



Policy for Energy-Efficient Freight Transportation in Japan

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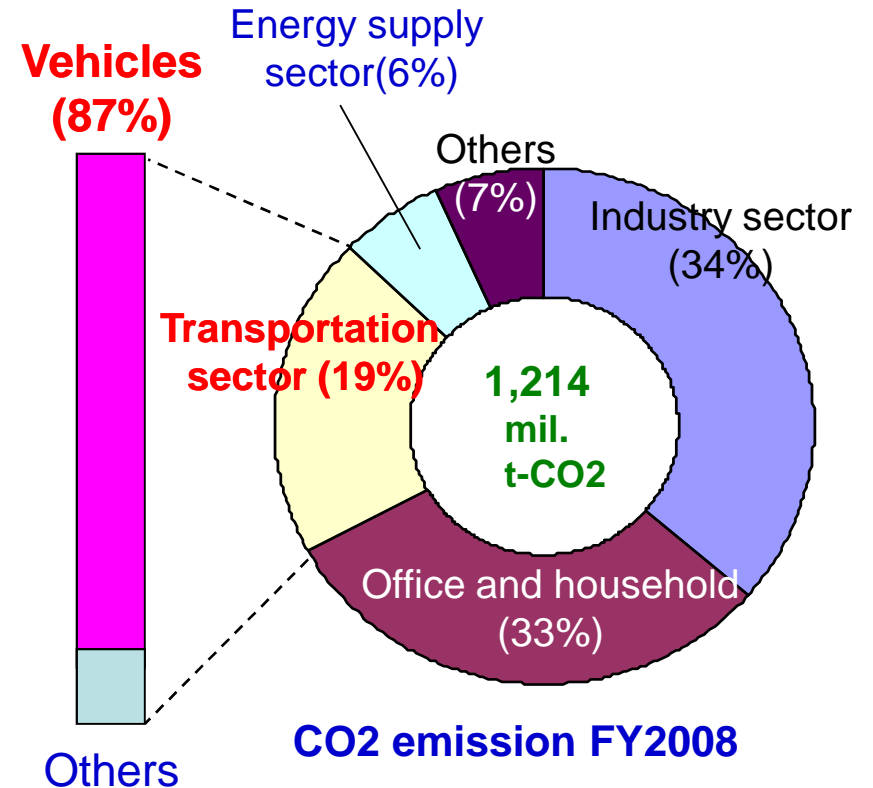
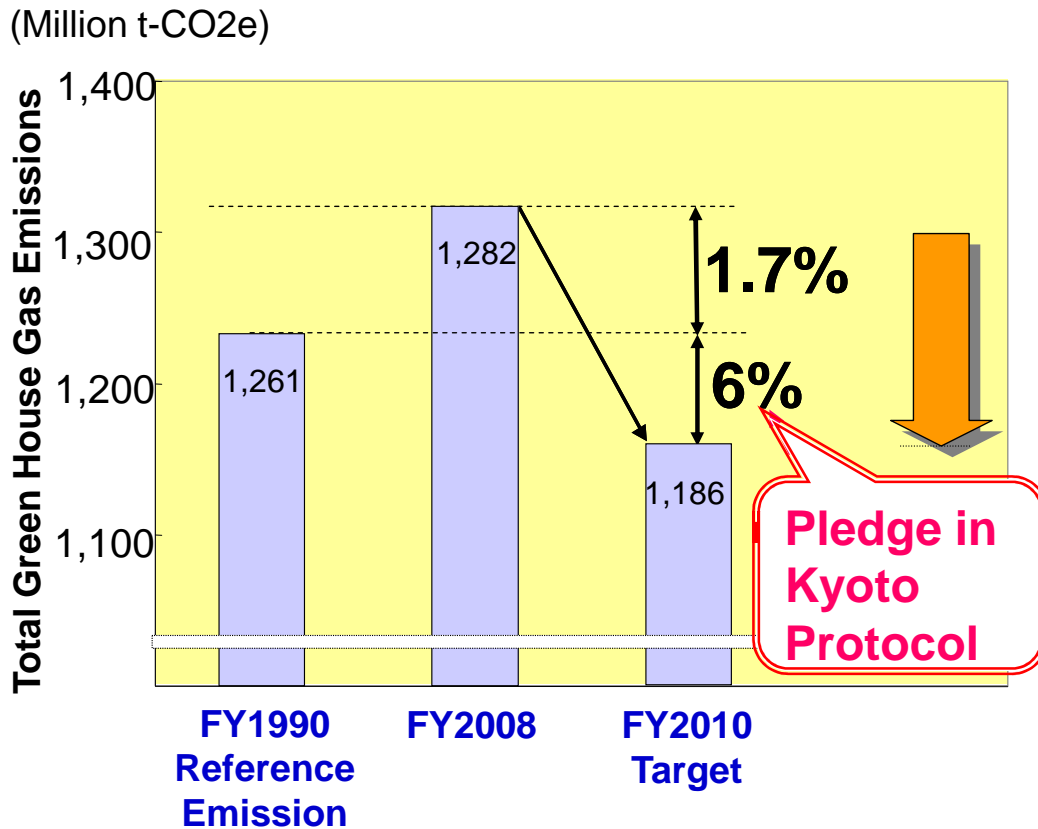
1.(1) Current situation of GHG emission



① Overview of greenhouse gas emission in Japan

Overview of the national total
 To achieve the **6%** reduction committed in Kyoto Protocol, Japan needs to reduce **7.6%** in FY2006-2010.

Overview of the transportation sector
 CO2 emissions from the transportation sector account for **19%** of the nation's total, of which **87%** is from vehicles.



(Ministry of Environment)

