# Waste Management Policy in Japan

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# **Purpose of presentation**

- Japan has adopted EPR in waste management policies.

(EPR···Extended Producer Responsibility)

 We'd like to introduce to you EPR and Japanese laws based on it.

• We'd like you to know EPR and its effects, and to think about them.

# **Before our presentation**

- Although we presented about waste (EPR) before, we will present again for persons who has never participated in the past symposiums.
- Basically, the word "Waste" will be used as municipal waste (such as household appliances, containers, and packaging).

# Structure



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# **3, Impacts on China by EPR**

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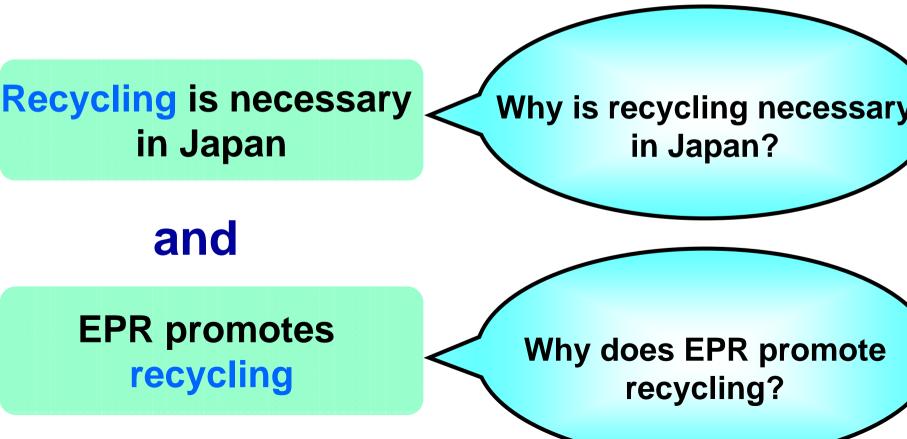
**Chapter 1** 

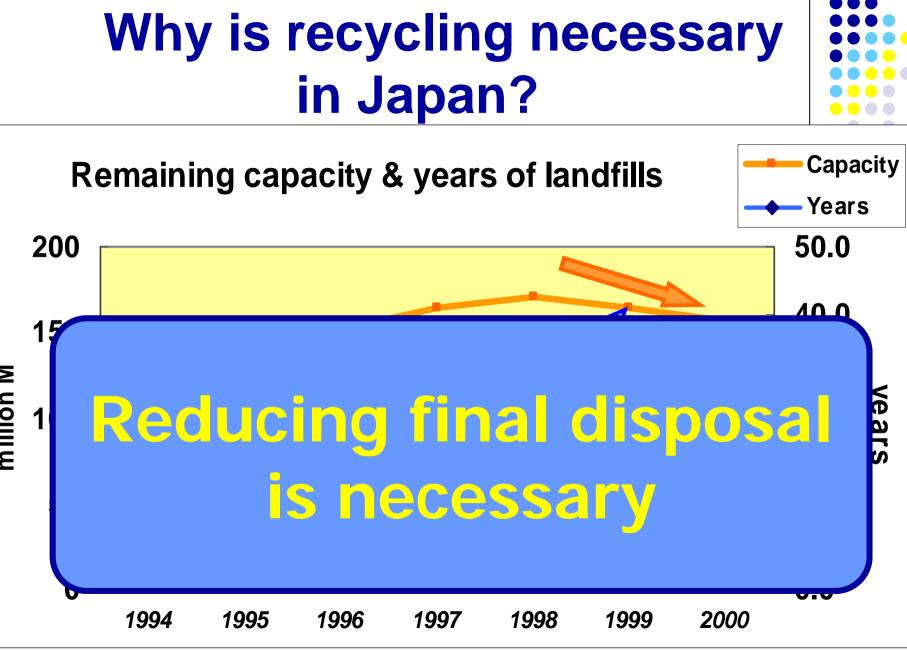
# Background -Why did Japan adopt EPR?-

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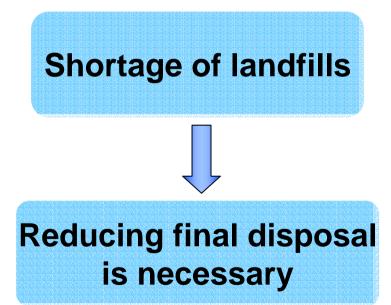


Source: Made from Ministry of Environment (2003) Environmental Statistics

# Why is recycling necessary in Japan?



There are 2 reasons · · ·



Limited natural resources

# Why is recycling necessary in Japan?

• Natural resources are limited.

