

E-waste management in Japan Best Practices

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Basic Environment Law

Effective since Aug 1994

Fundamental Law for Establishing a Sound Material-Cycle Society

Jan 2001

<Appropriate treatment of waste>

<Promotion of recycling>

Waste Management and Public Cleansing Law

Law for Promotion of Effective Utilization of Resources

(Regulations according to the Characteristics of Respective Items)

Container and Packaging Recycling Law



Apr 2000

Small Home Appliances Recycling Law



Apr 2013

Home Appliances Recycling Law



Apr 2001

Construction Materials Recycling Law



May 2002

Food Wastes Recycling Law



May 2001

End-of-life Vehicles Recycling Law



Jan 2005

Law on Promoting Green Purchasing

Law for the Recycling of Specified Kinds of Home Appliances - 2001

Objective	Legally promote ESM of E-waste and efficient use of recyclable resources
Mechanism	Introduction of responsibilities to all stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End users: payment of recycling fee• Retailers: collection of used home appliances• Manufacturers: recycling of collected appliances
Targets	Air conditioners Televisions (CRTs, LCD/PDP TVs) Refrigerators and freezers Washing machines and clothes dryers

Act on Promotion of Recycling of Small Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment - 2013

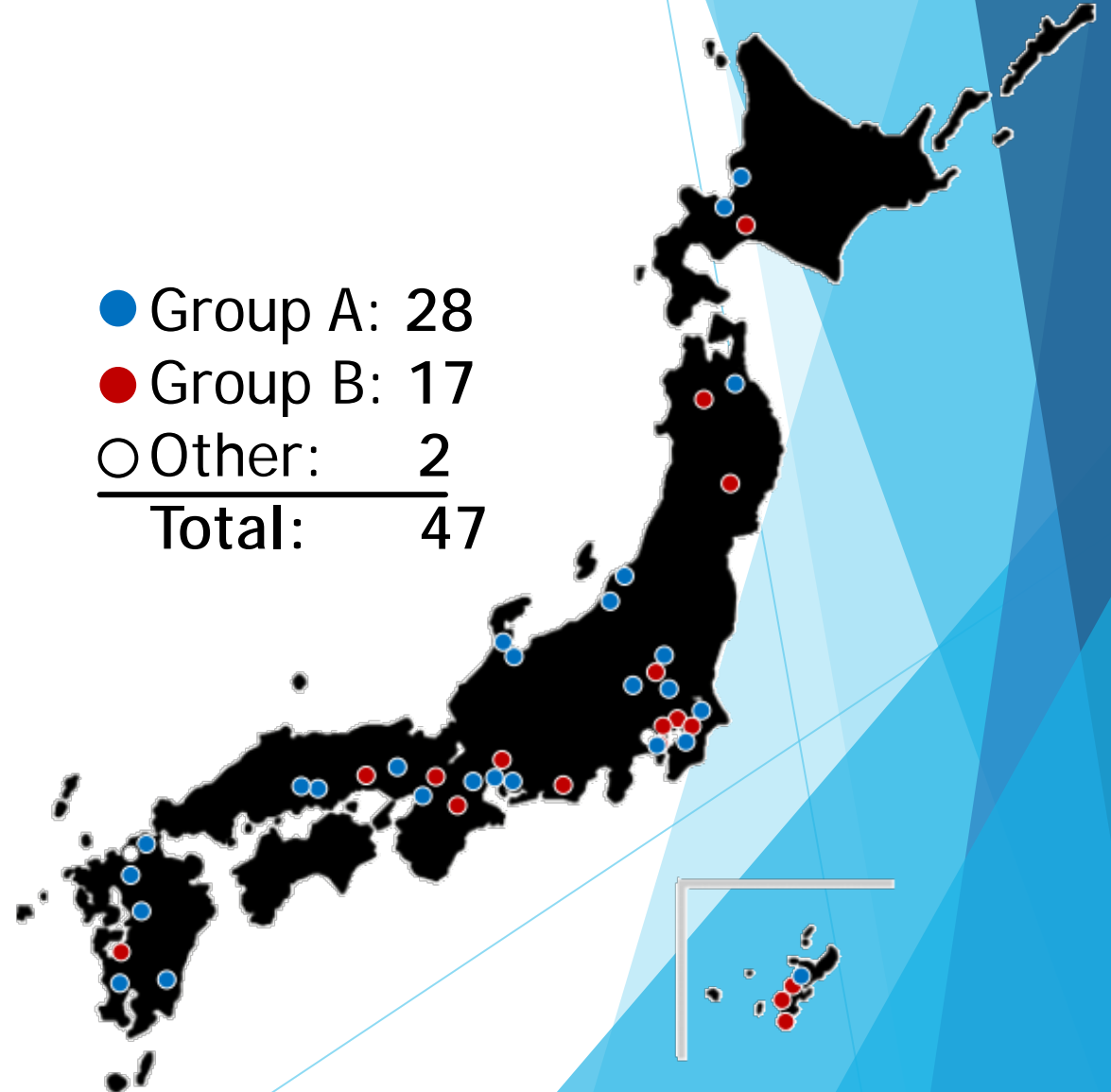
Objective	Extend the coverage of the home appliance recycling law to cover other electronics as well
Mechanism	<p>Introduction of responsibilities to all stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End users: Deliver the electronics to retailer or other collector• Retailers: Ensure consumers' proper processing of the electronics• Manufacturers: Reduce costs for recycling, use recycled materials
Targets	All household electronics except the four categories in the appliance recycling law.