② CO2 emission in the transport sector

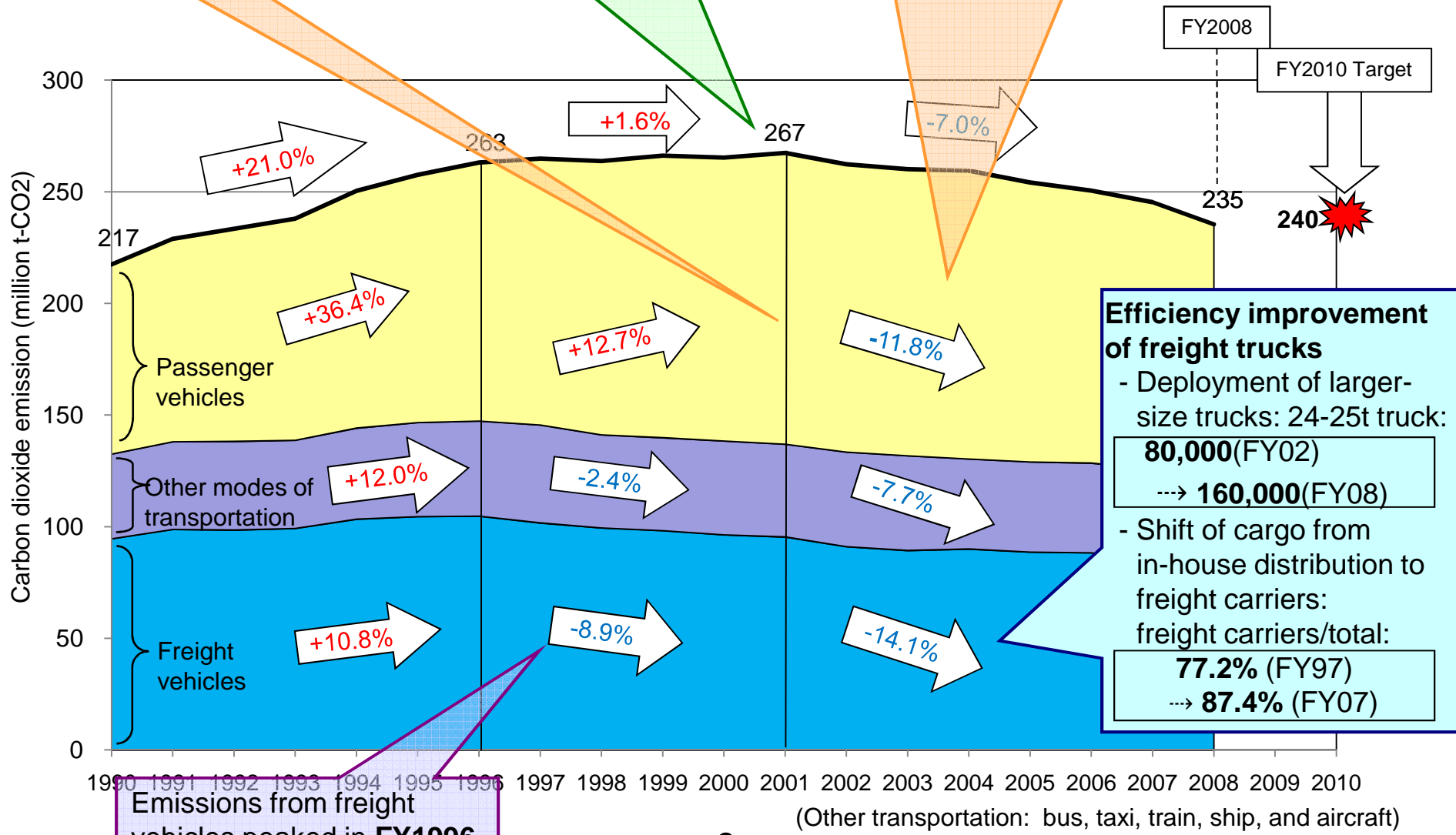
Improvement of mileage of passenger vehicles

- The Top-runner (Best-in-Class) Standard
- Vehicle Green Tax (Since **FY2001**)

14.4mil./57.5mil. registered vehicles are GREEN

Emissions from passenger vehicles peaked in **FY2001**.

Since **FY2001**, emissions from the transportation sector have been on a downward trend.



Emissions from freight vehicles peaked in **FY1996**

Efficiency improvement of freight trucks

- Deployment of larger-size trucks: 24-25t truck: **80,000(FY02)** → **160,000(FY08)**
- Shift of cargo from in-house distribution to freight carriers: freight carriers/total: **77.2% (FY97)** → **87.4% (FY07)**

1.(2) Countermeasures in the transport sector



Vehicle traffic measures

Measures for vehicles and eco-friendly driving style
(▼27.6 – 29.6 mil. t-CO2)

- Top-runner fuel efficiency standards
- Promotion of energy-saving vehicles
- Promotion of eco-friendly driving styles
- Introduction of bio-fuel

Improvement of traffic flow
(▼5.5 mil. t-CO2)

- Improvement of traffic speed by alleviating traffic jams

Others

- Technical Innovation of efficiency in railway/aviation sector
- Promotion of teleworking
(▼2.8 mil. t-CO2)

Transition to more efficient transportation system

Improvement of cargo transportation efficiency
(▼17.5 – 18.6 mil. t-CO2)

- Green Distribution Partnership
- Modal shift to railroads and shipping
- Use of efficient vehicles (ex. larger trucks, co-use of a single truck)

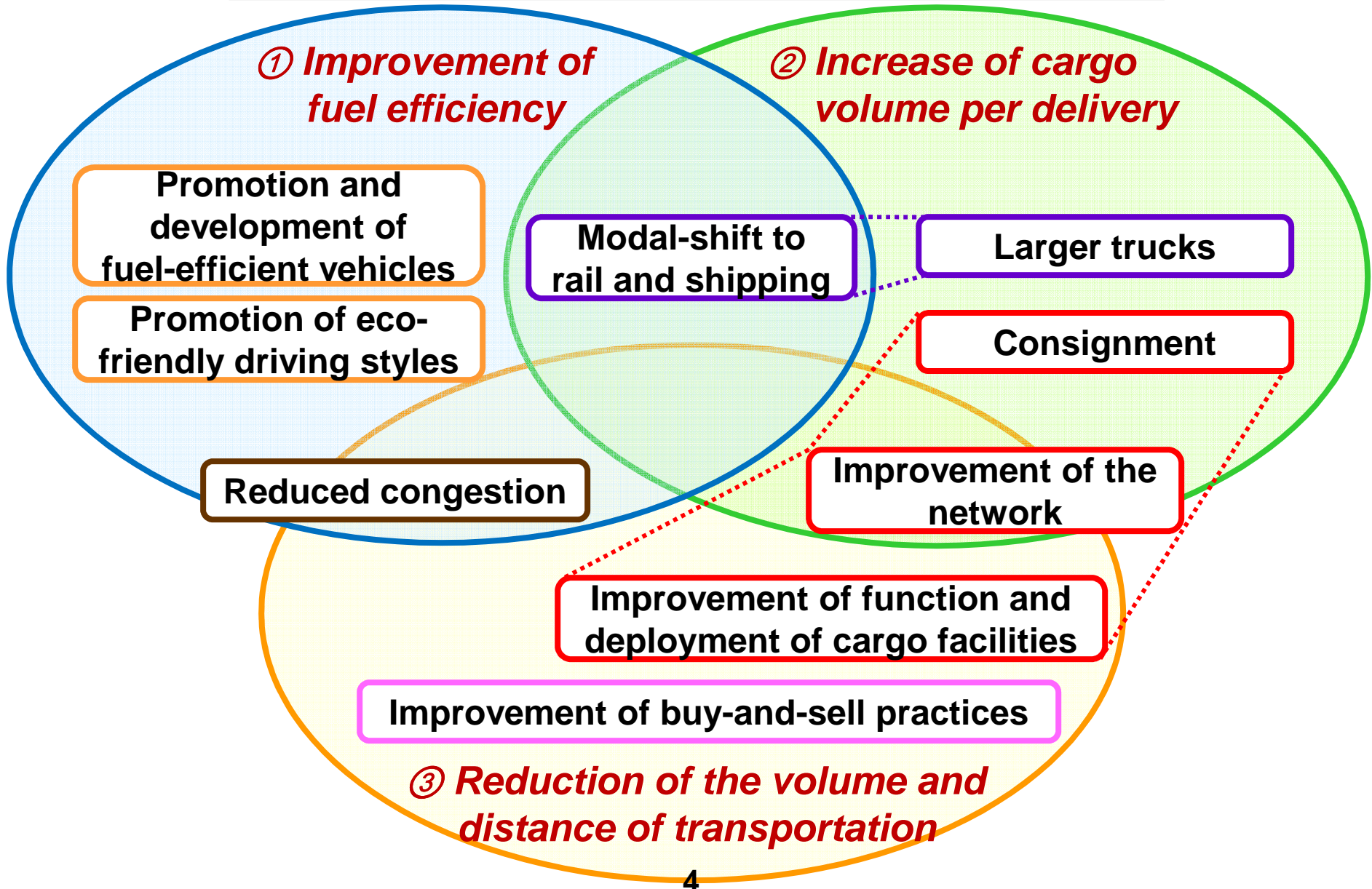
Promotion of use of public transportation
(▼2.7 – 3.8 mil. t-CO2)