Remaining years oil (43 years), copper (49 years), lead (22 years)

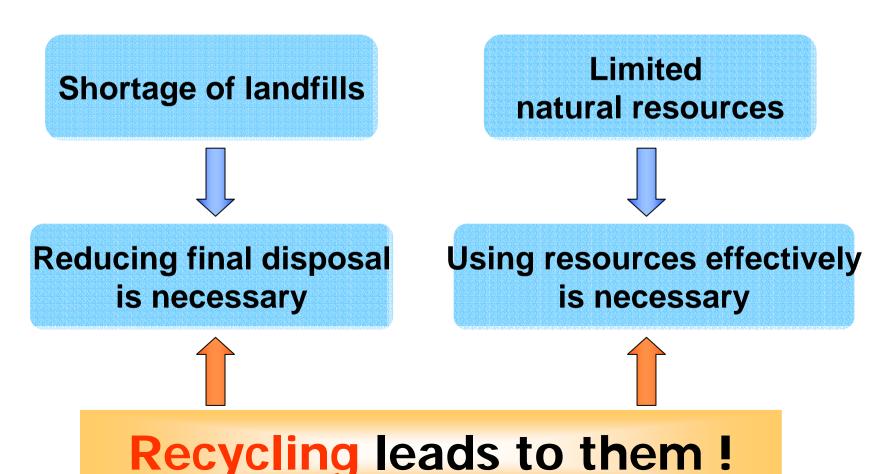
• Japan has little natural resources and has to import them a lot

It is necessary to use them more effectively !

# Why is recycling necessary in Japan?



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# What is 3R ?

• It means •••

#### Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

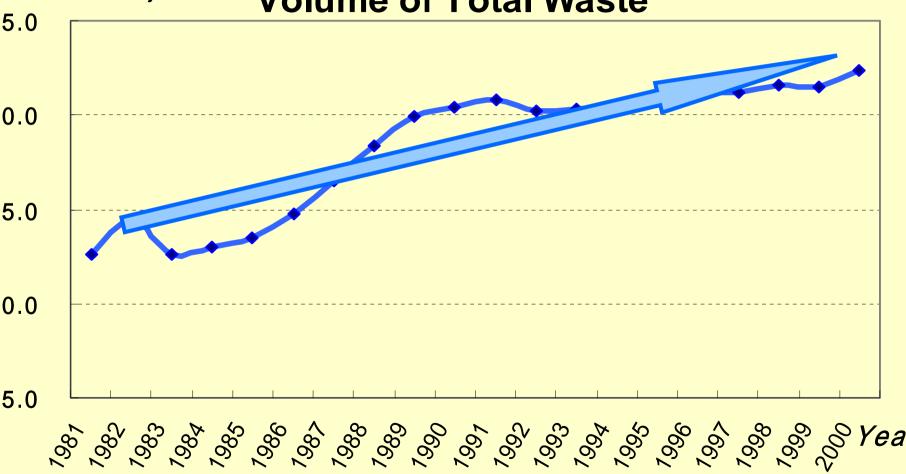
#### 3R leads to

the reduction of final disposal

the effective use of natural resources

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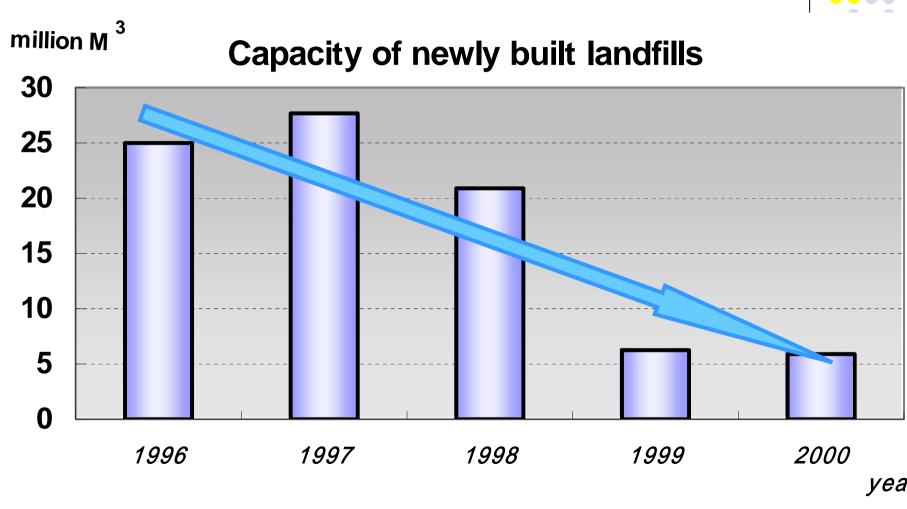
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# **Reason(1)** Shortage of landfills



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# Why does EPR promote recycling?



