### Responsible Care

(Responsible management of chemicals and waste)

Residue problem and the future

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#### What are SDGs? (Sustainable Development Goals)

At the United Nations Summit in 2015, the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals" was agreed upon by all member states. This is a world-wide objective that aims to realize a sustainable society that will leave no one behind.

It consists of 17 main goals with 169 separate targets.



# SUSTAINABLE GALS DEVELOPMENT GALS

The goals apply to all countries that are members of the UN.

However, such a major endeavour cannot be undertaken by governments and ministries alone.

Industry, local authorities, educational institutions, various other organizations and individual people are sharing the responsibility for meeting the targets and playing their part in the struggle from their respective positions. JDRA is also playing an important role in contributing to the success of the initiative.

Faced with serious global environmental problems, the Japanese reconditioned drum industry is committed to the concept of the circular sustainable economy.

#### **SDGs: Priority Items**

The Japan Drum Reconditioners' Association has two priorities.



"CO2 reduction"

"Responsible management of chemicals and waste"

#### **Empty drum definition**

#### JIS Z1641Standard:

#### "Requirements for steel drum reprocessing"

According to this document, the amount of residue in an empty drum is about 3 litres in practice, considering the actual trading situation and environmental impact in Japan.

The document also explains that the waste generator does not measure the amount of residue in each individual bottle, since it is not practical to measure this at the time of collection, and that it is therefore essential to leave as little residue as possible in each drum.



### In Japan, empty drums are <u>Exempted</u> <u>Objects</u>

The official expression is "Industrial waste or general waste intended exclusively for recycling"

In Japan, drums are considered to be industrial waste, but they are considered to be exempt from some requirements as they are waste materials whose main purpose is recycling.

In order to undertake the treatment of ordinary industrial waste, a licence is normally required.

However, drums are allowed to be handled without a permit.

# Definition of 'Empty Drum' - According to the Drum Collection Manual

JDRA is implementing the recommendations of the "Drum Collection Manual" in its actual operations, with the aim of facilitating the establishment of a system for reusing and recycling drums.

The amount of residue from a used empty drum should be less than 0.5% of the capacity, which is less than 1 litre per drum.

This is stricter than the JIS Z1641Standard: "Requirements for steel drum reprocessing".



## How to dispose of residual liquids and solids in drums



Manifests regarding industrial waste treatment are issued to industrial waste companies and the disposal is outsourced.

(A 'manifest' is a management document used to confirm whether industrial waste outsourced for treatment has been properly disposed of according to the terms of the contract)

During Japan's economic boom, the production and consumption of goods increased rapidly. Along with this, improper disposal methods such as illegal dumping were rampant and became a serious social and environmental problem.

To this end, the "Industrial Waste Management Manifest System" was introduced.

It became compulsory in 1993.

How to dispose of residual liquids and solids in the drum contents (Traceability via

manifest)

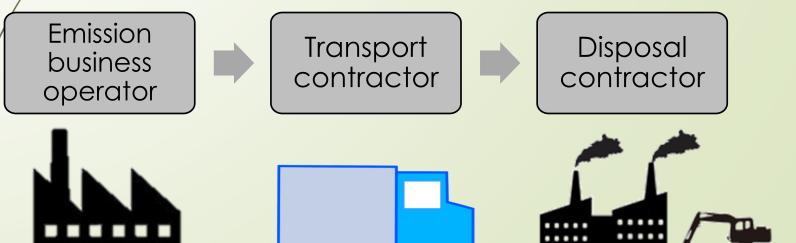
The manifest is issued at the same time as the industrial waste is handed over to the processing company. The details, such as

the quantity of waste and the names of the transporter and disposal company are filled in. The system allows for traceability as the industrial waste is moved along with the outsourced industrial waste until it is disposed of.

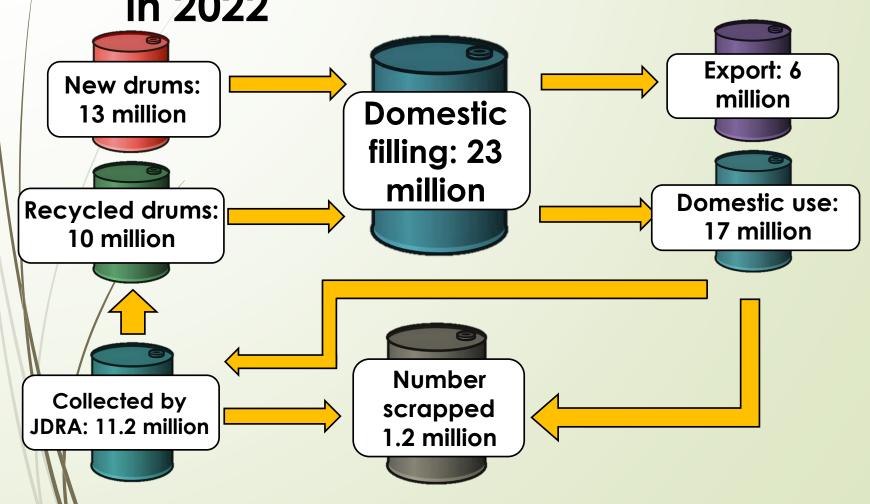


#### At JDRA,

we not only carefully remove and treat the residual liquids and solids generated during the manufacturing process, but also provide information on their disposal and treatment to enable traceability.



## Actual situation of scrapping process in 2022



Total number of drums scrapped: 5.8 million

#### The problems with direct-scrap

One of the problems with direct-scrap processing of drums is that it increases the amount of scrap material in the recycling industry.

The following problem often happens during processing. Chemicals, fuel and other harmful substances that remain inside the drum may leak out.

These substances can have a negative impact on health and the environment and it is necessary to dispose of them appropriately.

If the 5.8 million drums that are directly scrapped every year can be collected and reused instead, CO2 emissions will be significantly reduced.

#### Scrap price trends



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Businesses are required to take responsibility for this responsible care. To protect the environment, and ensure safety and health, and to eliminate direct scrapping as much as possible, we remove residual liquid and residue from the inside of the drums.

#### What is Responsible Care?

It is a self-management activity that protects the environment as well as ensuring safety and health throughout the entire life cycle of chemical substances, from development, manufacturing, distribution and use to final consumption and disposal.

Responsible Care began in 1985 when the Canadian Chemical Producers Council advocated a range of measures including the voluntary management of chemical substances.

It was promoted as part of Agenda 21 and adopted at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. In Japan, the Japan Chemical Industry Association established the Japan Responsible Care Council in 1995 and started promoting its activities.

# Responsible Care (responsible management of chemical substances and waste) and drum reconditioning business)

◆The drum reconditioning industry collects, recycles, and reuses used drums, thereby promoting waste reduction and more effective use of resources.

These efforts align with the principles of Responsible Care in reducing the environmental impact and promoting sustainable resource management.

♦The drum reconditioning industry and the policy of Responsible Care are important elements for realizing a sustainable society.

Responsible Care practices can be expected to save resources and improve our quality of life.

◆The réuse and recycling of drums is associated with the principle of environmental protection in terms of reducing environmental damage.

Using recycled drums consumes less energy than manufacturing new drums and has the effect of reducing waste generation.

♦ Overall, it can be said that the drum reconditioning industry is positioned as a sustainable initiative that promotes the values of Responsible Care and plays a role within the chemical industry in realizing operations that are both safer and more environmentally friendly.

JDRA member companies are promoting the reuse of drums every day, enhancing collection systems and improving recycling technology. It is working.



### JDRA Responsible Care promotional video



### Thank you for your attention.

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