

# POINT

**Keeping Identification Records of Transaction Partners is Now an Obligation**



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**Higher Penalties**

**STARTING  
April 1, 2025**



Due to a total revision, the Ibaraki Prefecture Ordinance of Scrap Metal Dealing is now the Ibaraki Prefecture Ordinance of Specified Metal Dealing

Those who plan to continue operating as scrap metal dealers or scrap metal peddlers are required to apply for a permit under the new ordinance.



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**Expansion of Grounds for Disqualification**

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**Revision of Procedures Including Permits**

# 1 Thorough identity verification, etc. at the time of transaction



## 01

The procedure of identity verification through ID cards, etc. will now be enforced.

As it was formerly possible to verify identity without presenting an ID card, etc., reliable identity verification will now be required.



## 02

Creating personal identification records is now an obligation.

As part of the creation of identification records, it is required to keep a copy of the transaction partner's identification documents. [Retained for 3 years]

Identification of the transaction partner (identity verification) plays an important role in preventing transactions of stolen goods and recovering damages.

Keeping a copy of identification records is also essential for identifying the transaction partner at the time of the transaction when they receive the metal goods from the specified metal dealer.

## 2 Higher Penalties

Violators will now face higher penalties.

Imprisonment of up to one year or a fine of up to 1,000,000 yen.

- Unlicensed business
- Obtaining a permit by deception or fraudulent means
- Conducting a business under the name of another business
- Violation of a business suspension order

Imprisonment for up to 6 months or a fine of up to 300,000 yen

- Violation of business restrictions
- Violation of the identity verification obligation
- Violations of the maintaining identification records obligation (newly established)
- Failure to prepare, make false entries in, or violations of the obligation to maintain transaction records

Other offenses

Fines of up to 300,000 yen, 200,000 yen, 100,000 yen, etc.

### 3 Expansion of Grounds for Disqualification

#### ✓ 01 Expansion of Grounds for Disqualification as Criteria for Permit (Reinforced)

The grounds for disqualification, which were originally three items, will be expanded to a total of 14 items by adding bankrupt individuals, members of organized crime groups, etc.

#### ✓ 02 Stipulated Grounds for Disqualification of Corporations (Newly established)

for disqualification for corporate officers will be newly established.

### 4 Revision of permit procedures

#### ✓ 01 Permit system changes Scrap metal dealer / peddler → Specified metal dealer

**Check**

**[OLD]** Scrap metal dealer: Permit system (permanent) Scrap metal peddler: Notification system (renew every 3 years)

**[NEW]** Specified metal dealer: Permit system (renew every 5 years)

Those engaged in scrap metal dealing or peddling under the old ordinance will be required to obtain a new permit to continue their business.  
(Renew every 5 years)

#### ✓ 02 The number of permits is stipulated as "one permit per prefecture."

For specified metal dealing businesses, the permit application process will be revised from one permit per business office to one permit per prefecture.

### 5 Other

- Establishment of administrative measures and disposal standards
- Elimination of new sign posting requirements and permits
- Revision of ledger requirements and establishment of regulations regarding inspections, etc.