# • (1) What is EPR?

# (2) How does EPR promote recycling?

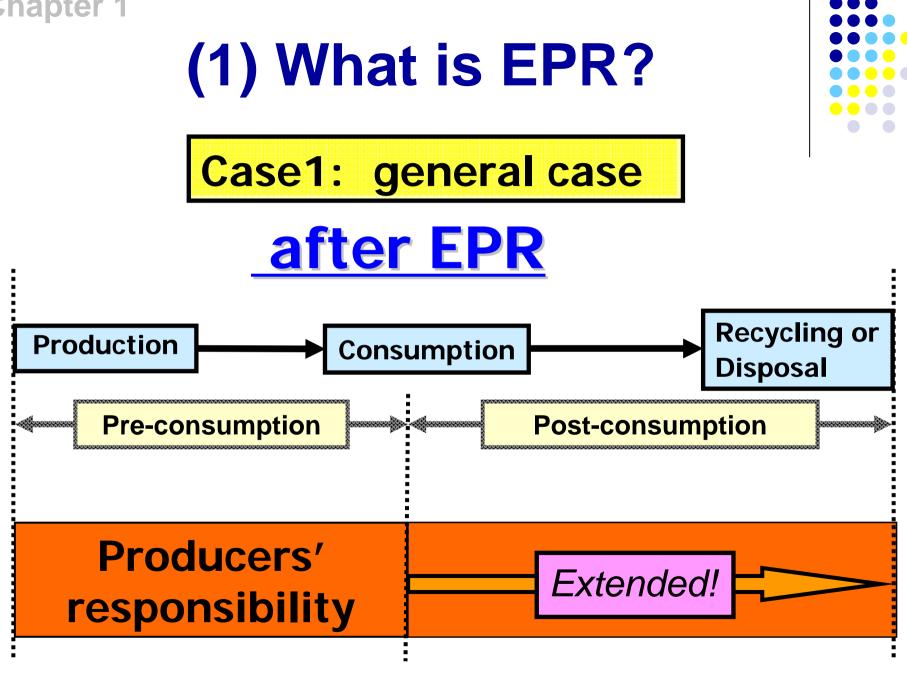
• (3) Kinds of responsibilities

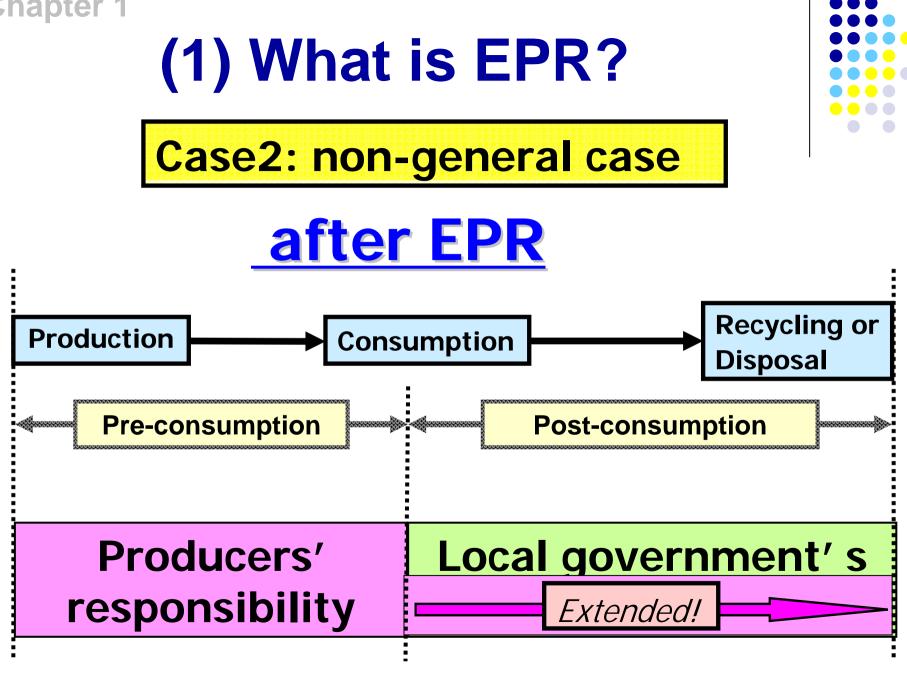
# (1) What is EPR?

EPR



To extend producers' responsibility for their products to the post-consumption stage





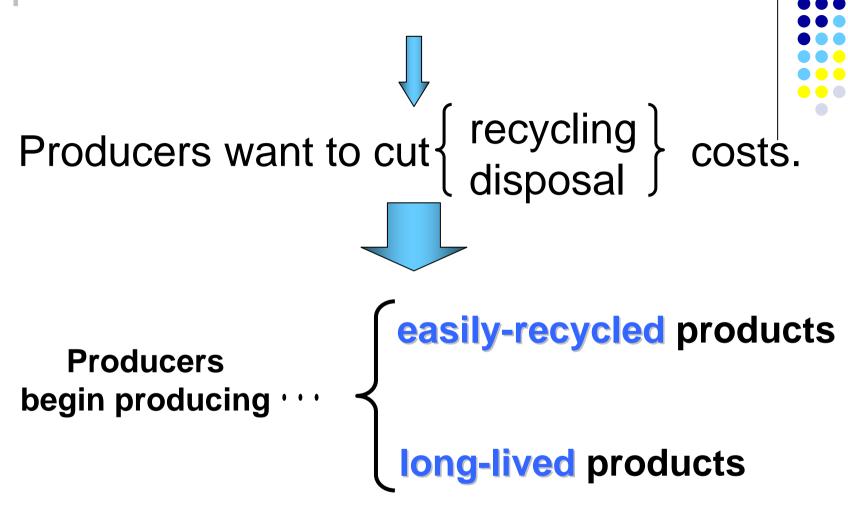
# (2) How does EPR promote recycling?

Producers are responsible for recycling or disposal.

They have to bear recycling or disposal costs.

Products may have a rise in price.





#### More Recycling and Reduction!

#### To sum up · · ·





# Japan adopted EPR

recycling

# (3) Kinds of responsibilities



# Physical responsibility

Producers must collect and recycle their used products themselves .

# **Financial responsibility**

Producers must finance systems to collect and recycle their used products.

