

# Policy Update from Japan

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# 1. Introduction

## Introduction of Ministry of the Environment

Established in 2001 (the former Environmental agency established in 1971)  
2000 staff for 5 bureaus with 7 regional branches

## Duties and responsibilities of Organization

for environmental issues

## Speaker's role and responsibilities

International affairs for waste and chemical management (MEAs, intl negotiations and programs)

## Other agencies & organizations for WEEE management

Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry,  
National Institute for Environmental Studies



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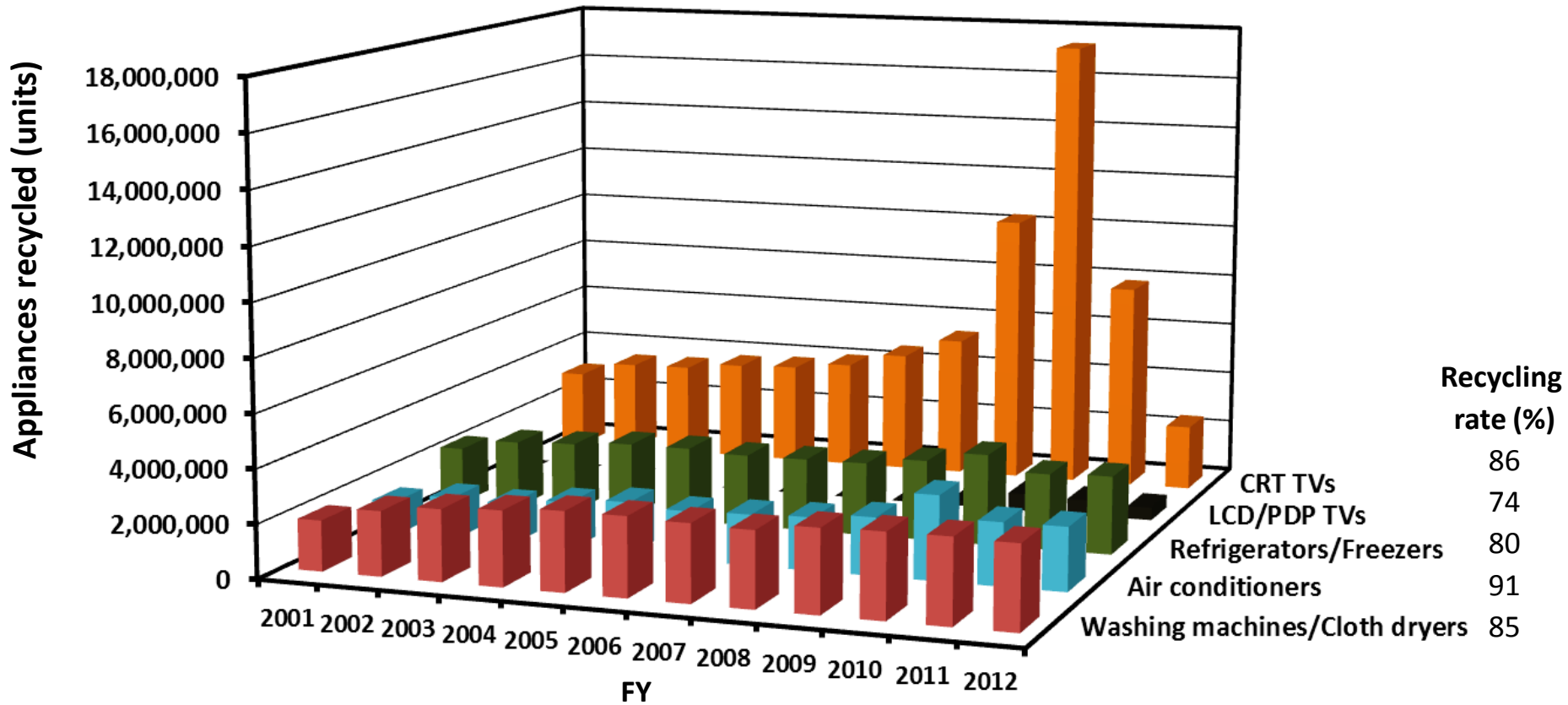
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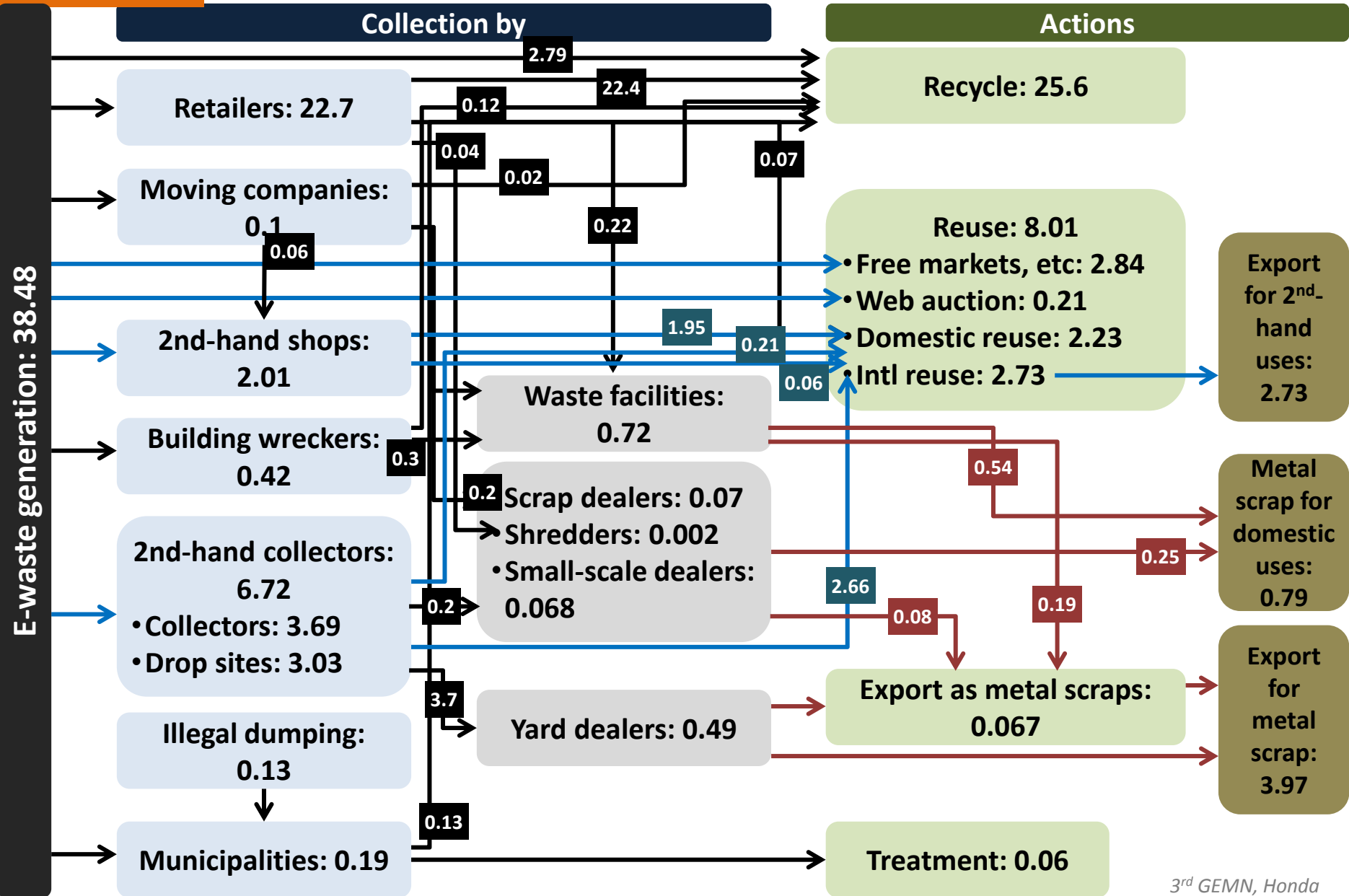
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# 2. Trends and Statistics