- Build new commuter lines, subways, LRTs, etc.
- Promotion through IC cards
- Traffic demand management

Total:
▼60 mil. t-CO2

1.(3) Approach for efficient freight transport

3 key elements to reduce environmental impacts



2.(1) Regulation on vehicles



① Fuel Efficiency Improvement based on the Top-runner Standard

1998 Energy-Saving Law introduced **Top-runner (Best-in-Class) Standard** on energy efficiency for some products including vehicles.

Top-runner Standard of Mileage for Small Vehicles (rev.) (7/2007-)

- **Target:** passenger cars, small buses, small freight vehicles $\leq 3.5t$.
- **Target year:** FY2015
- **Improvement:** Mileage in FY2015 will be improved by 23.5% compared to FY2004.
- New standard requires more improvement than that of FY1995-2004 (22%).

Top-runner Standard of Mileage for Large Vehicles (NEW) (3/2006-)

- **Target:** freight vehicles $> 3.5 t$ and passenger cars ≥ 11 people, fueled by light oil.
- **Target Year:** FY2015
- **Improvement:** Mileage in FY2015 will be improved by 12.2% compared to FY2002.
- The world's first mileage standard for large vehicles (trucks and buses).

Vehicle Green Tax System promotes fuel-efficient vehicles, including hybrid vehicles and clean-diesel vehicles

24.5mil. t-CO₂ reduction compared to BAU in 2010

2.(2) Promotion of eco-friendly vehicles



① Vehicle Green Tax

☆: 75% less emission than 2005-standard for small vehicles ◇: 50% less emission
 ★: cleared 2005-standard for large vehicles ★-09: cleared 2009-standard for large vehicles

1XX%e: efficiency compared to 2010-standard

e-2015: cleared 2015-standard

Large : 3.5t <L
 Medium: 2.5t <M ≤ 3.5t
 Small : S ≤ 2.5t

	Annual Vehicle Tax (1 yr)	Annual Vehicle Tonnage Tax (1 yr)	Vehicle Acquisition Tax
	Tax based on capacity: (ex. 2t-business truck: ¥11,500)	Tax based on weight (ex. Truck over 2.5t: ¥12,600/t)	Full tax on vehicle price: 3 to 5%
Electric Vehicle, Fuel-Cell Vehicle, Plug-in Hybrid Vehicle	▼100%	▼100%	▼100%
CNG Vehicle [★] (L)	▼50%	▼100%	▼100%
[★] (M/S)	▼50%	▼100%	▼100%
Clean Diesel Vehicle [★-09]	-	▼100%	▼100%
Hybrid Vehicle [e-2015 + ★] (L)	-	▼100%	▼100%
[125%e + ★] (M/S)	-	▼100%	▼100%
Diesel Vehicle [e-2015 + ★-09 / ★] (L)	-	▼75% / ▼50%	▼75% / ▼50%
[e-2015 + ★-09] (M)	-	▼75%	▼75%
[125 / 115%e + ★] (S)	▼50% / —	▼75% / ▼50%	▼75% / ▼50%
Gasoline Vehicle [e-2015 + ★ / ◇] (M)	- / -	▼50% / ▼50%	▼75% / ▼50%
[125 / 115%e + ★] (S)	▼50% / — 6	▼75% / ▼50%	▼75% / ▼50%

② Assistance for introduction of low-emission heavy duty vehicles

1) Government *Help money* introduction of low-emission bus/trucks



<i>Help money</i> FOR		Rates
Purchase of new low-emission vehicles	CNG bus/truck	1/4 of the price or
	Hybrid bus/truck	1/2 of the price-gap between these vehicles and normal vehicles
	Electric vehicle	
Retrofitting of the existing vehicle		1/3 of the cost

2) Government subsidy for purchase of clean business truck/bus

During the **recession**, demands for replacement of vehicles are very weak
 >>**New ambitious incentives** are introduced to promote replacement of business vehicles

-Promotion of replacement **from old** and **less-clean** vehicles
 - Discount on vehicles to stimulate demands on replacement **to clean/efficient** vehicles

<i>Help money</i>	Small (3.5t)	Medium (8t)	Large (12t)
1. Replacement of vehicle of older than 13-year to vehicles meeting 2005 emission standard	JPY400K (\$4,000)	JPY800K (\$8,000)	JPY1.8M (\$18K)
2. Replacement to the vehicles meeting: - 2015 efficiency standard and - 2005 emission standard	JPY200K (\$2,000)	JPY400K (\$4,000)	JPY900K (\$9,000)

2.(3) Development of new low-emission vehicles

Now checking the vehicles' quality, durability, operational cost, convenience, etc.