# How do producers bear the "responsibilities" ?



#### cases

#### 1: Physical and Financial responsibility

e.g. Specific Household Appliances Recycling Law in Japan

The most efficient way to bear the responsibility depends on characteristics of products

# Sammary of chapter 1 ···· Please keep in mind 3 things



# 1. Japan needs to recycle waste, in order to { reduce final disposal use resources effectively.

2. EPR promotes recycling.

Japan adopted EPR

3. The most efficient form of responsibility depends on characteristics of products.

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**Chapter 2** 

# Effects of EPR -3 examples of laws based on EPR-

Home Appliance Recycling Law

Containers and Packaging Recycling Law

• ELV recycling Law



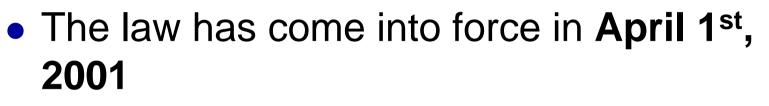


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#### 2. Results of the last two years

### 3. Conclusion

# **Outline of the law**



Targets

TV, refrigerator, washing machine, air conditioner

• Purpose

reduction of wastes efficient use of resources



#### Flow of waste appliances before treatment retailer recycle agency user treatment local dispose government producer after manufacturer retailer recycle importer user **PRO** treatment **PRO** dispose local Local government government



#### Responsibility (collection & recycling) was physically and financially

#### transferred to private sector!



### The relationship between Specific Household Appliances Recycling Law and EPR

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# Number of withdrawn Home Appliances



(thousand appliances)

	2001	2002
Number of withdrawn Home Appliances (total)	8,549	10,150

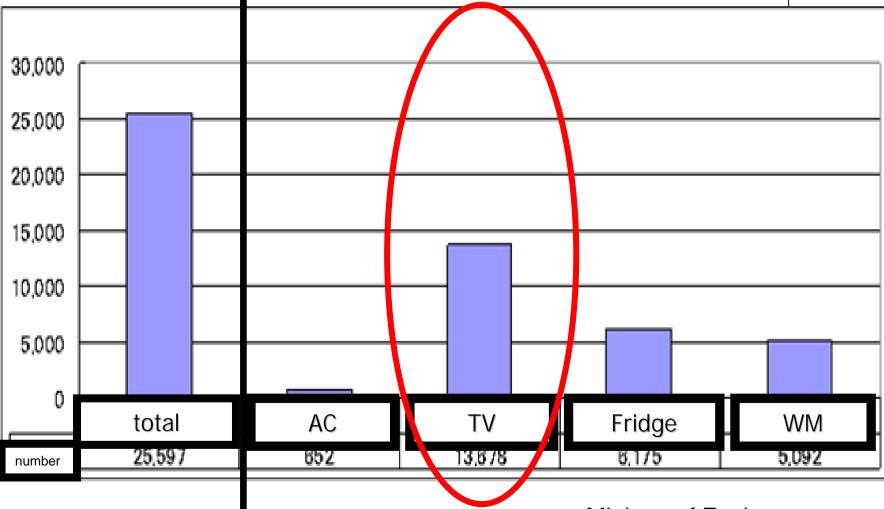
Ministry of Environment

# **Recycle Rate**



	Air Conditioner	TV	Refrigerator	Washing Machine
law	60%	55%	50%	50%
2001	78%	73%	59%	56%
2002	78%	75%	61%	60%

# Illegal Dumping (comparing2001 and 2002)



#### Ministry of Environment



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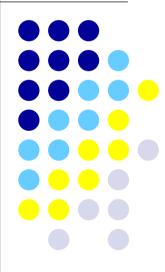
#### The two purpose has achieved

# reduction of wastes efficient use of resources



## Containers and Packaging Recycling Law

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## **Out line**



#### By the Law...

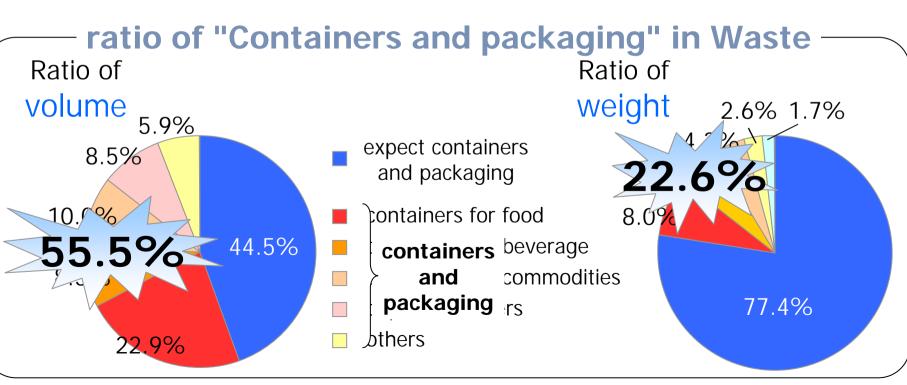
# The volume of recycled is increasing Growth of the volume of waste is mitigated