E-waste recycling plants in Japan (2016)

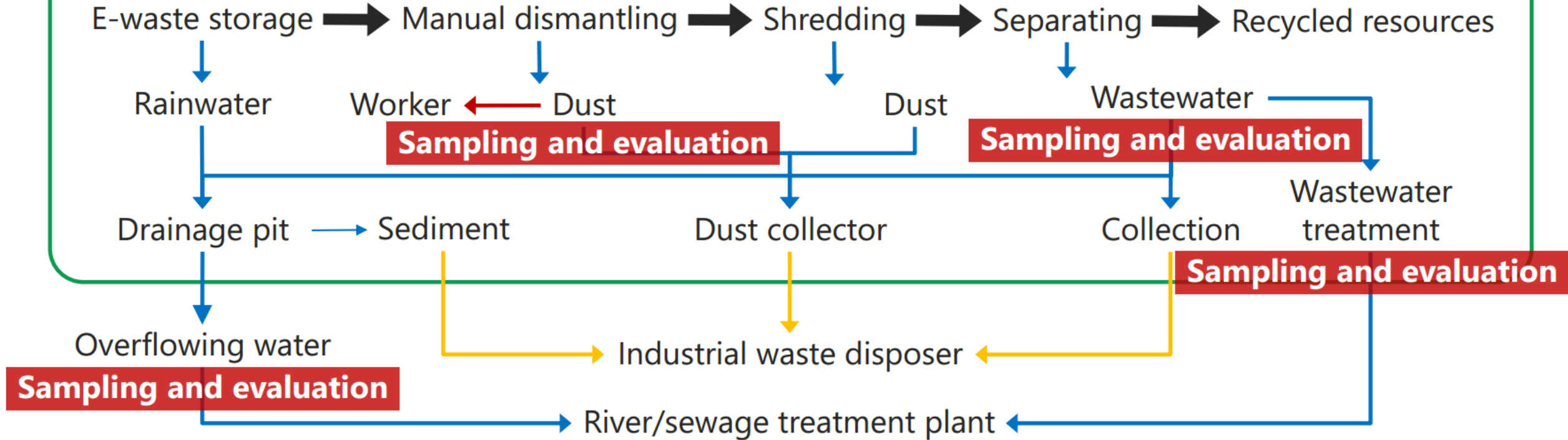
<u>Group A:</u>	<u>Group B:</u>
Panasonic	Hitachi
Toshiba	Mitsubishi
Corona	Sony
JVC	Sharp
Daikin	Mitsubishi Heavy Industries
	Fujitsu General
	Funai
	Chofu

● Group A:	28
● Group B:	17
○ Other:	2
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Total:	47