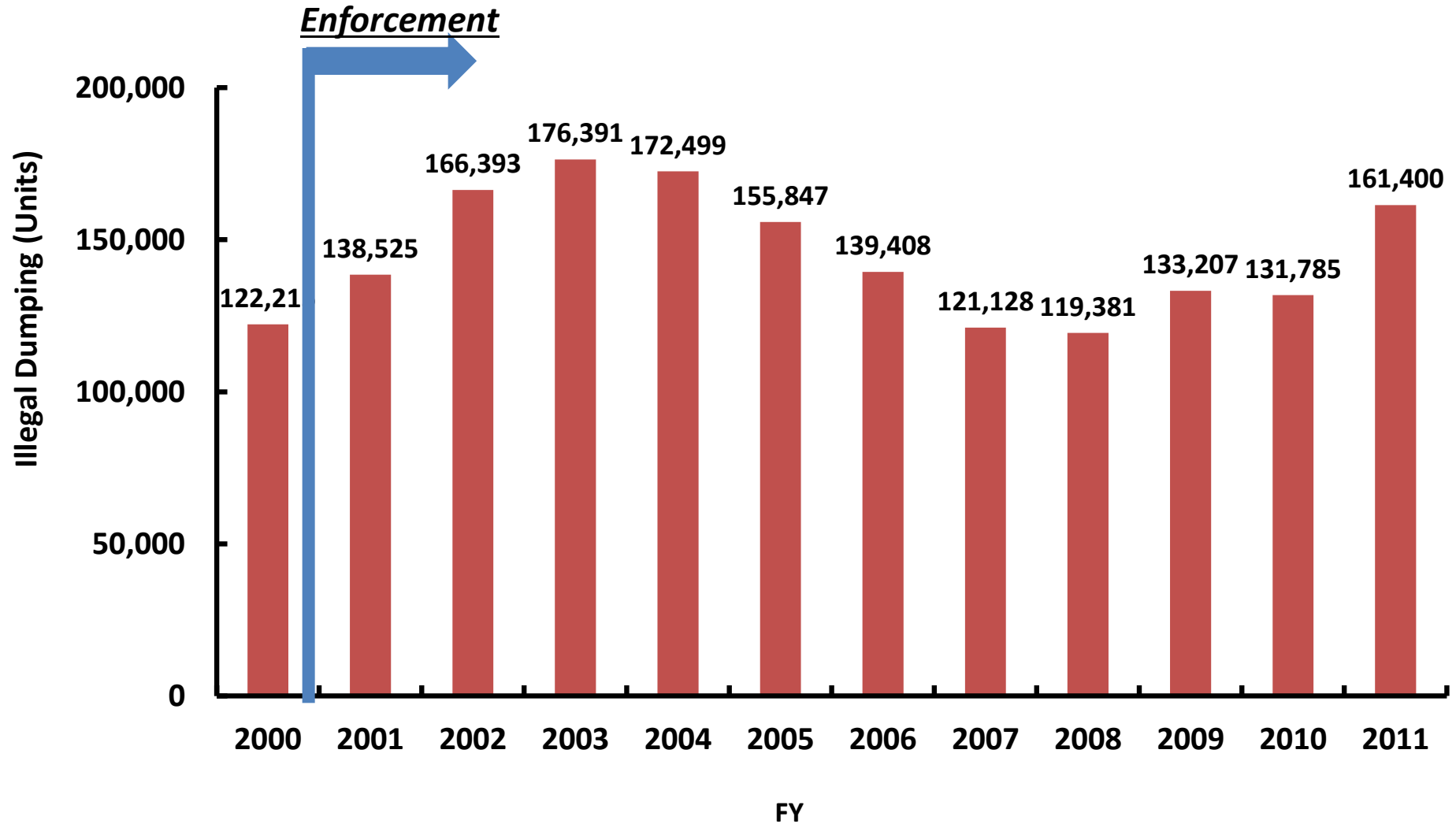


# 3. Flow of E-waste and Second-hand Electronics

Million units



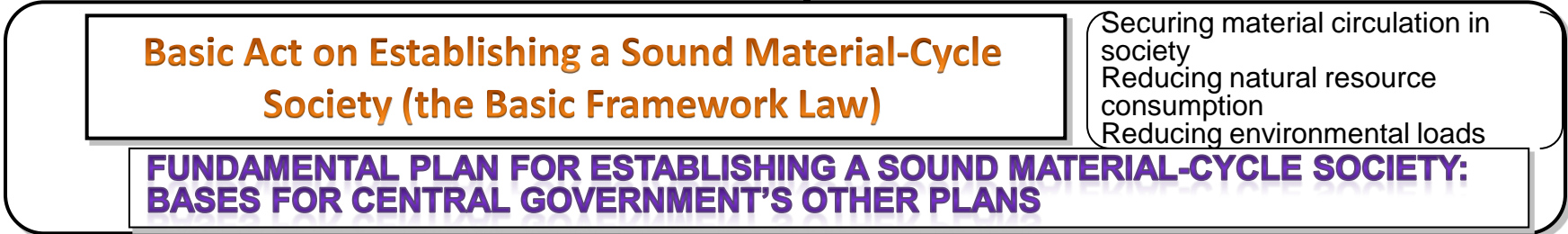
# 4. Public Awareness – Illegal dumping cases



# 5. Summary of Current Rules/Regulation on WEEE management

| Act     | Home Appliances Recycling Act  | Small Electronic Appliance Recycling Act  |
|---------|--|---|
| Purpose | Legally promotion of ESM of E-waste and efficient use of recyclable resources                                  |   |
| E-waste | Air conditioners, televisions (CRTs, LCD/PDP TVs), refrigerators & freezers, washing machines & clothes dryers | Mobiles, tablets, radios, audio sets, cameras, portable music players, HDD, USB sticks, E-dictionaries, calculators, etc. |
| Flow    | Users → Retailers → Manufacturers (Recyclers)  | Users → Collection boxes/stations → Municipalities → Recyclers with permission  |
| Cost    | Users for transportation and recycling   | Municipalities for collection within MSW collection scheme  |

