E-waste Management and Recycling Mechanism in Japan

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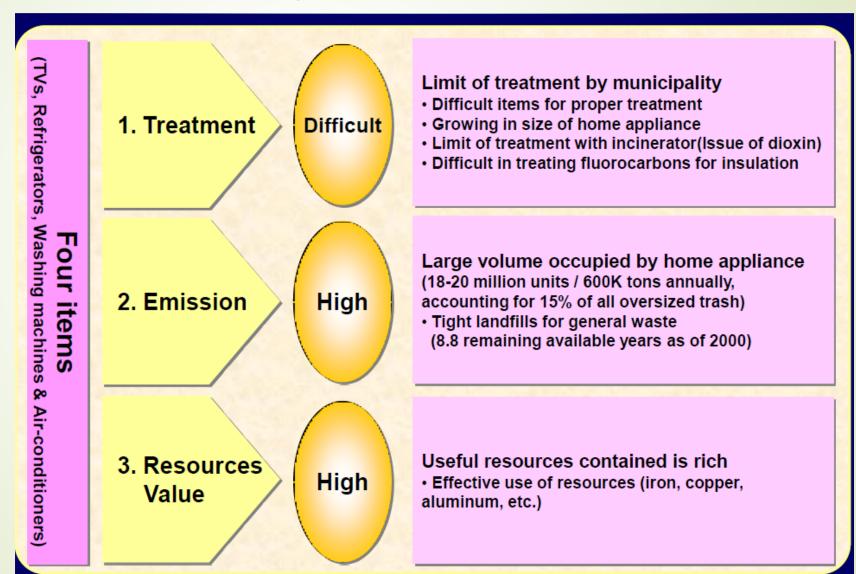
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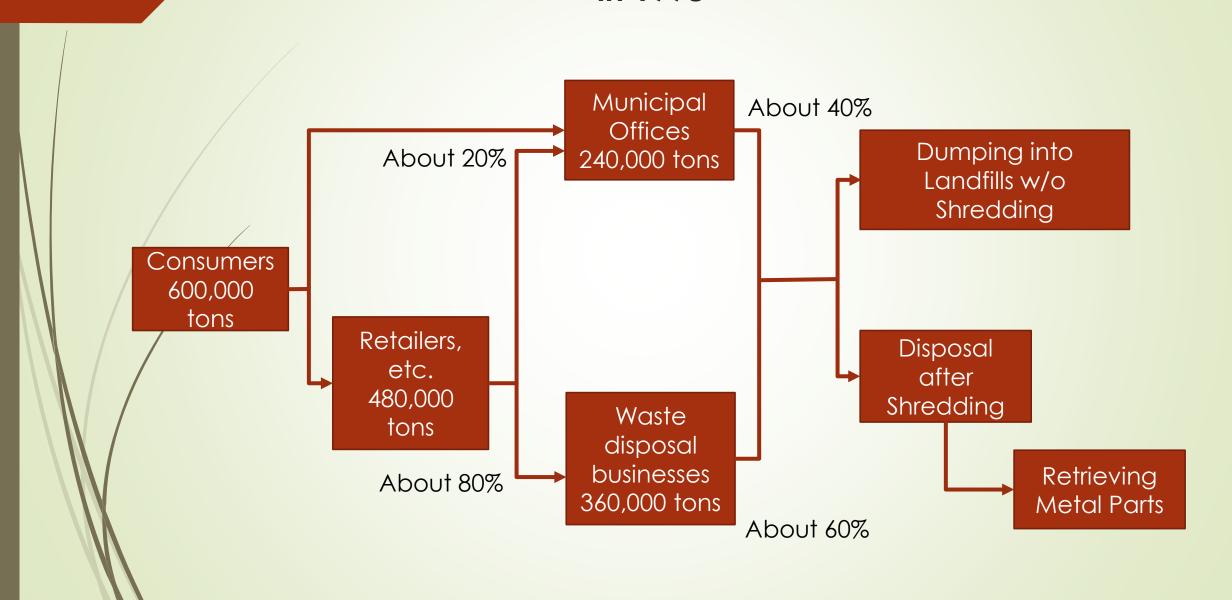
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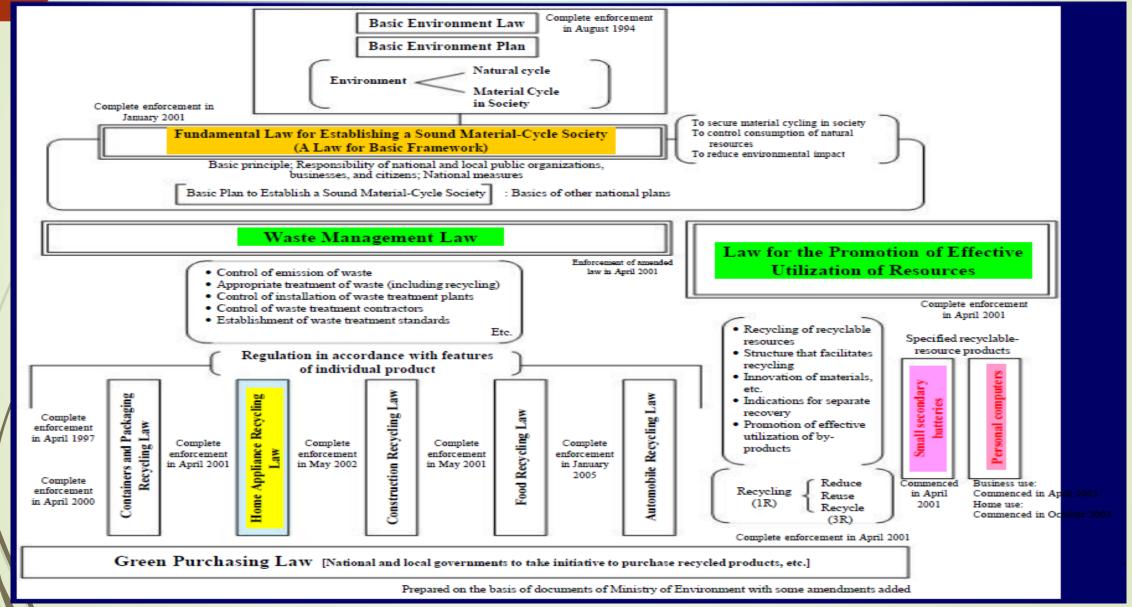
 Background behind the Development of New E-waste Management Mechanism in Japan



