

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



Stolen copper cables

- ▶ 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)



Cable cutter

Bolt cutter

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



Examples of information provision by the police

盗難特定金属製物品の処分の防止等に関する法律（概要）

背景

太陽光発電設備からの銅線ケーブル盗をはじめとする金属盗が増加

- ・ 令和6年の金属盗の認知件数は**令和2年の約4倍**
- ・ 令和5年の金属盗の**被害額**（実務統計）は、**130億円以上**（窃盗全体の約2割）
- ・ 同設備の被害により、長期間にわたる発電停止による経済的損失も発生

法律の概要

1 特定金属くず買受業に係る措置

特定金属くず(※)の買受けを行う営業を営む者に係る措置

※ 当該金属を使用して製造された物品の窃取を防止する必要性が高い金属(銅及び政令で定める金属)により構成されている金属くず

▶ 特定金属くず買受業の届出（罰則あり）

- ・ 特定金属くず買受業を営む場合の届出義務

▶ 買受けの相手方の本人確認等

- ・ 特定金属くずの買受け時の相手方の本人確認義務
- ・ 当該本人確認事項等に関する記録の作成・保存義務

▶ 取引記録の作成等

- ・ 特定金属くずの買受けを行った場合、買受けに係る相手方の氏名、内容等に関する記録を作成・保存する義務

▶ 警察官への申告

- ・ 買受けに係る特定金属くずが盗品に由来するものである疑いがあると認めたときの警察官への申告義務

▶ その他

- ・ 特定金属くず買受業を営む者に対する指示、営業停止命令並びに報告徴収及び立入検査等



2 犯行用具規制

- ▶ ケーブルカッター等のうち犯行使用のおそれ大きい工具の正当な理由なき隠匿携帯を禁止（罰則あり）



3 盗難の防止に関する情報の周知

- ▶ 金属盗の被害に遭うおそれ大きい者に対する盗難防止に資する情報の周知