FTD fuel for diesel vehicles



In operation

DME truck



Test run on public roads

LNG truck



Test run on public roads

CNG larger truck



In operation

Hybrid bus



In operation

DME water wagon
In operation



3.(1) Efficiency improvement of trucking



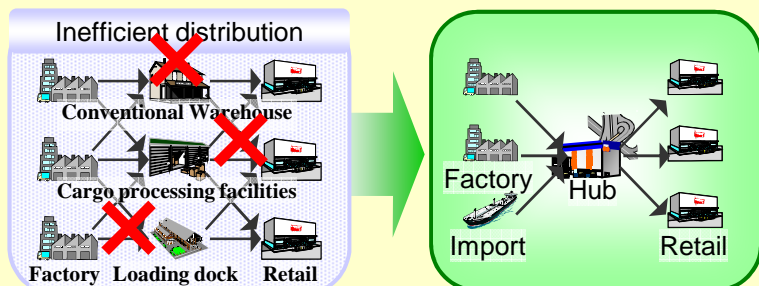
① Improvement in operation

Reduction target FY2010: 13.9 mil. t-CO2

- **Use of Large trucks:**
increase of large trucks (24-25t)
(160,000 vehicles as of FY2008)
- **Shift of cargo from in-house trucks to carrier trucks:** business truck 3%up
- **Improvement of loading efficiency:** 2%



cooperation in distribution
through the use of larger trucks and separated rack for individual shippers



Integrated handling of freight at the hub

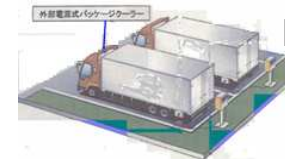
② Use of energy-saving apparatus

- There are apparatus helpful to stop idling during waiting/breaking time such as an air conditioning system by ground power supply
- Government offers subsidy for purchasing these



- **air conditioner with grand power supply**
- ice/heat-pack style air conditioner
- energy-saving freezer
- air curtain
- insulating film