Flow of E-waste (TVs, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners and Washing Machines) in 1998



Legal/Regulatory Mechanism to Control E-waste Management and Recycling



- 3. What is determined in the Japanese E-waste Management Law (Law for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances 1998)
- 1) Type of E-waste covered
- air conditioners,
- CRT TVs, LCD/plasma TVs
- refrigerators, freezers
- **►** Washing/drying machines
- ☐ Further detailed categorization is made for each of the above E-waste

- 3. What is determined in the Japanese E-waste Management Law (Law for Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances 1998)
 - (2) Roles and responsibilities of relevant stakeholders
 - Manufactures are responsible for;
 - <u>Taking back</u> used home appliances, which manufactured or imported by themselves, from retailers
 - Recycling collected used appliances, by investing to establish recycling infrastructure
 - Publishing the costs for recycling the home appliances (recycling fees)

Retailers are responsible for;

- <u>Taking back</u> used home appliances, sold by themselves, from business consumers (B to B)
- Taking back used home appliances from consumers who buy new ones to replace old ones and obliged for <u>proper</u> <u>deliver</u> of the collected home appliances to licensed recycling plants
- Issuing home appliance recycling voucher to manufacturers and the designated body and sending copies to the consumers
- Displaying openly the costs for collecting and transporting

Consumers are responsible for:

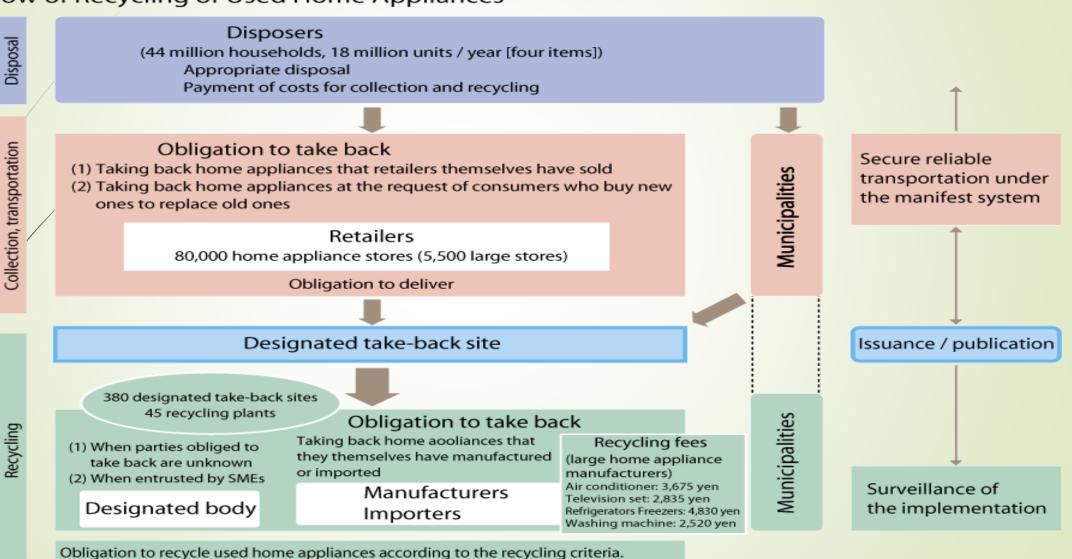
- Properly discharging used home appliances, namely not to discharge used home appliances to informal collectors.
- Bearing costs for collection and recycling of used home appliances.

