**
 - **Regulations in Japan and Asian countries**
 - **Criteria for Basel waste and others**
 - **Application Procedures**
 - **Statics about imported/exported amount**



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Exporters/Importers

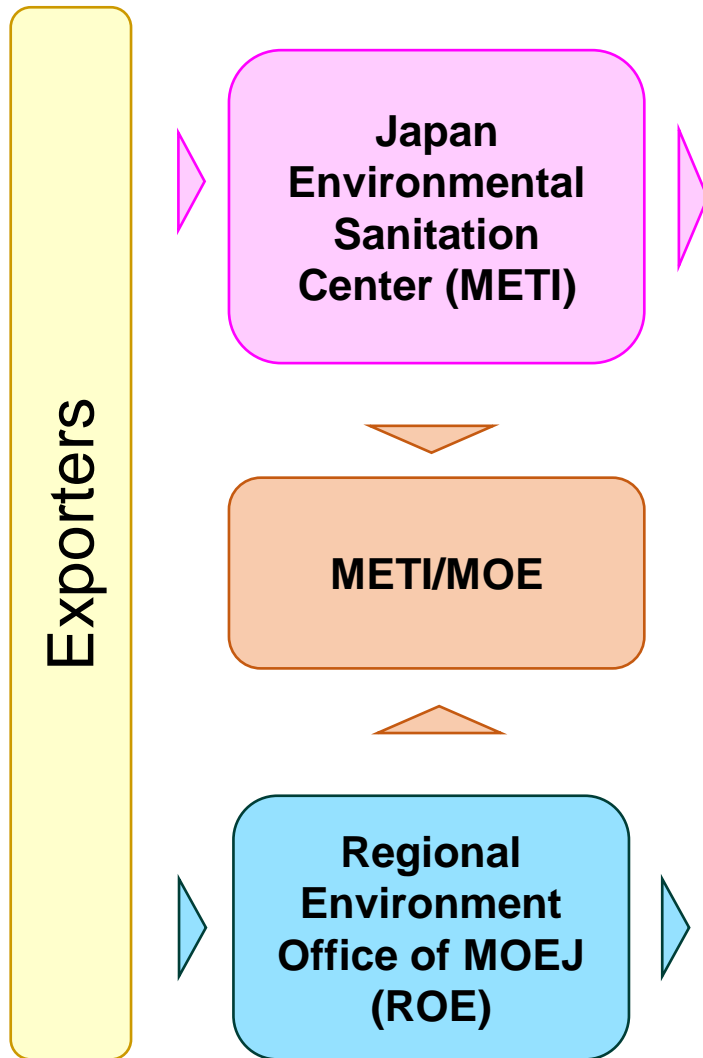
**“What's Basel wastes?”
“Will my cargo be subject to Basel regulations?”**



Pre-application consultation service by the Government

- ✓ **Consultation before application**
- ✓ **Provide necessary information
(relevant regulations, procedure, etc.)**
- ✓ **Respond to local characteristics**
- ✓ **Collaboration with customs**





(Required Documents for Prior Consultation)

Documents (JESC, METI)

1. Required Documents

- (1) Prior Consultation Form
- (2) Invoice
- (3) Import/export contract
- (4) Domestic transaction voucher (invoice, receipt, etc.)
*Only for exports
- (5) Photograph of the entire cargo

2. Documents required depending on the case

- (6) Material analysis report
- (7) Photograph of analysis samples
- (8) Company profile
- (9) Others

*In the case of used goods, documentation of the dealer in the country of importation is required to be attached.

Documents (REO, MOEJ)

1. Required Documents

- (1) Confirmation items for export projects
*Only for exports
- (2) Prior Consultation Form
- (3) Flow chart of cargo and money
- (4) Contracts or invoices showing financial transactions among waste generators, importers, exporters and disposers
- (5) Color photograph of the cargo
- (6) Documents showing process of the waste generation and treatment process