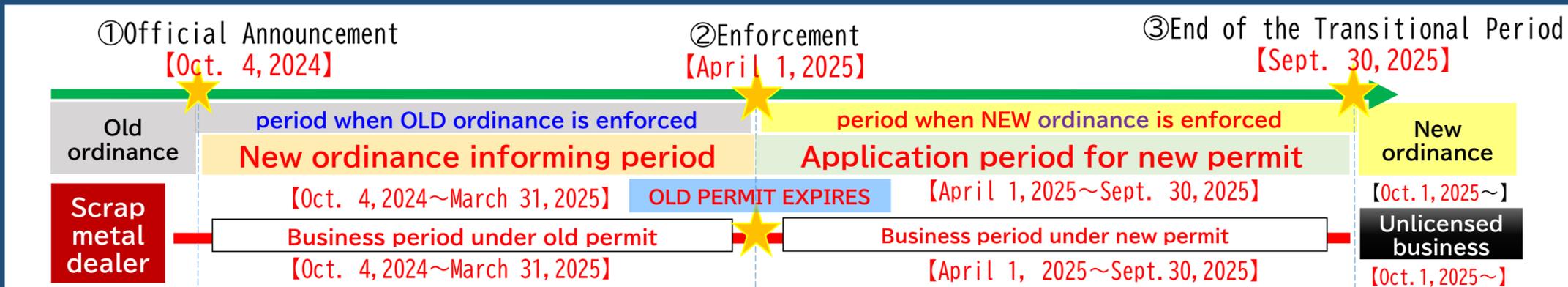
All scrap metal dealers and scrap metal peddlers will become [Specified metal dealers] after the revision.  
 For those who are considering continuing their specified metal dealing business, a new permit is required!!  
 ※ Please refer to the last page for details



## Permit Application Timeline

Scrap metal dealers (those who carry the permit from the previous ordinance)

