

# The Method for Calculating the Steel Can Recycling Rate

Following is the method for calculating the steel can recycling rate.

## Amount of Steel Can Consumption

### Calculation Method

The weight of domestically produced steel cans shipped, weight of steel cans used for import/export of canned food and weight of steel cans imported as empty cans between January and December of 2019 were monitored based on the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Statistics and "Japan Exports and Imports" from the Ministry of Finance, as well as the surveyed weight of steel cans.

### Calculation Results: 426,588 tons (① - ② + ③ + ④)

- ① **Weight of domestically produced steel cans shipped: 311,572 tons**
  - Figures in tons from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Statistics were used for Beverage cans, food cans and general cans.
  - The weight of 18-liter cans is calculated by multiplying figures in tons from the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Statistics by the (food) ratio announced by the National Federation of 18 Liter Cans Manufacturers Corporative Union.
- ② **The weight of steel cans used for exporting canned food: 1,361 tons**
  - Calculated based on "Japan Exports and Imports" from the Ministry of Finance.
- ③ **The weight of steel cans used for importing canned food: 113,142 tons**
  - Calculated based on "Japan Exports and Imports" from the Ministry of Finance. We assumed that the main types of cans used for manufacturing in Japan were used for food, tomatoes/vegetables and pet foods imported in "air-tight containers" (including not only cans but also other containers), and we estimated the number of cans and calculated the weight of containers by multiplying by the unit can weight.
  - Exported pet food cans: 16,724 tons (\*Calculated based on the data from the Pet Food Manufacturers Association, Japan)
- ④ **Weight of steel cans imported as empty cans: 3,235 tons**
  - Figures in tons from "Japan Exports and Imports" from the Ministry of Finance.

## Amount of steel can recycling

### Calculation Method

- We assumed that 3 months elapses between the sale of steel can goods and the collection of the cans for recycling and we sent a survey form regarding usage amounts of scrap steel cans during the period from April 2019 to March 2020 to a total of 73 manufacturers including furnace manufacturers, blast furnace manufacturers, Pellet manufacturers, and casting manufacturers.
- In addition, we estimated, according to the survey data, the amount of steel cans for steelmaking raw materials recycled under the standard other than C Shredder through shredding process of iron scrap dealers across the country, and incorporated it into the subject calculation.
- We subtracted the weight of aluminum caps for beverage cans included in the scrap steel cans and foreign substances such as iron scraps except steel can from this total value.

### Calculation Results: 397,918 tons (① - ② - ③)

- ① Weight of scrap steel cans used : 413,922 tons
- ② Weigh of foreign substances such as aerosol cans, iron scrap included in ① above : 2,367 tons
- ③ Weight of aluminum lids for beverage containers included in ① above : 13,637 tons

### The Steel Can Recycling Rate in FY2019

$$\frac{\text{Amount of steel can recycling (397,918 tons)}}{\text{Amount of Steel Can Consumption (426,588 tons)}} = 93.3\%$$