Municipalities are responsible for:

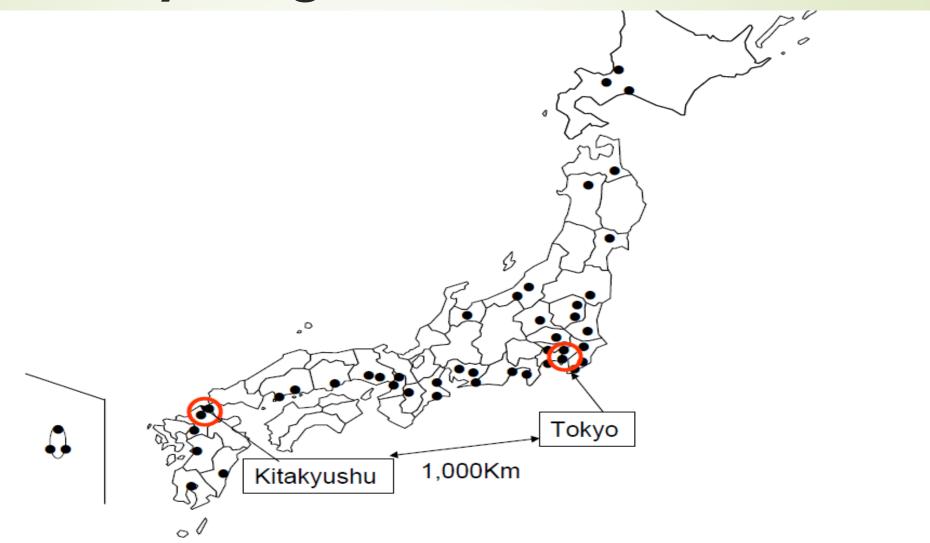
- Delivering collected home appliances, which they have collected, to manufacturers and the designated body, as well as recycling them in some cases
- Collecting used appliances from consumers in some cases, especially rural area

Overall flow and responsibilities of stakeholders

Flow of Recycling of Used Home Appliances



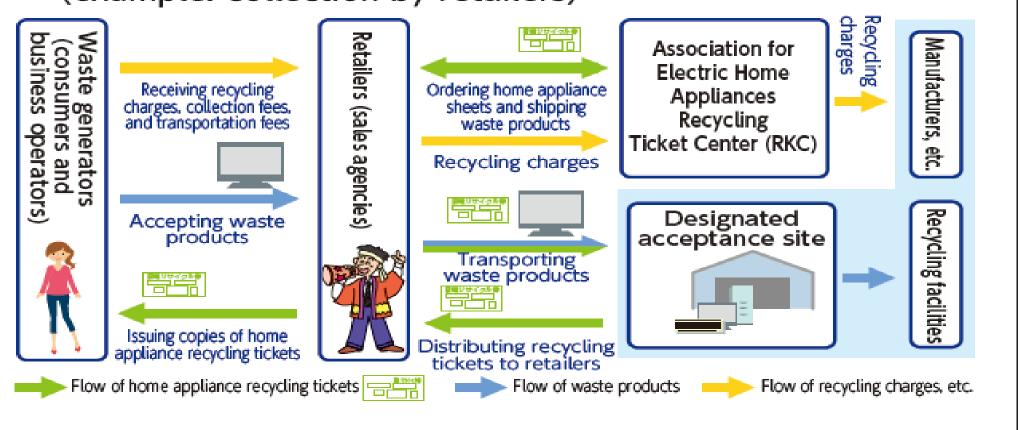
Recycling infrastructure



49 recycling facilities and 380 take-back sites nationwide. Recycling Facilities are built and operated by manufacturers under the law in cooperation with recyclers.