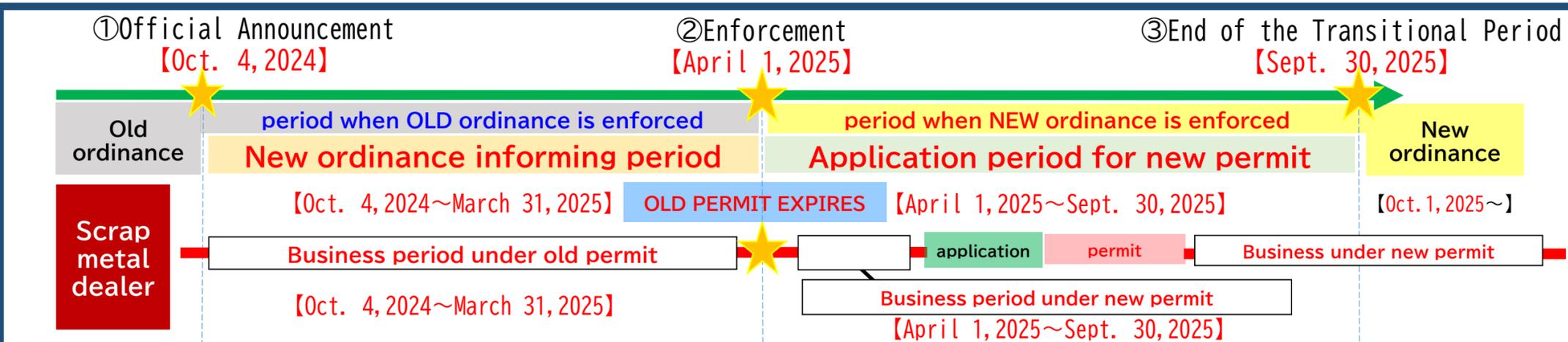
### 1 Basic overview



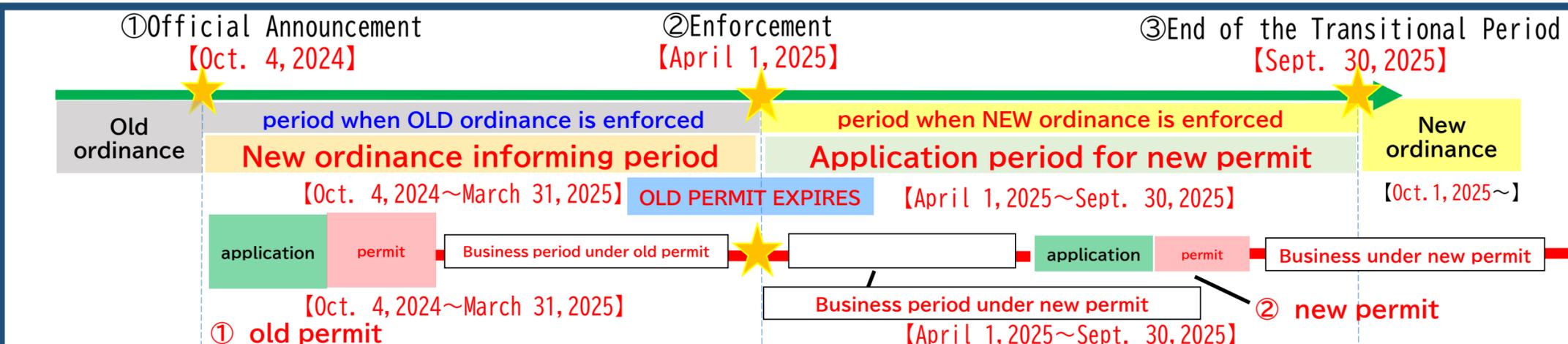
- Starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, those who plan to continue operating as specified metal dealers must apply for a new permit at the police station in Ibaraki by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Those carrying the old permit are able to continue their business from the date of the “Official Announcement” (①) until the “End of the Transitional Period” (③).
- The old ordinance will expire on the date of “Enforcement” (②) (April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025) and the new ordinance will be applied.
- From ① to the day before ② (March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025) is the business period under the old permit. Throughout this period, the old ordinance must be observed in order to do business.
- From ② to ③ is the business period under the new permit. Those who have the old permit will still be considered a licensed business under the new ordinance. However, after the date of “Enforcement” (②) the new ordinance for identification and maintaining of transaction records must be observed.
- Those who will continue their specified metal dealing business from the next day of the “End of the transitional period” ③ (October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025) must apply for a new permit during the application period (② to ③).
- Please note that those who continue their business after the “End of the Transitional Period” (③) without the new permit will be considered an unlicensed business.

### 2 Example

★In the case of having the old permit for scrap metal dealing



★In the case of applying for the old permit during the informing period



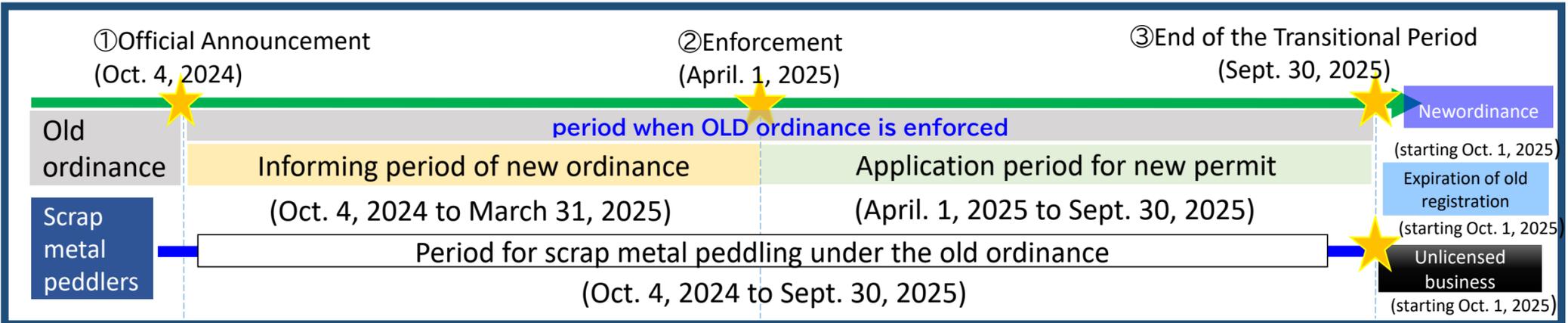
- Those who were originally going to apply for the old permit during the informing period must also apply for the new permit during the application period (when the date of enforcement begins).