## **EPR is effective in recycling**

## Background



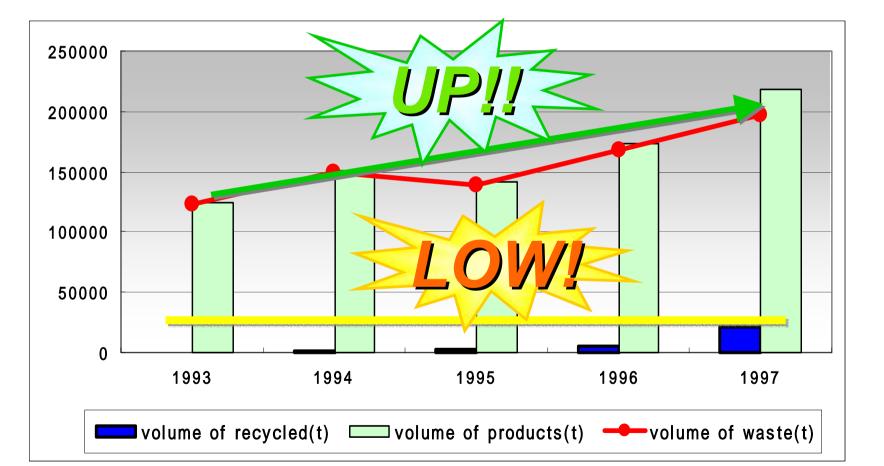
• **55%** of municipal waste in Japan consists of containers and packaging



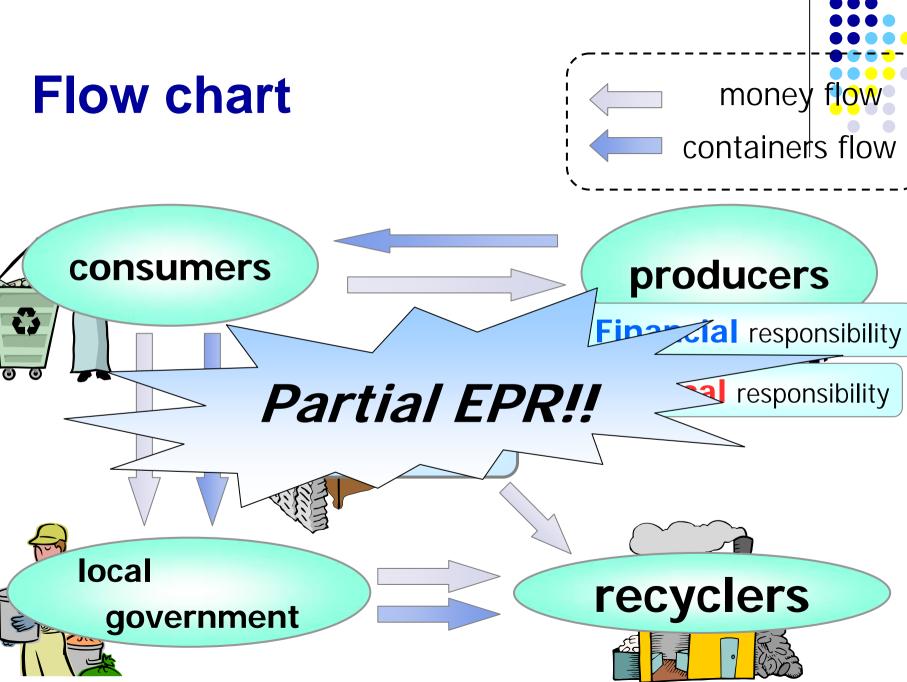
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## Background

#### volume of containers (PET bottles)



Source: Japan PET Bottle Association 2001



## Flow chart : Role

- consumers: separated discharge
- local government : separated collection
   physical responsibility
- producers : recycling
  - financial responsibility





