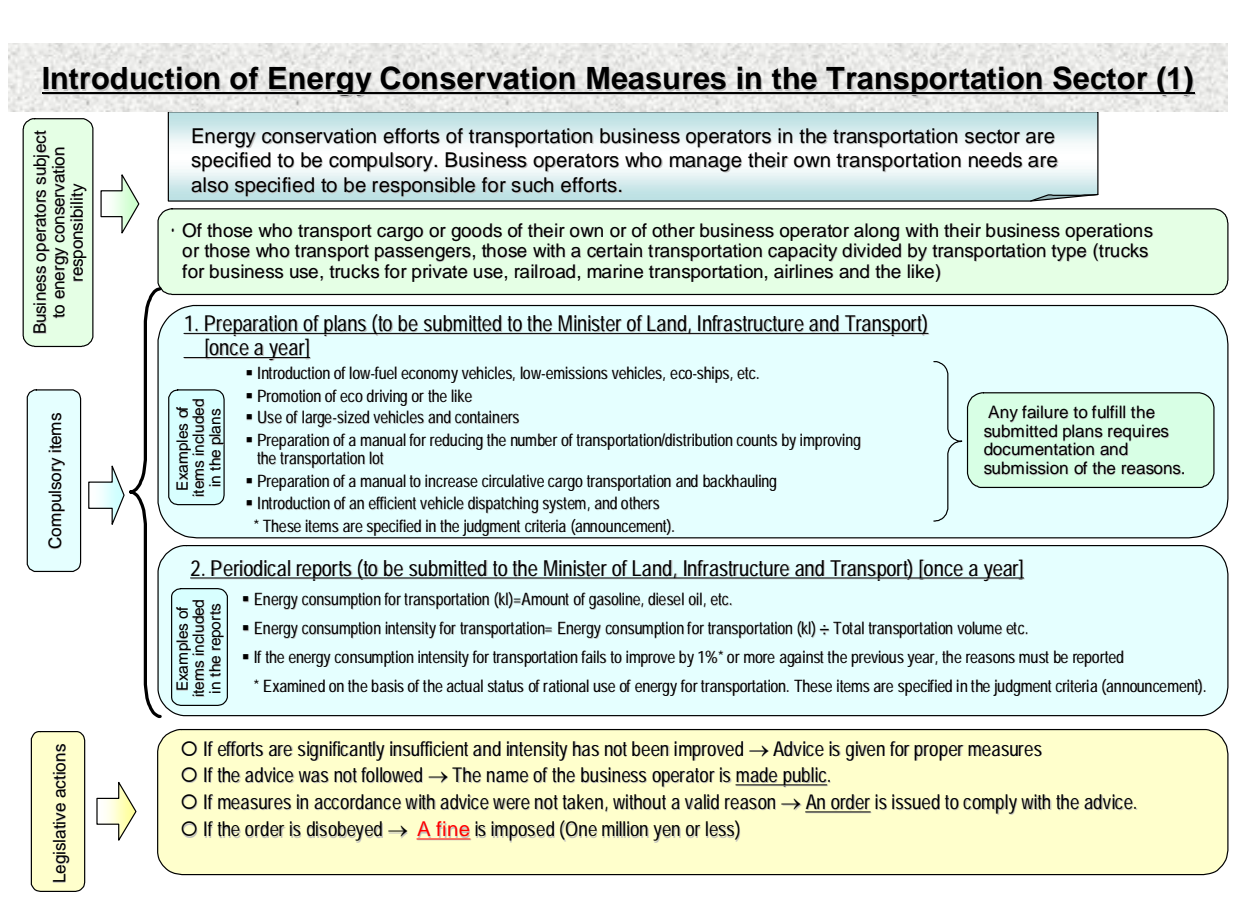


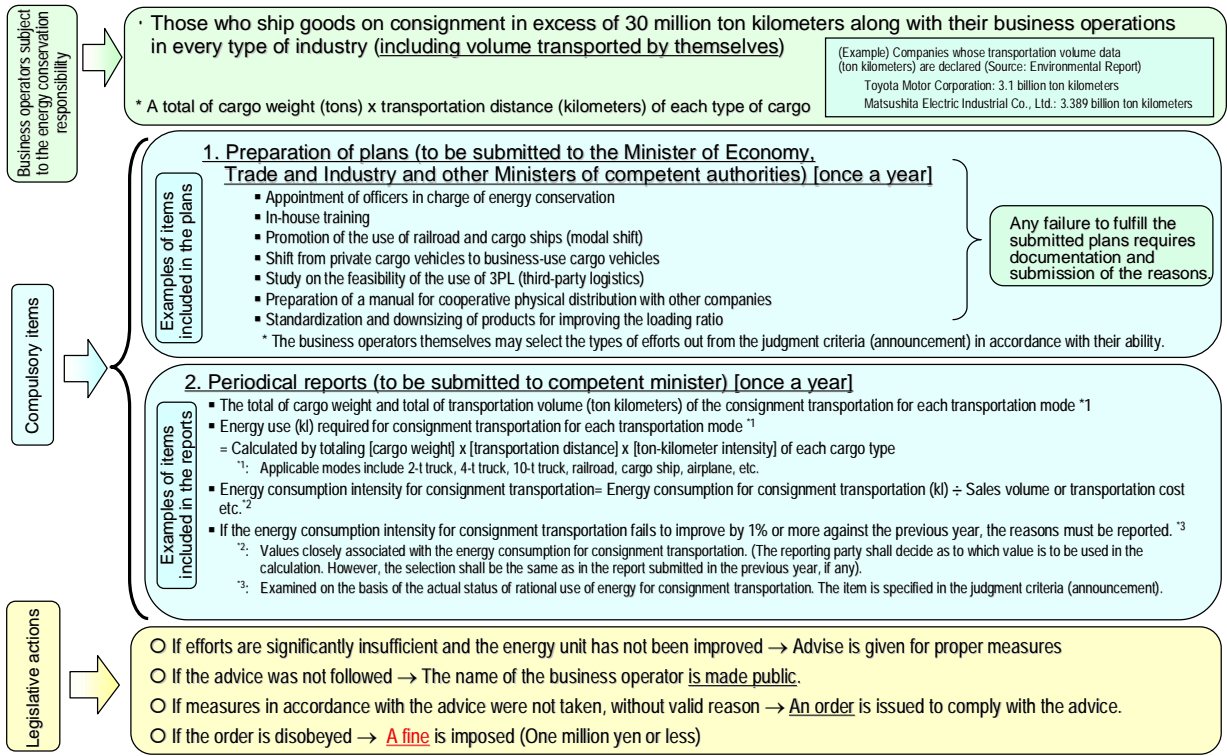
Regulation for Consigners and Transportation Companies

In the transport sector, which has showed a significant increase in energy consumption during recent years, the Energy Conservation Law has been imposed only on automobile fuel improvement so far. However, the Revised Energy Conservation Law enacted in April 2006 is imposed on main parties engaging in transport activities as well. As a result, the measures in the transport section have been drastically expanded. This regulation imposes a duty to make energy saving efforts on freight transport companies and passenger service companies that engage in business using automobiles, railways, ships and aircraft, and directly consuming energy. Furthermore, the duties equivalent to the regulations imposed on factories and workplaces under the Energy Conservation Law are also imposed on transport companies that are larger than a certain scale. These duties require them to make energy saving plans, to report the energy consumption amount, etc. Meanwhile in the freight sector, those who place orders to cargo transport companies, more specifically consignors who are not main bodies consuming energy are also required to make energy saving efforts, including making energy saving plans and reporting the energy consumption amount, which is the same as that of transport companies. This is because the effective efforts such as the use of railways and ships by modal shift and cooperative transport become possible only by positive involvement of consignors. This is also because stimulation of cooperation between freight transport companies and consignors is considered to be effective in promoting energy saving measures. As a result, this regulation requires consignors to make energy saving efforts for the first time in the world.



Introduction of Energy Conservation Measures in the Transportation Sector (2)

Energy conservation efforts of **business operators who act as consigners** as well as transportation business operators in the transport sector are specified to be compulsory. Business operators who manage their own transportation needs are also specified to be responsible for such efforts.



Source: "Energy Conservation Policy & Measures in Japan 2007" (Agency for Natural Resources and Energy)