# Distribution Diagram of Steel Makers (Electric Furnace & Blast Furnace) and Pellet Works

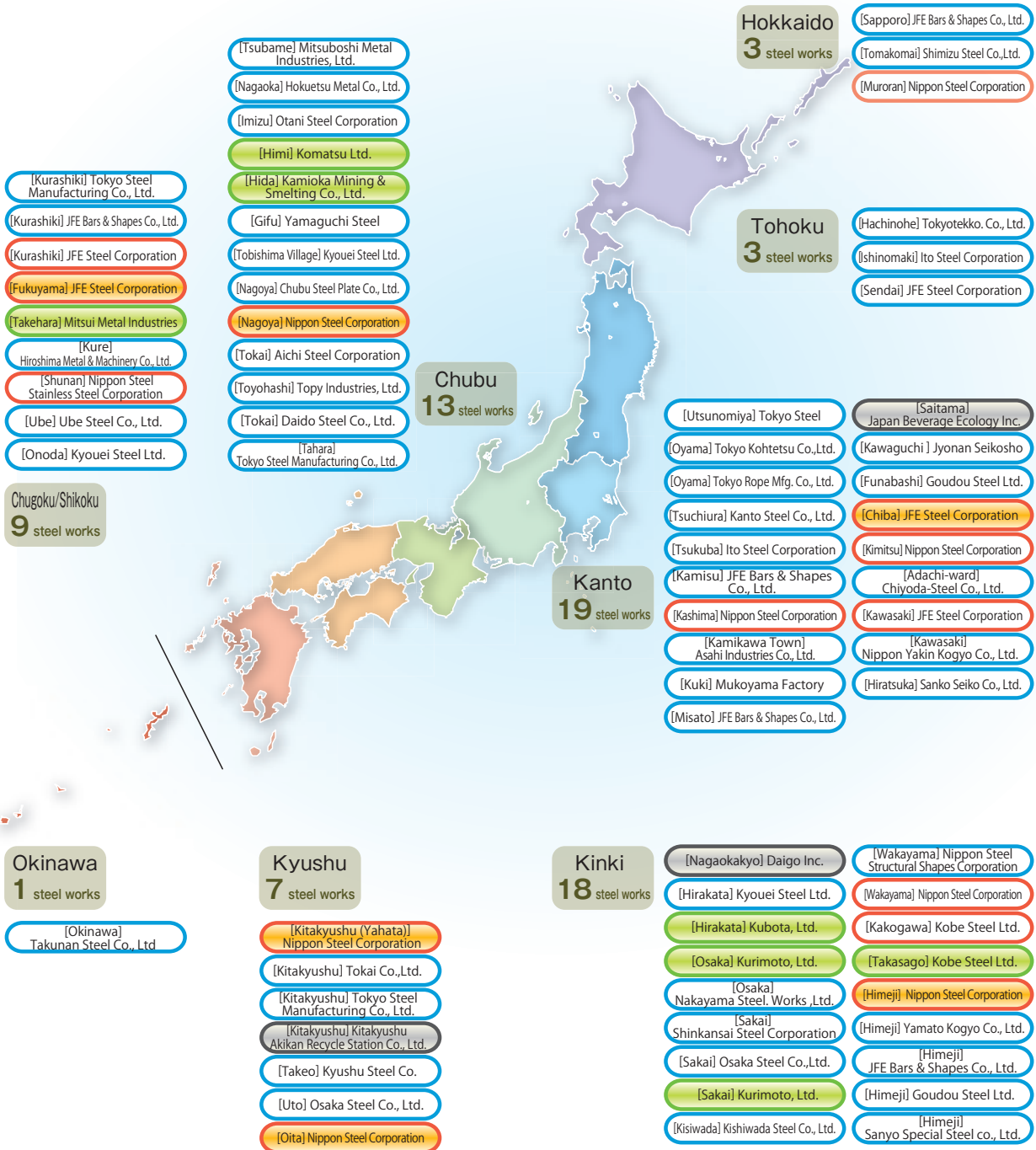
\* The research conducted by  
Japan Steel Can Recycling Association  
(As of July 2020)

**Total in Japan**  
**73**  
Steel Works

- Blast furnace steel works ... 14
- Electric furnace steel works ... 49
- Casting works, etc. ... 7
- Pellet works ..... 3
- Manufacturing plant of steel sheets steel for cans ..... 6

■ Steel cans are recycled in most of these steel works and foundries.  
■ Recycled products are produced in nearest plant in each region to recycle efficiently.

At 6 works (included number of 74 works), steel sheets for cans are produced to make steel cans.



## Activities of the Japan Steel Can Recycling Association (October 2019–September 2020)

### ■ Research

- April–September, 2020: Survey of steel can recycling conditions

### ■ Exhibited at events on environments in nationwide. Performed promotion and PR for beautification and 3Rs.

- October 2019: “JFE Chiba Festival 2019” Chiba
- November 2019: “Tokai Autumn Festival 2019” in Aichi
- November 2019: “JFE West Japan Fair in Kurashiki” in Okayama
- November 2019: “The 11th of Nagaokakyo-shi Environmental Fair 2020” in Kyoto
- December 2019: “EcoPro 2019” in Tokyo



EcoPro 2020

### ■ Practiced “Campaigns for Anti-Littering and Beautification”

- November 2019 in Yaizu
- Performed 506 times at 362 sites in total 47 years from 1973 till September 2020



Practiced “Campaigns for Anti-Littering and Beautification” in Yaizu

### ■ Supported elementary and junior high schools for practicing environmental education

- January 2020: Commended and Supported 52 elementary & junior high schools

### ■ Supported groups practicing group collection

- February 2020: Commended and Supported 111 groups performing group collection of steel can



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### ■ Published periodicals etc. and distributed to nationwide

- March 2020: PR magazine “Steel Can Age vol.40”

### ■ Others

- October 2019: Published “Annual Report on Steel Can Recycling 2019”
- October 2019: Held “Press briefing” at Tekko Kaikan
- Practiced delivery sessions, lectures and invited for lecture (on demand)
- Practiced joint projects to promote 3Rs of recycling containers and packaging by the Liaison Committee of Associations Promoting 3Rs



Annual Report on Steel Can Recycling 2019

Promoting efforts toward partnership among the actors for making recycling society