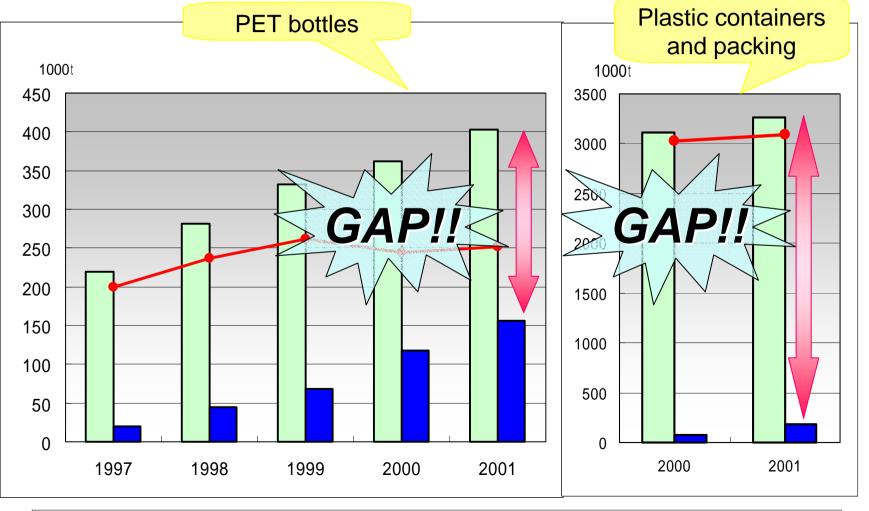
## effect of EPR



# EPR is effective in recycling !



## **Present condition**



Volume of recycled

production

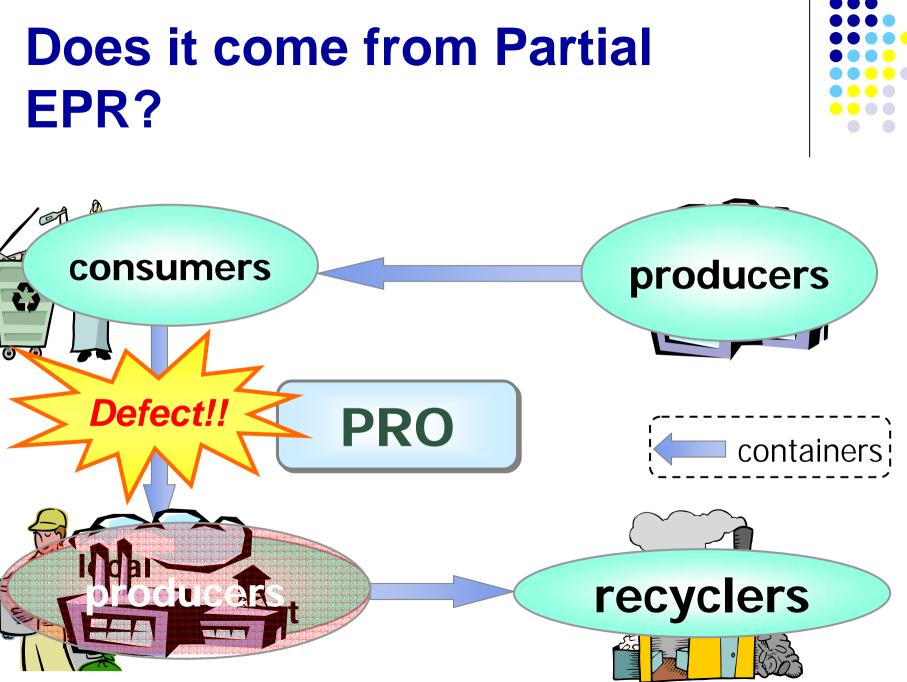
Volume of waste

## Is EPR perfect?



- The volume of waste is still increasing
- WHY??

\* Producers are doing nothing? NO! (redesigning for easy recycling, resource saving, etc)
\* Local governments are ···? NO! (collecting, transporting, etc)
\* Consumers are ···?? ??? (separating waste??)



## **EPR's defection**



#### • EPR can't influence on Consumers!

Waste separating is not enough!!

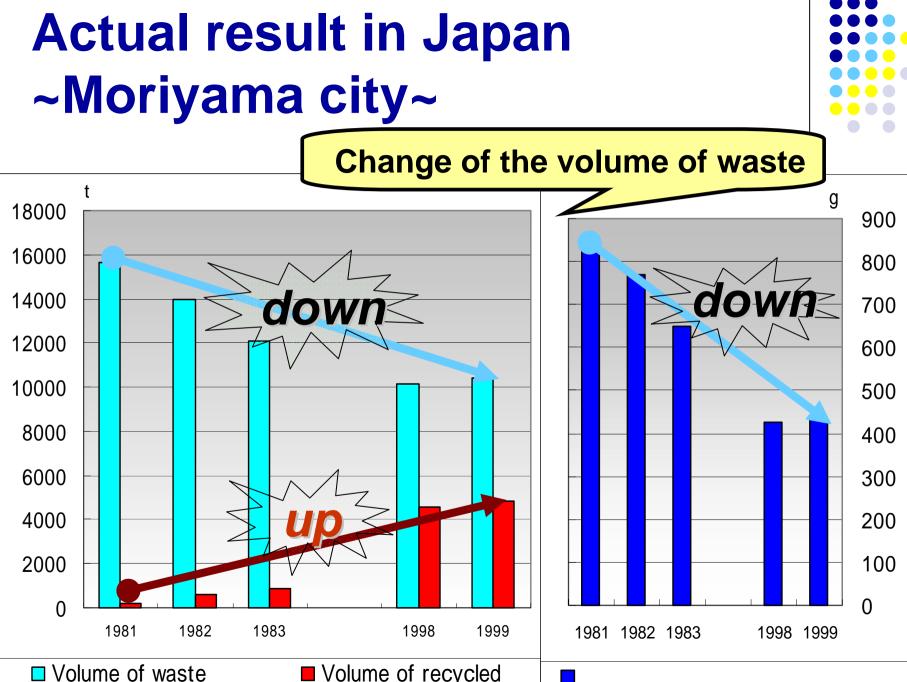
It can be a big problem.

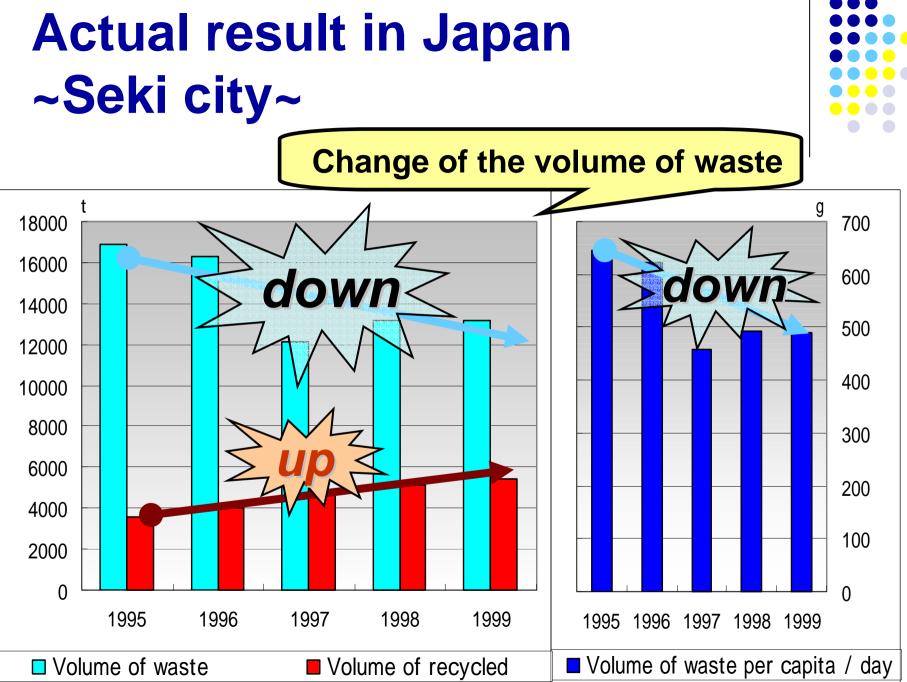
It depends on the products property!