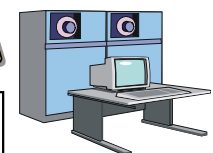
Air conditioner on the trucks



Outlet on the ground



Power supply

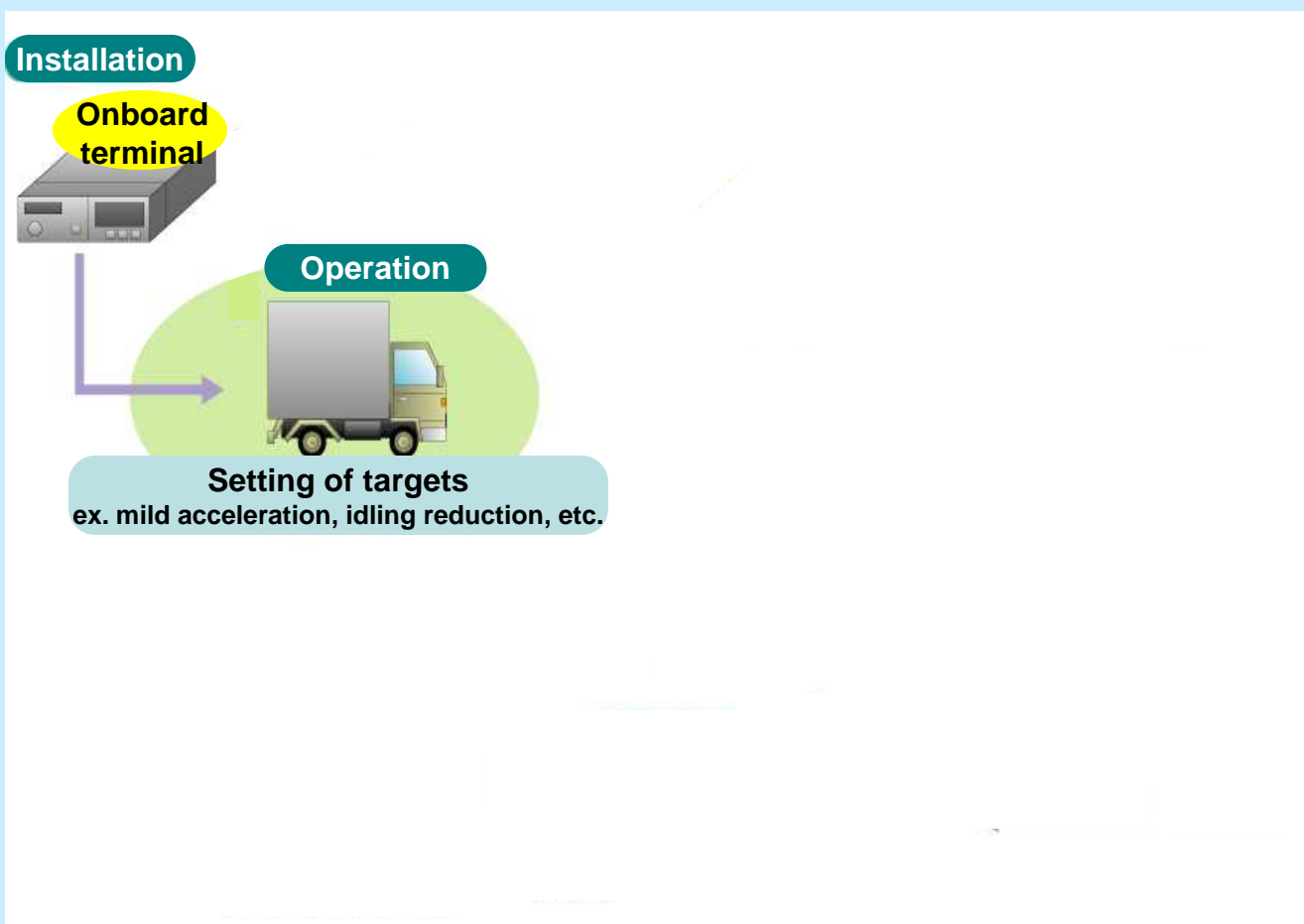


Data administration system

③ Promotion of Eco-friendly Driving Management System

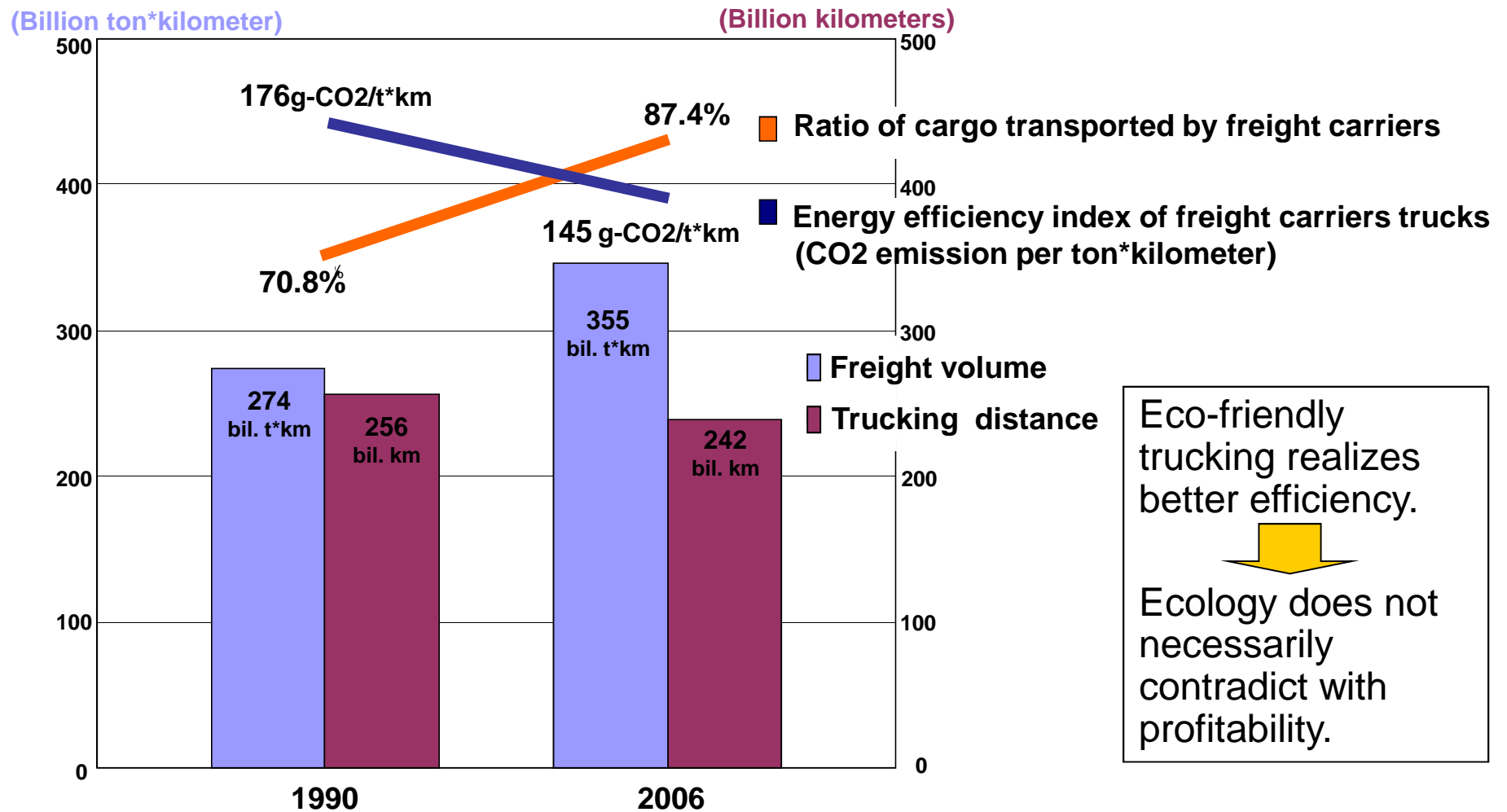
- Promotion of **eco-friendly driving** for trucking business
- Centralized management of operation → Introduction of **EMS**
- National subsidy to the trucking business for the purchase of related systems

Outline of Eco-friendly Driving Management System (EMS)



④ Improvement of efficiency of trucking industry in Japan (1990-2006)

- Freight volume (ton*kilometer) increased, but trucking distance decreased.
- The ratio of cargo transported by freight carriers increased.
- CO2 emission per ton*kilometer from freight carriers' trucks reduced.



Eco-friendly trucking realizes better efficiency.

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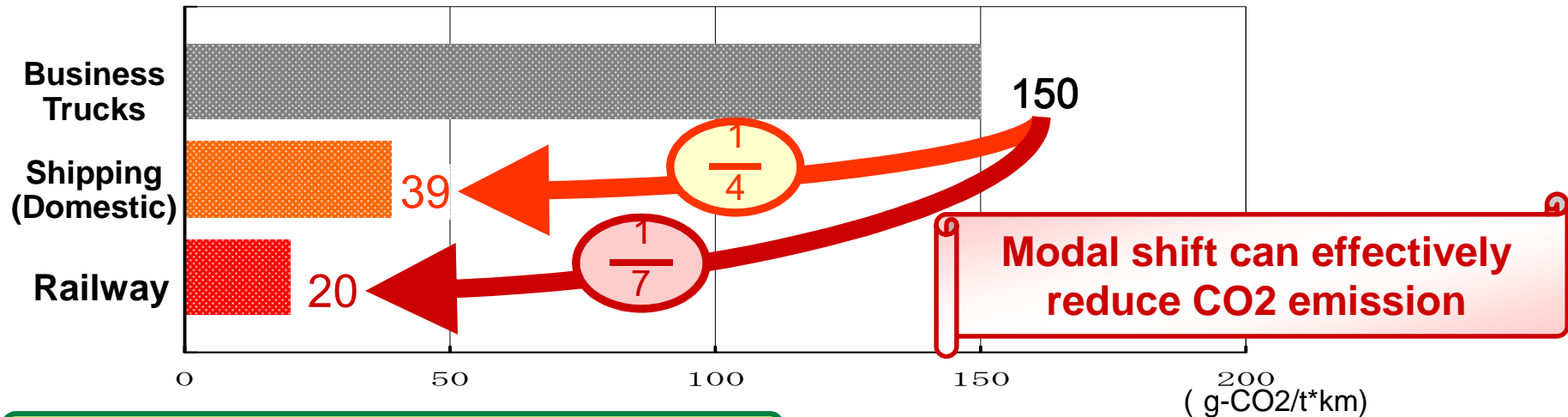
Ecology does not necessarily contradict with profitability.

3.(2) Efficient combination of transportation modes

① Modal shift

The Effect of Modal Shift

(Energy Efficiency Index: emission of CO₂ per ton*kilometer of freight transportation, FY2006)



Modal shift to freight trains

- Improvement of rail infrastructure and service
- Development of new technology for freight trains
- Campaign for wider recognition of eco-friendly freight trains

▼ 0.8 million t-CO₂



Comprehensive measures for greener shipping

- Development and promotion of new technology
- Promotion of modal shift to coastal shipping
- Introduction of energy-saving shipping and facilities

▼ 1.3 million t-CO₂

Super-eco cargo-ship "Shineimaru"



② Promotion of Third Party Logistics

Third Party Logistics business undertakes **the whole process of distribution**.
 It realizes **optimum arrangement** of cargo transportation, and maximizes efficiency
 It contributes to lower costs and reduction of impact on environment.