Flowchart of recycling plant in Japan

E-waste recycling plant in Japan



Emission into environment →

Exposure to human →

Environmentally sound management →

E-waste storage

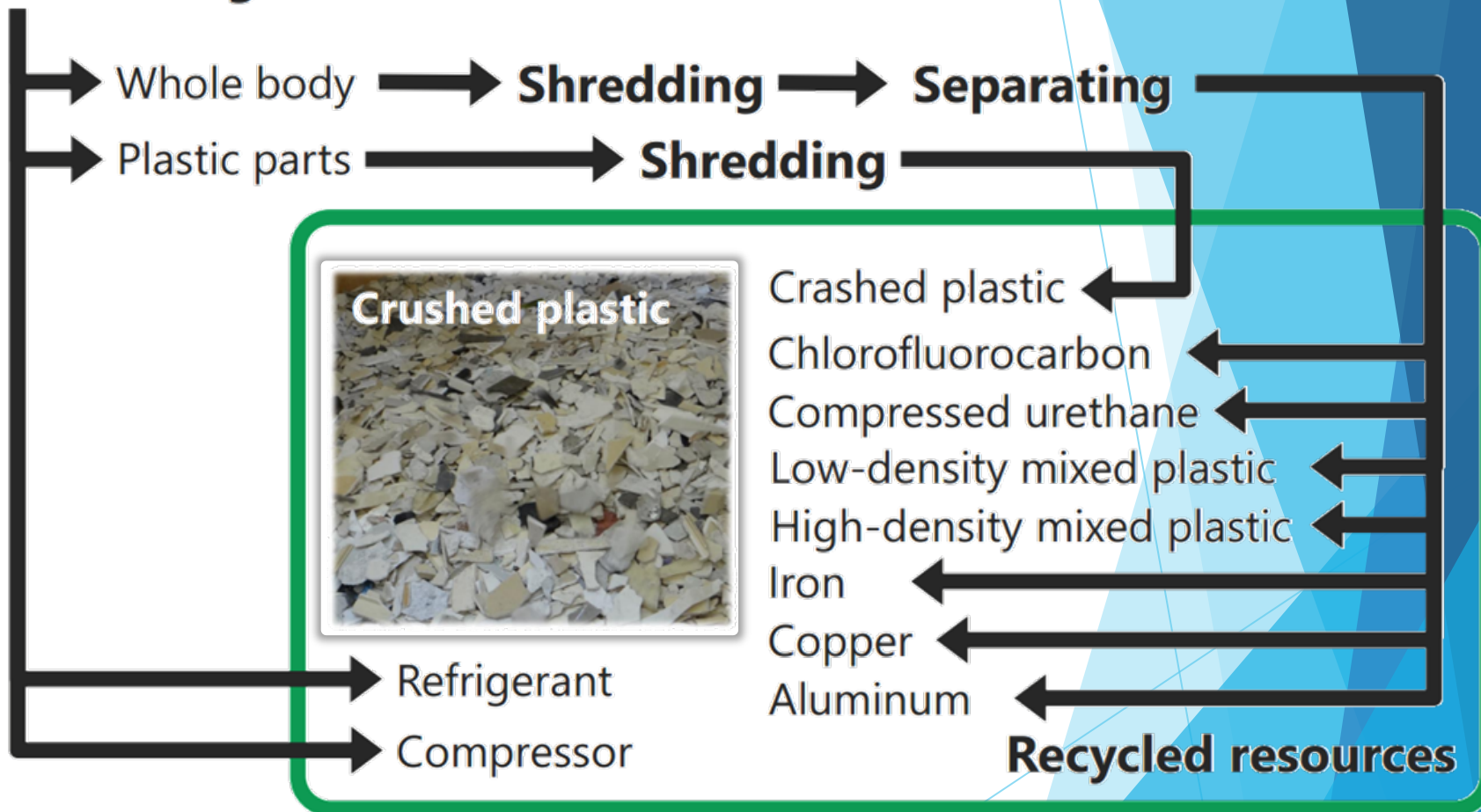
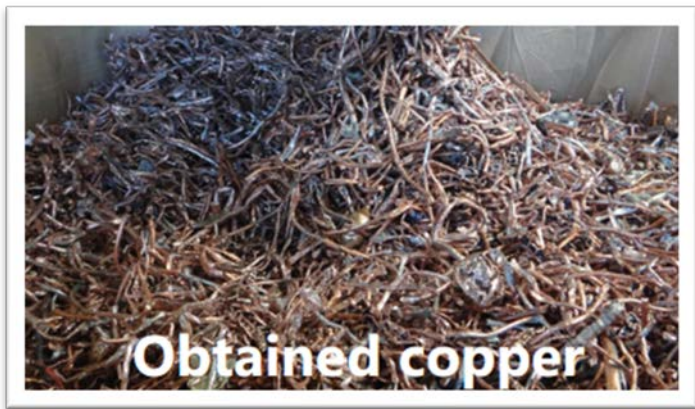


Recycling processes





Fridge → Manual dismantling



Tokyo 2020(?) Medal Project



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