## **Complement measures**



- Charge for garbage collection
- Consumers will buy the product with a few package.
- ·Consumers will separate garbage strictly.
- Deposit
  - Consumers will return cans or bottles.
    The rate of recycling will be high.





## Conclusion

• EPR is not always perfect!

Complement measures are necessary !!

Some cases...

EPR needs Complement measures!

We have to consider the product's property!





## ELV (end of life vehicle)



#### Why is ELV recycling law necessary? No.1

 The amount number of <u>ELV</u> (end of life vehicle) is 4million per year

- In the past, ELV was recycled/deposited through market
- The car recycling system has gone bankrupt

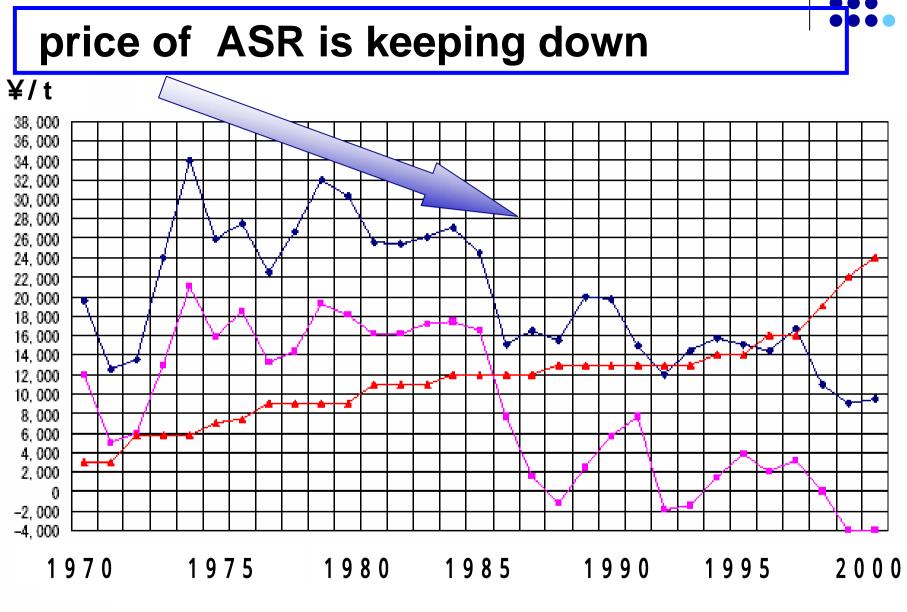
#### What is ASR?

- ASR ---- Automobile Shredder Residue
- Mainly contains iron scrap
- Constitute about 25% of ELV





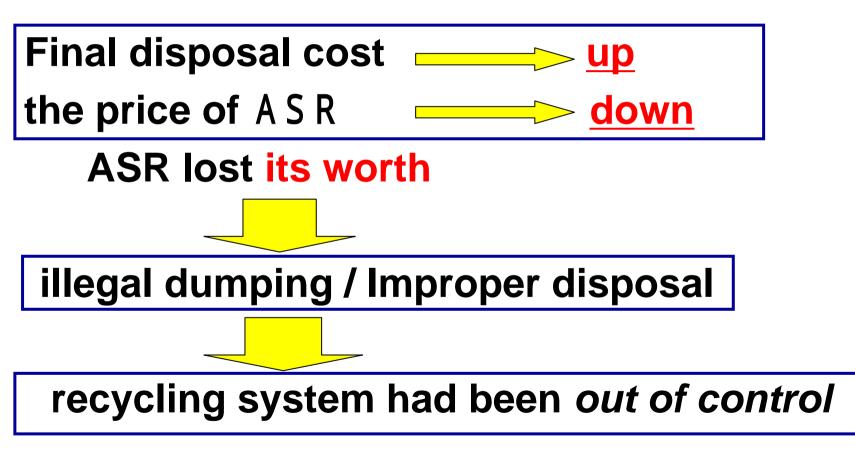
<u>return</u>



Price of scrapped iron

Disposal cost

# Why is ELV recycling law necessary? No.2



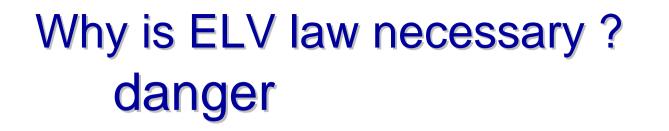
#### **To decrease quantity of ASR is necessary**

Why is ELV law necessary ? ~Consideration of the environment~

- Used in portion of Air-control
- <u>Chlorofluorocarbon</u> destroys ozone

Treating it properly is necessary





#### Shredding Air-bags, it sometimes explode

Treating it carefully is necessary



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#### ELV law as EPR The role of Car producers