Promotion of Third Party Logistics

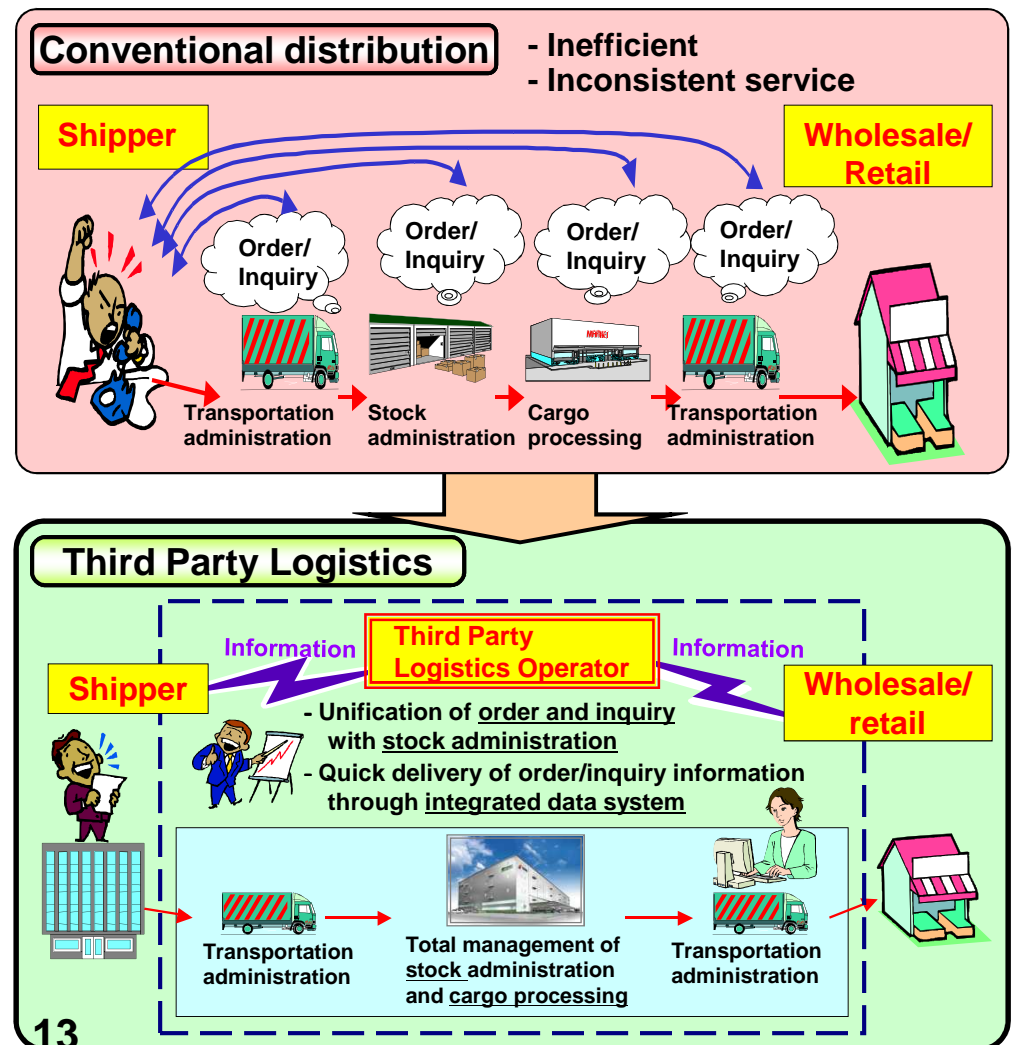
National government's assistance

- Standardization of contracts
- Establishment of Information Security Guidelines
- Research on the third party logistics businesses

Comprehensive Distribution Efficiency Law (2005)

Realization of comprehensive and efficient distribution at the hub facilities, including transportation, storage and cargo-processing

- tax reduction on warehouse facilities
- preferential permission for hub development
- low interest loan etc.



3. (3) Cooperation with shippers



① Green Distribution Partnership

- To overcome the deference of views between shippers and carriers, the **Green Distribution Partnership** was established (4/2005).
- The Partnership helps cooperation between shippers and trucking carriers through arrangements for Government grants, establishing the calculation method for CO2 emission, introduction of best practices, and recognition of efforts.

Green Distribution Partnership

- **Organizers:** Japan Institute of Logistics Systems, Japan Federation of Freight Industries, METI, MLIT (Cooperation: Nippon Keidanren)
- **Members:** 3,100 members, including carriers, shippers, related associations, think tanks, researchers, branches of national gov., municipal gov. etc.

Assistance for related research
(FY2008 : \$1.5 mil.)

Gov.'s Grants for purchase of facilities (- 1/3 of total costs)
(FY2008 : \$20 mil.)

Establishment of calculation methods for CO2 emission

Recognition by the Ministers of advanced efforts

[CASE 1] Modal shift combined with the "milk run" scheme



Points

Wide participation

The cargo handling company, trucking company, freight railway company, shipping company, and manufacturer all participate.