# 6. Relationship to Waste Management Policies for Non-WEEE Items



<Proper treatment of wastes>

<Promotion of regeneration>

**Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law**

**Law for Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources**

**Regulation according to the character of individual products**

**Law for Promotion of Sorted Collection and Recycling of Containers and Packaging**

**Home Appliances Recycling Act**

**Small Electronic Appliance Recycling Act**

**Law on Recycling Food Wastes**

**Law Concerning Recycling of Materials for Construction Works**

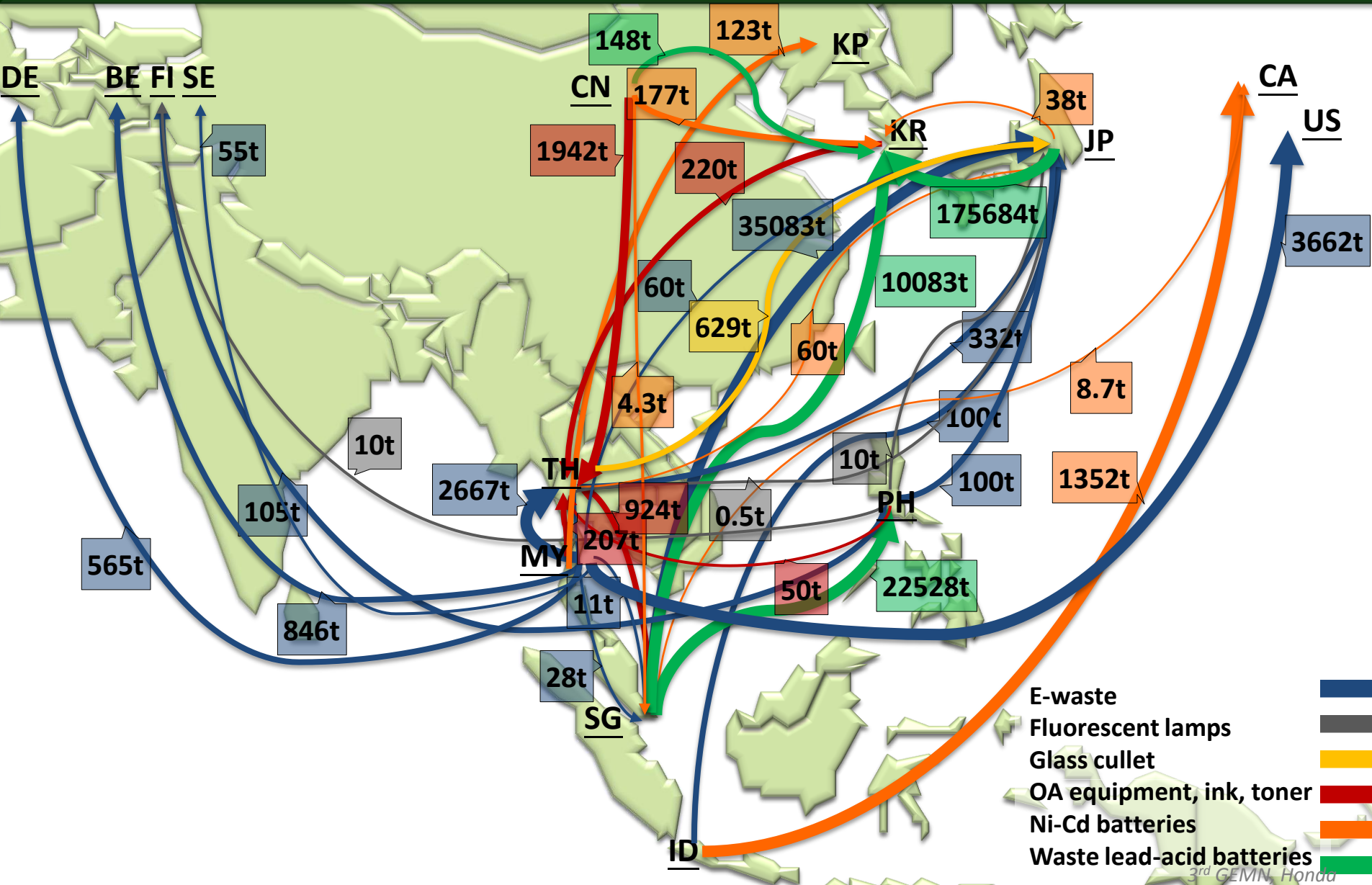
**End-of-Life Vehicles Recycling Law**



**Law Concerning the Promotion of Procurement of Eco-Friendly Goods and Services by the State and Other Entities (the central government taking initiatives in procurement of recycled products)**



# 7. TBM of E-waste in Asia - 2007-2009 -



## 8. Questions for Discussion

- Discussion topics for the GEM Network that would be useful for your agency or organization:

Relationship between the environmentally sound management and transboundary movements of E-waste (and second-hand electronics)