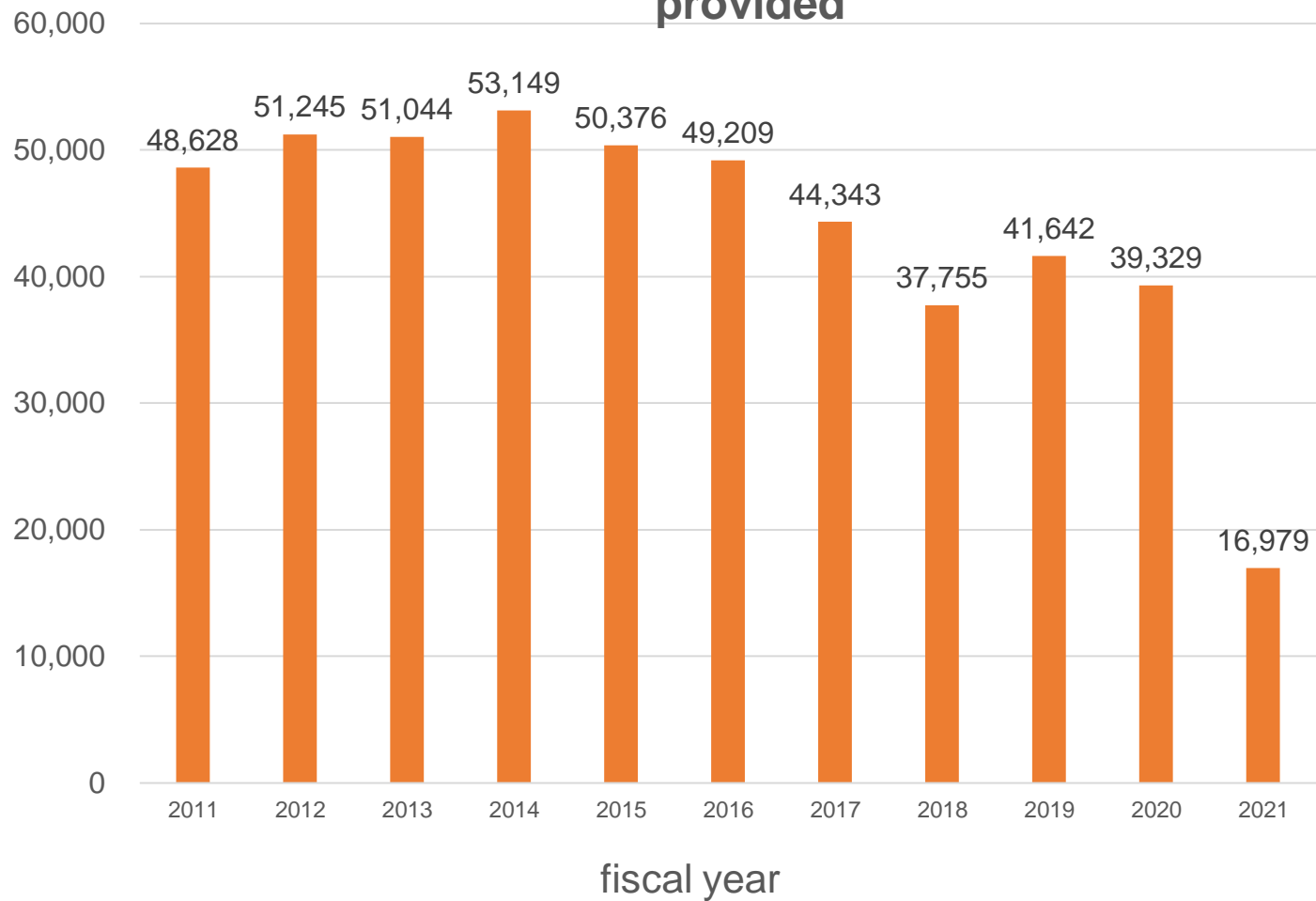
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- (7) Material analysis report
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- (9) Certificate or permits required by destination country
- (10) Others

Consultation Service



Number of cases of Consultation service provided



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Certified operator system in Import

- Simplified import procedure if handled by certified transporters AND recycling facilities
- Not all transporters/facilities can be certified; Only for ones with high level of compliance and ESM
- Contributing to global circular economy with advanced recycling technology

Importing waste to Japan



Pre-authorized Transporters Permit

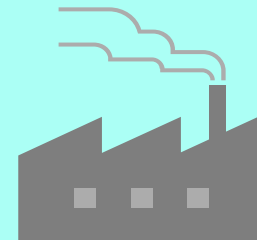
Import Operator

Transporter X

Transporter Y

Transporter Z

Pre-authorized Recycling Facility Permit



Refineries

Pre-authorized Recycling Facility Permit



Processing Operator A

Certified operator system in Import



	Normal operators	Certified operators
Import Approval	Necessary	Unnecessary
Prior Notification and Consent	Necessary	Necessary
Import Transfer Documents	Made by METI	Made by operators
Notifications to Exporting Country	Necessary	Necessary
Reporting to Administrative Agencies	per disposal	Annually

Facilitate recycling by pre-authorized operators

Simplified steps for Certified operator system



Import by a normal operator



Import by certified operators



Advantages of certified operator system



For Business

Import procedure completes faster than normal operators

No need for waiting import approval by METI

Import operator can produce an import movement document by itself

Saving documentation and reporting cost

The permit is valid for 5 years

Annual reporting

Reputation for high compliance

Market competitiveness improves

For Administration

Saving administrative cost

No need for scrutinizing every import

The certification is valid for 5 years

Incentivizing operators to comply with higher standards to get and maintain the certificate

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Thank you for your attention!