Modal shift

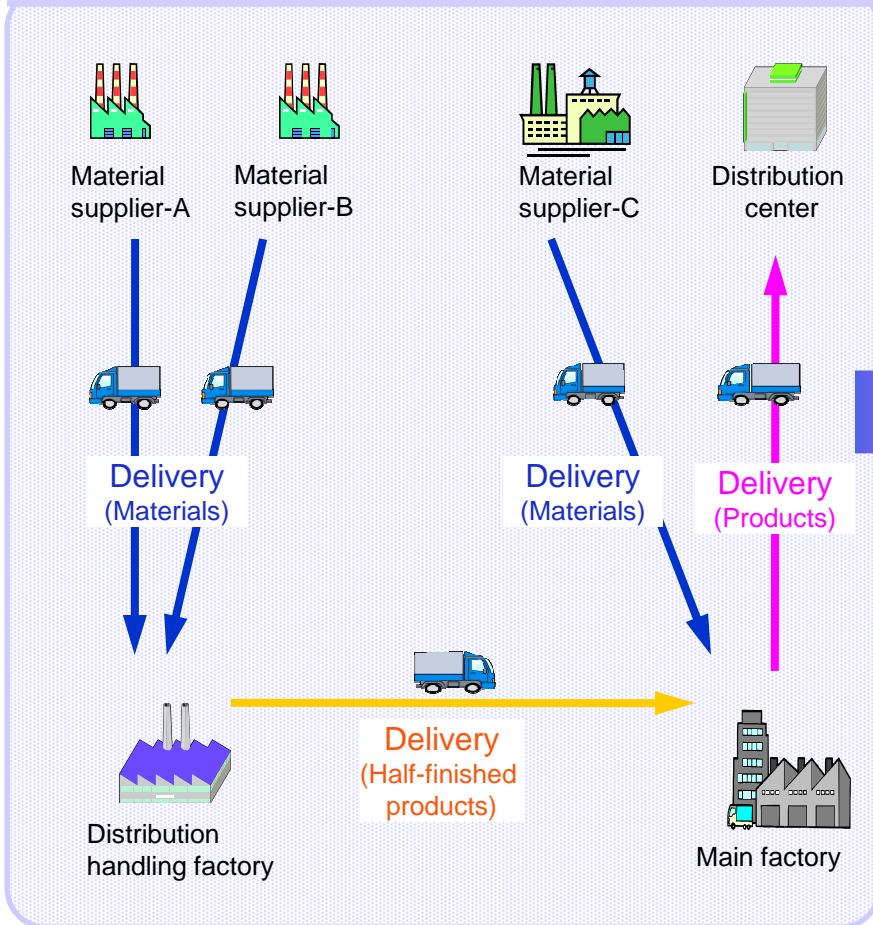
Shifting from trucking to more efficient modes reduces environmental impacts.

"Milk run" scheme

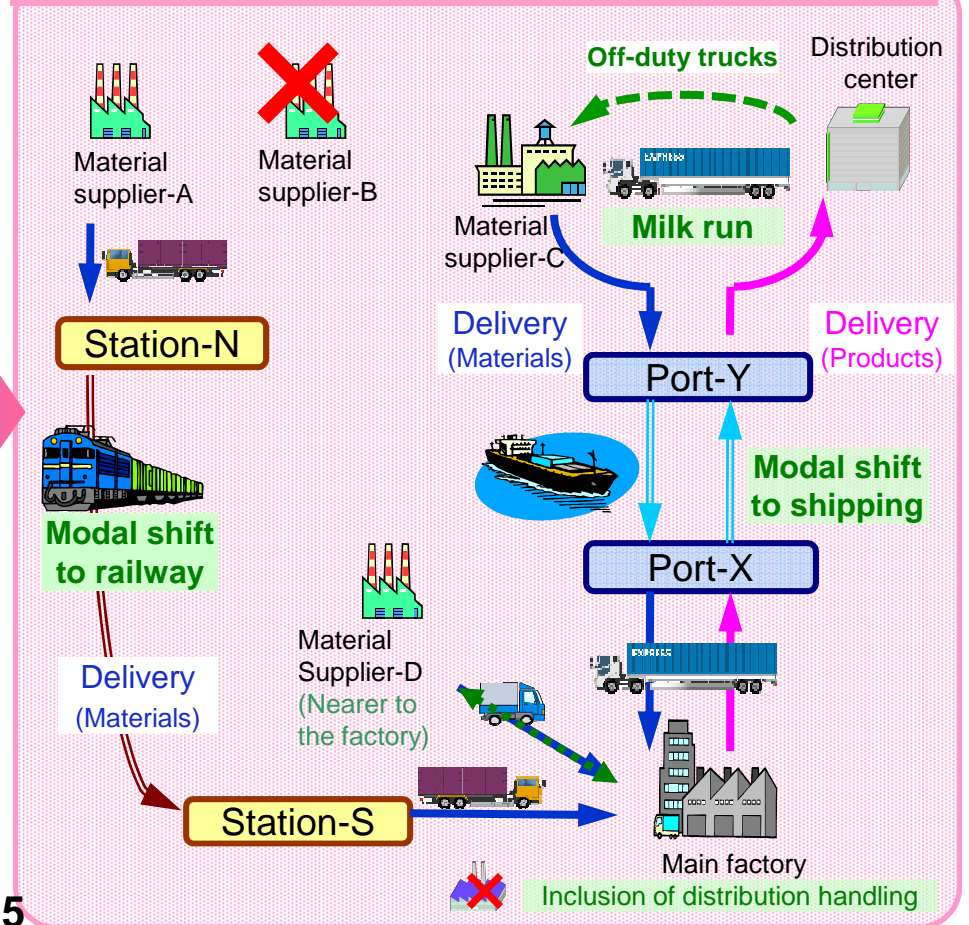
Returning trucks are used more effectively through "milk run" operation.

Delivery costs become **visible** to the manufacturer by operating their own trucks, which can lower the costs through efficient operation.

