

The Act on the Prevention of the Disposal of Stolen Specified Metals (Outline)

Background

Thefts of Metals Including Copper Cables from Solar Power Generation Facilities Are Increasing

- Number of reported incidents of thefts of metal in 2024 is **approximately four times higher than in 2020**
- **Reported monetary damages** in 2023 **exceeded 13 billion yen** (representing approximately 20% of all theft related damages)
- Due to the damages incurred by the facilities, long-term economic damage caused by the stoppage of electrical power generation also occurred

Outline of the Act

1. Measures Aimed at Specified Scrap Metals Purchasers

Measures related to business entities in the business of purchasing specified scrap metals*

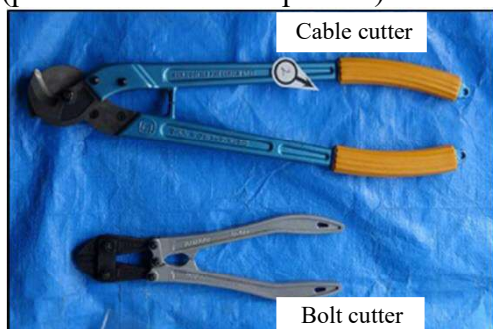
※*These are scrap metals comprised of specified metals (copper and other metals specified by Cabinet Order) that are used in manufactured products for which the prevention of theft is a high priority



- ▶ Notification by Purchasers of Specified Scrap Metals (penalties for noncompliance)
 - Notification is required when conducting the business of purchasing specified scrap metals
- ▶ Verifying the Identity of Sellers and Taking Other Measures When Making Purchases
 - There is a requirement to verify the identity of sellers at the time of purchasing specified scrap metal
 - There is a requirement to make and keep records of the matters concerning the verification of identity
- ▶ Making Transaction Records
 - When purchasing specified scrap metals, there is a requirement to make and keep records of the name of the seller and the details of the transaction
- ▶ Report to the Police
 - When there is a suspicion that the specified scrap metals related to a purchase derive from stolen goods, a report is required to be made to the police
- ▶ Other Measures
 - Instructions, business suspension orders, and requests for reports and on-site inspection to the business entity conducting the business of purchasing specified scrap metals

2. Regulation of Tools Used in Criminal Activity

- ▶ Concealed carrying of devices such as cable cutting tools which have a high risk of being used to commit theft of specified metals, without legitimate grounds, will be prohibited (penalties for noncompliance)



3. Providing Information Concerning Theft Prevention

- ▶ Information useful for theft prevention will be provided to persons considered highly likely to become the victims of metal theft

