

# 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

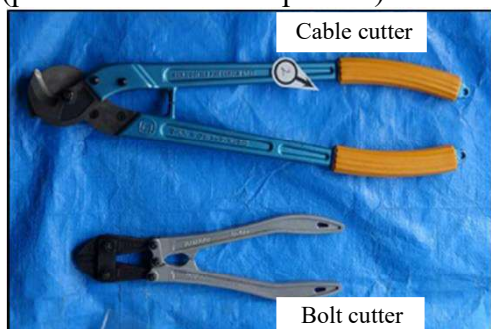
- When there is a suspicion that the specified scrap metals related to a purchase derive from stolen goods, a report is required to be made to the police

#### ▶ 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