# Scrap Metal Peddling

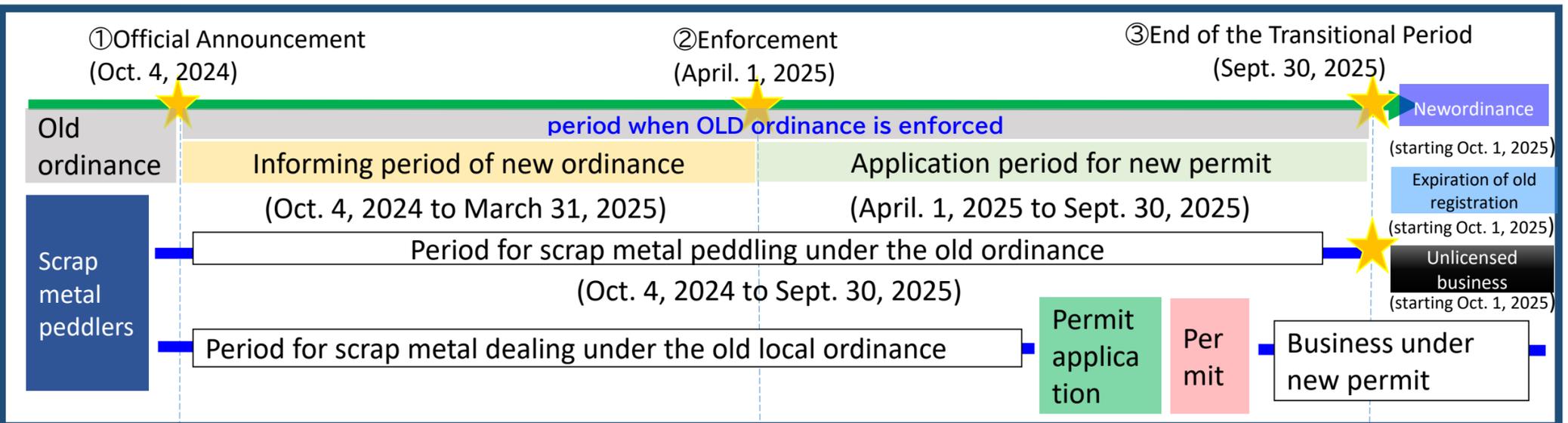
(To those who have submitted a notification under the old ordinance but have not received a permit for their scrap metal business)

## 1 Basic overview



- ◆ Due to the enforcement of the new ordinance, those who engage in only scrap metal peddling are also required to submit a permit application under the new ordinance.
- ◆ Those who plan to continue their business of only scrap metal peddling after the enforcement of the new ordinance must apply for a new permit at a local police station (within the prefecture) between April 1, 2025, and September 30, 2025.
- ◆ From the official announcement date ① until the end of the transitional period ③ will be considered the "old ordinance scrap metal dealing period." During this time, business can be conducted with a registration under the old ordinance.
- ◆ During the period from ① to ③, compliance with the business rules based on the old ordinance is required.
- ◆ The new ordinance will be applied from October 1, 2025, the day following the end of the transitional period ③, and the old registration will become invalid.
- ◆ Please be aware that if a person continues their business after the day following the end of the transitional period ③ without applying for a permit under the new ordinance, their business will be considered an unlicensed under the new ordinance.

## 2 Example ★ In the case of those who have submitted a registration under the old ordinance for scrap metal peddling:



★ In the case of individuals whose old ordinance registration certificate for their scrap metal peddling business expires during the new ordinance informing period:



- ◆ Please note that those whose old ordinance registration certificate expires during the new ordinance informing period will need to renew their registration under the old ordinance. (In the case of the registration expiring and business continuing during the new ordinance informing period: After renewing the registration under the old ordinance, a permit application under the new ordinance must be submitted between the enforcement date ② and the end of the transitional period ③.)