Before : Long-distance trucking



After : Modal shift and efficient operation



[CASE 2] New tools for efficient use of trucks

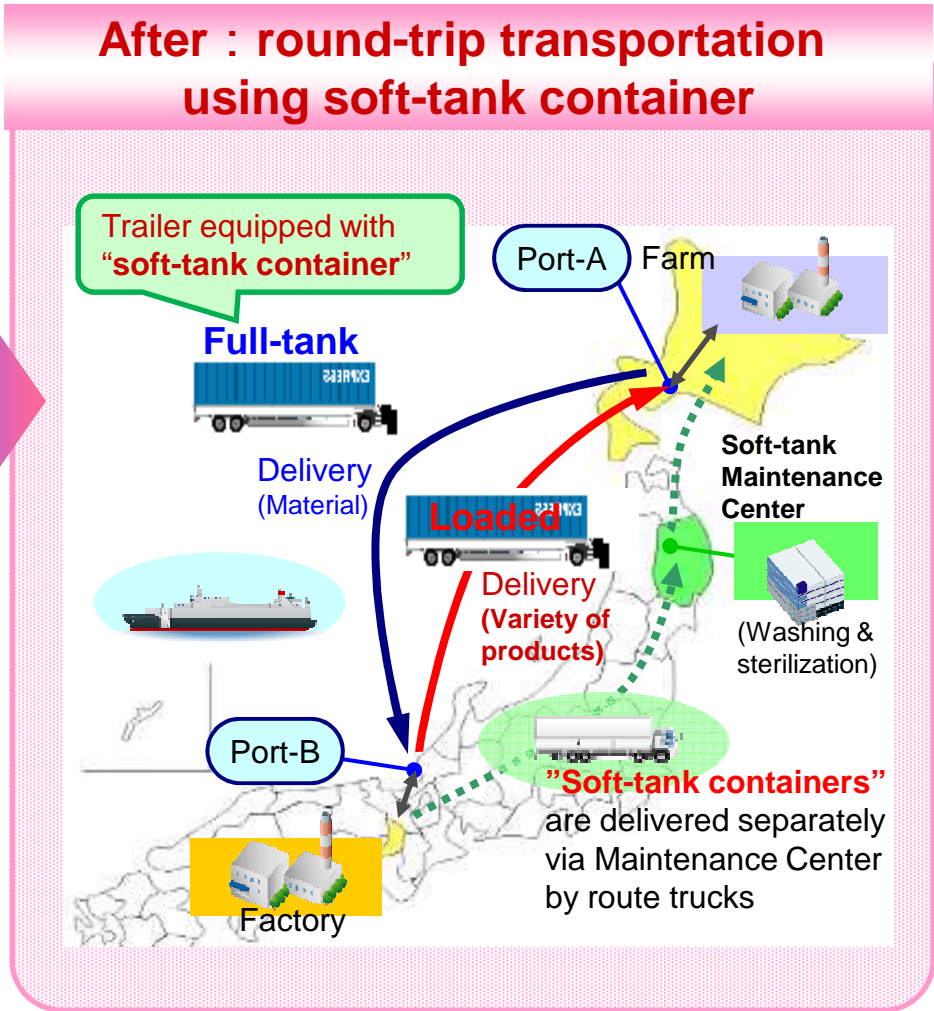
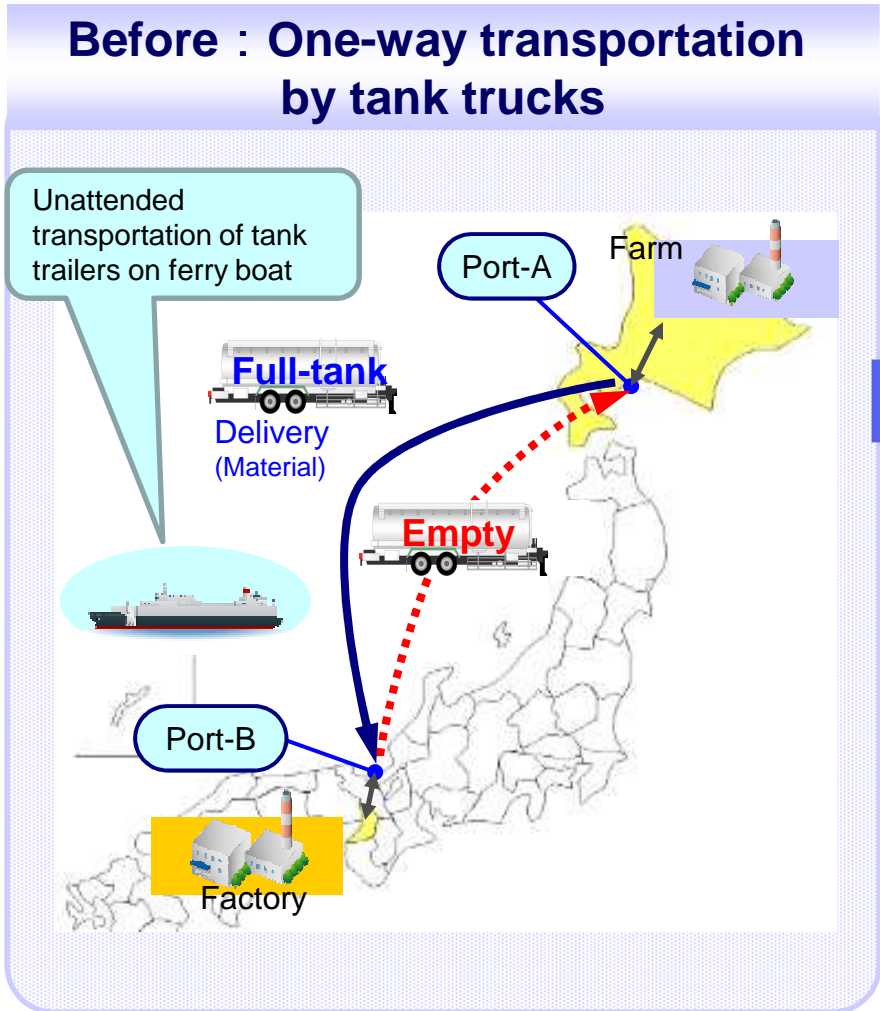
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New equipment

“Soft-tank” equipment enables an ordinary container to act as a tank trailer. Therefore, the returning trailer without soft-tank can be loaded with various products.



② 2005 Energy Saving Law

- In addition to carriers, the Law **obliged** large **shippers** to energy-efficient operation
- In mid-long term, it targets 1% improvement of energy efficiency annually

Designated Carriers

(FY2006 -)

Large carriers

ex. with trucks ≥ 200 (417 carriers)
 with ships $\geq 20,000$ GWT (34 carriers)
(452 carriers as of 03/2009)

- Submission of **Energy-Saving Plan**
 - Use of Energy efficient vehicles
 - maximum use of space
 - eco-friendly driving etc.
- **Annual report** of energy consumption

Other carriers

Designated Shippers

(FY2007 -)

Large Shippers

Freight amount \geq : **30 mil. t*km**
 [incl. · Food Processing · Chemical
 · Steel · Machinery · Wholesale/retail]
(865 shippers as of 06/2008)

- Submission of **Energy-Saving Plan**
 - Modal shift
 - transfer from in-house to business truck
 - cooperation in delivery etc.
- **Annual report** of energy consumption

**Now shippers
 must consider
 environment**

Consignment?
 17 (Eco-friendly)

In-house Transport?
 (LESS efficient)

4. Combination of policy tools

Fuel-efficient Vehicles

Top-runner efficiency standards Regulation

Promotion of energy-saving vehicles

Green Tax incentives

Gov. **Hojo-kin** incentives

Gov.'s support (for the regional pilot projects) incentives

New LEV technology

Tech. development R&D

Energy saving plan & annual report
[carriers] <Energy Saving Law>

Improvement of intermodal transportation

Promotion of modal shift

Hojo-kin (log stocks, cargo facilities) incentives

Certification system (eco-friendly business) PR

Technological development (ship/rail) R&D

Promotion of third party logistics

Special permission incentives

Tax reduction incentives

Low-interest loan incentives

Establishment of the business framework PR

Efficiency improvement of trucking

Larger Trucks

Shift from in-house trucks to business trucks

Efficient handling and networking

Special permission incentives

Tax reduction incentives

Low-interest loan incentives

Energy-saving apparatus **Hojo-kin** incentives

EMS

Gov.'s **Hojo-kin** incentives

Speed limiter

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