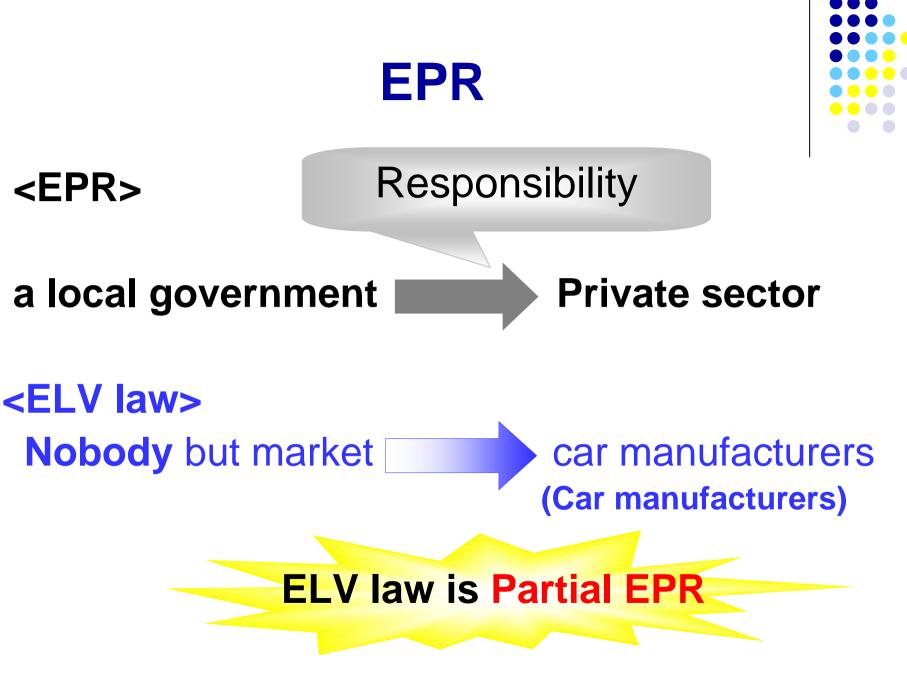


# Collect chlorofluorocarbon /air bag /ASR and recycling them

To help

decreasing disposal waste preventing illegal dumping protecting environment reducing danger in shredding air-bag

Collect treatment fee from final user at the time of delivery



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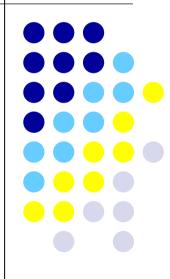
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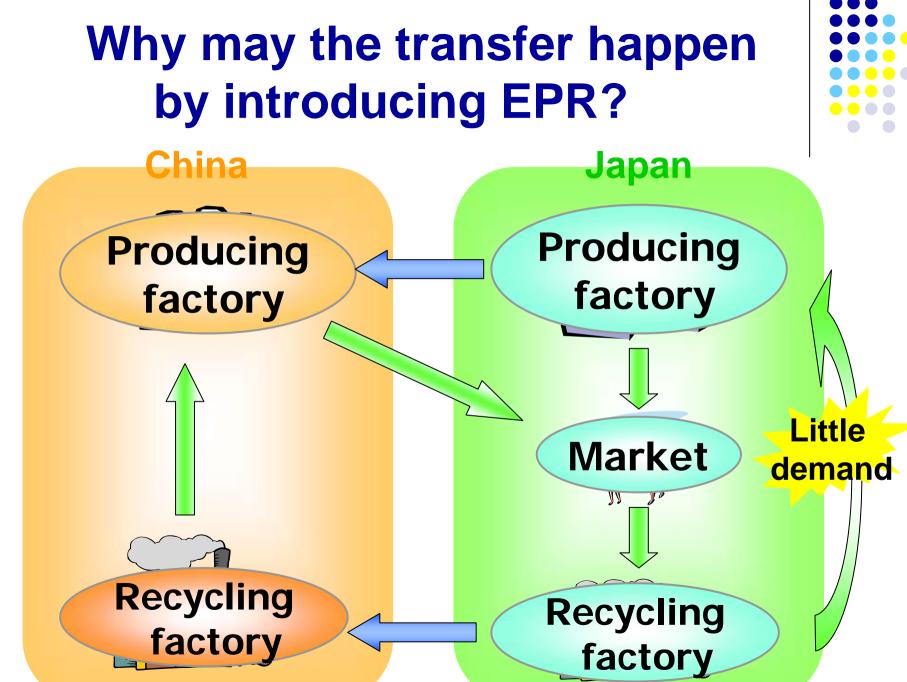




#### Introduction of EPR in Japan



#### The transfer of recycling factories from Japan to China



## What will the transfer bring to China?



## **Building recycling factories in China**

#### Transfer of technique for recycling to China

This transfer may contribute to { reducing final disposal using resources effectively

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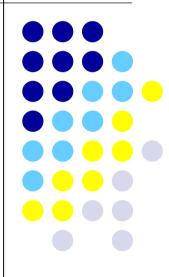
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- •Home Appliance Recycling Law
- Containers and Packaging Recycling Law
- **ELV Law**

EPR is an effective policy to reduce waste and promote recycling!

## Thank you for listening !!

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