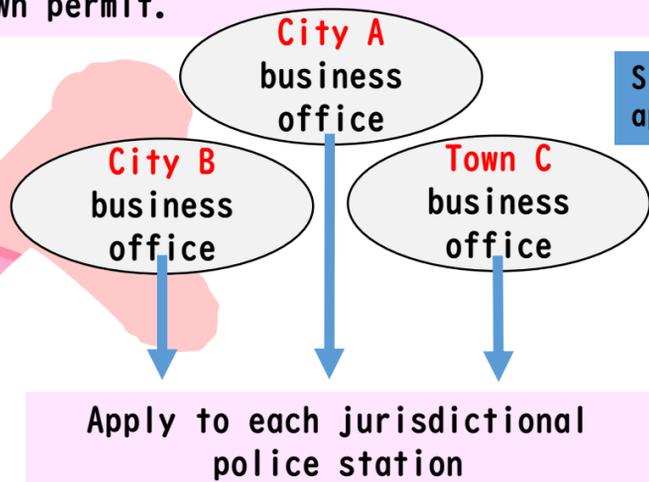
## Revision for Number of Permits (From a licensing system for each business office to a one permit per prefecture system)

●Corporations and individuals who plan to continue dealing in specified metals after the enforcement of the revised ordinance must apply for a permit at the police station that has jurisdiction over the location of their main office in accordance with number of permits (now changing to a one permit per prefecture system) .

【Before revision】

A permit is required for each business office in order to operate.

Each business office in the prefecture must have its own permit.

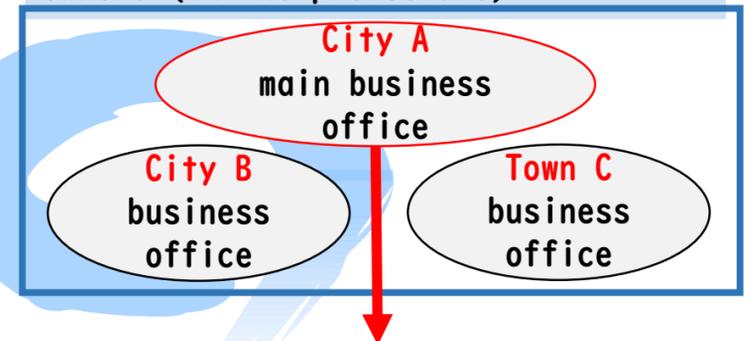


Simplifying the permit application process

【After revision】

One permit per business handling specified metals

One permit required for business owners (in the prefecture)



Specified metal dealer

### 1 Specified metals

Under the new ordinance, metals subject to regulation will be clearly defined as “specified metals” .

#### Metals regulated under the old ordinance

All metals other than new products or secondhand articles prescribed in the Secondhand Articles Dealer Act

#### Specified metals regulated under the new ordinance

Articles that fall under any of the following: those that have been used once, those that have been traded for use without being used previously, or those that have been obtained incidentally in the course of manufacturing products, etc. (Excluding secondhand articles)

(1) Aluminum, iron, copper and their alloys, and articles thereof

【Examples】 Iron plates, copper wires, electric wires, gratings, mufflers, valves, aluminum plates, iron scraps, etc.

(2) Products from which aluminum, iron, copper and their alloys can be collected by dismantling

【Examples】 Bicycle, motorized bicycle, outdoor unit

(3) Rhodium, palladium, and platinum used as automobile catalysts

### 2 Specified metal dealing business

The business of buying and selling, exchanging, buying and selling on consignment, and exchanging on consignment of specified metals.

### 3 Specified metal dealer

A corporation or individual who engages in the business of handling specified metals with the permission of the Ibaraki Prefectural Public Safety Commission.

Documents required when applying for a permit under the new ordinance

Please contact the following contact information to confirm which documents are required when applying for a new permit under the new ordinance or for any additional questions.

## Contact information

○ Secondhand Sales Staff, Community Safety Administration Division, Ibaraki Prefectural Police Headquarters  
029-301-0110 (main telephone)

○ Community Safety Division at the nearest police station (staff)