(4) E-waste, Fee, and Manifest

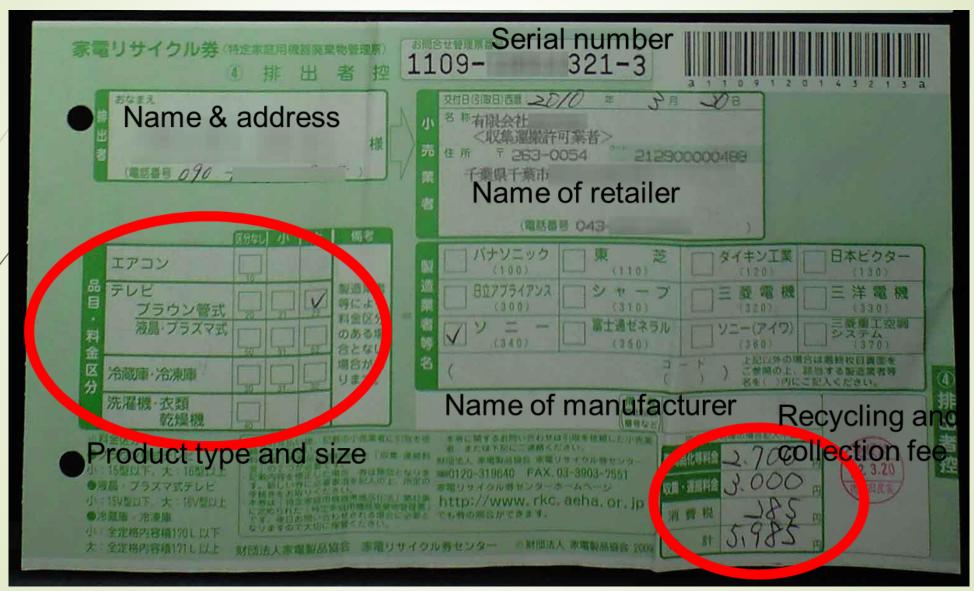
Flows of recycling costs and waste home appliances (example: collection by retailers)



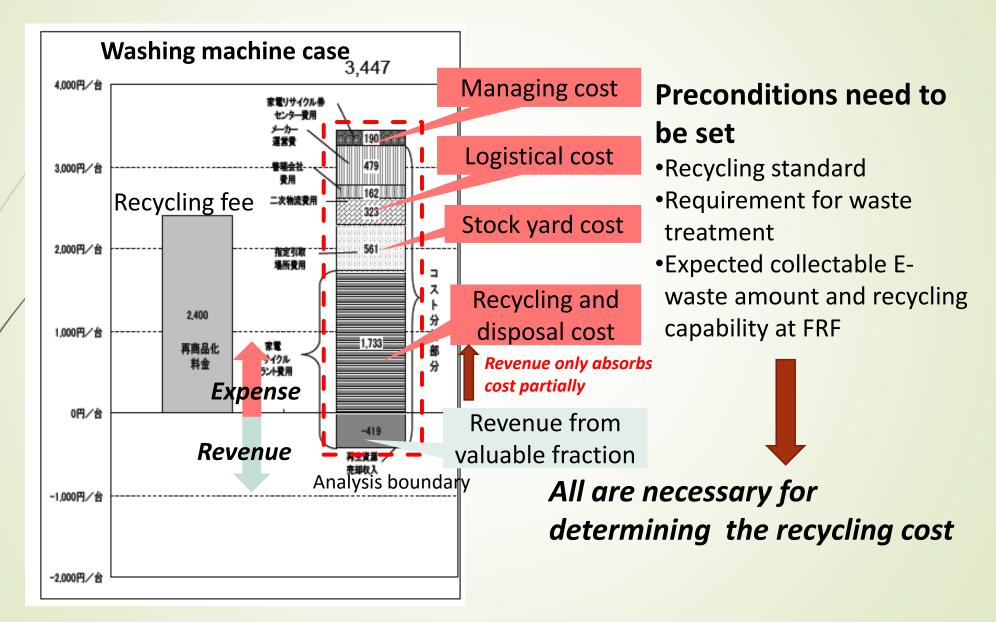
Source: Compiled from a diagram on the website of the Association for Electric Home Appliances

Who pays what cost and when are all clearly defined.

All moves of used home appliances accompanied by manifest (consignment note)



Determination of the recycling cost



4. Lessons to be learned from the Japan's E-waste management system

- Clear and specific identification of what should be covered under the new system (What types of E-waste are really necessary to be controlled by laws and regulations. No excessive intervention to the current market mechanism.)
- Clear description of roles and responsibilities (obligations) of stakeholders (Who does what, who pays what, and so forth).
- Transparency and fairness of the system (Consensus building process is the key to address this.).
- Prevention of free-riders.
- Collection efficiency (One important key)
- Determining the recycling cost is the most difficult part in designing workable and feasible system.

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