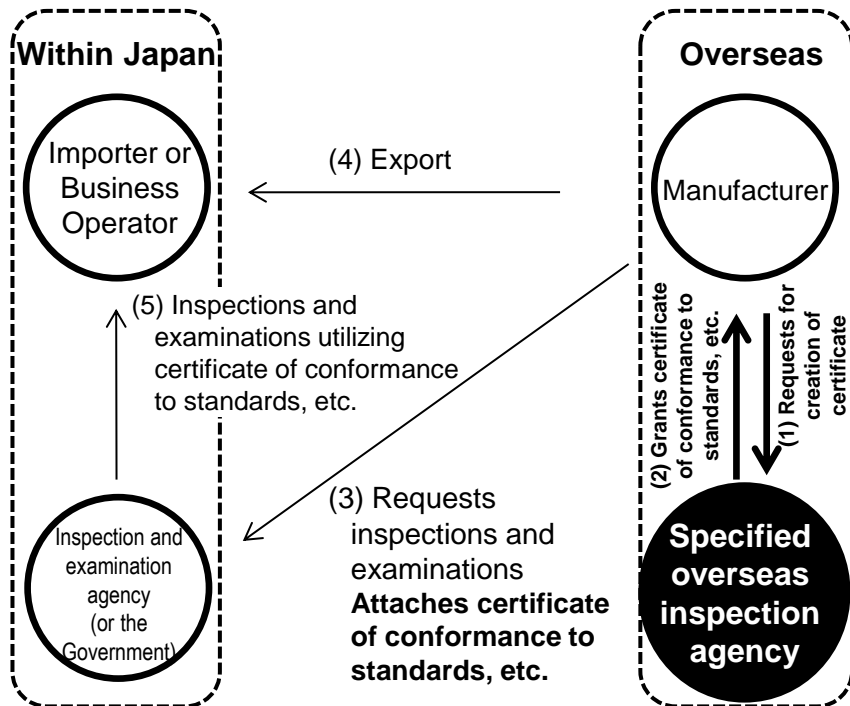


# Points of difference between overseas inspection and examination agency system and inspections and examinations utilizing designated overseas inspection agencies

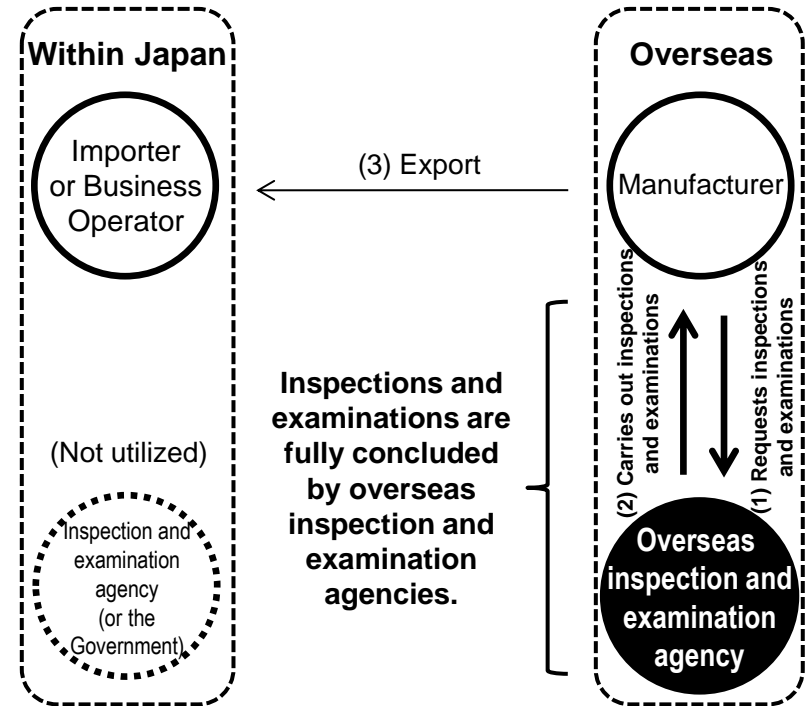
- Designated overseas inspection agency system
  - "Designated overseas inspection agency" means an agency which is designated by the Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare from amongst agencies which received a designation, etc. from foreign governmental institutions as an agency which carries out inspections of machines, etc. overseas.
  - Designated overseas inspection agencies check the structures and structural integrity calculation methods, etc. **of machines, etc. subject to the inspection and examination system of the Industrial Safety and Health Act** and **create written documents (certificate of conformance to standards, etc.) to clarify conformity to the standards (specifications) specified in the Act.**
  - When the machines, etc., which were manufactured overseas are imported, it is necessary to perform inspections and examinations based on the Industrial Safety and Health Act. However, this is a mechanism which enables inspections and examinations to **be sped up and to be simplified by attaching a certificate of conformance to standards, etc.**
  
- Overseas inspection and examination agencies based on this amendment
  - This **allows overseas inspection and examination agencies to be registered as inspection and examination agencies based on the Industrial Safety and Health Act.**
  - Different from the designated overseas inspection agency system, for example, in terms of machines, etc. for which inspections and examinations are carried out by overseas inspection and examination agencies which are registered by the Industrial Safety and Health Act following the revision of the proposed draft law; **it is not necessary to undergo inspections and examinations by domestic agencies at the stage of import, etc. to Japan.**

## Mechanism of inspections and examination of machines, etc. utilizing designated overseas inspection agencies



When overseas manufacturer applies for inspection and examination.

## Mechanism of the overseas inspection and examination agency system



When overseas manufacturer applies for inspection and examination.