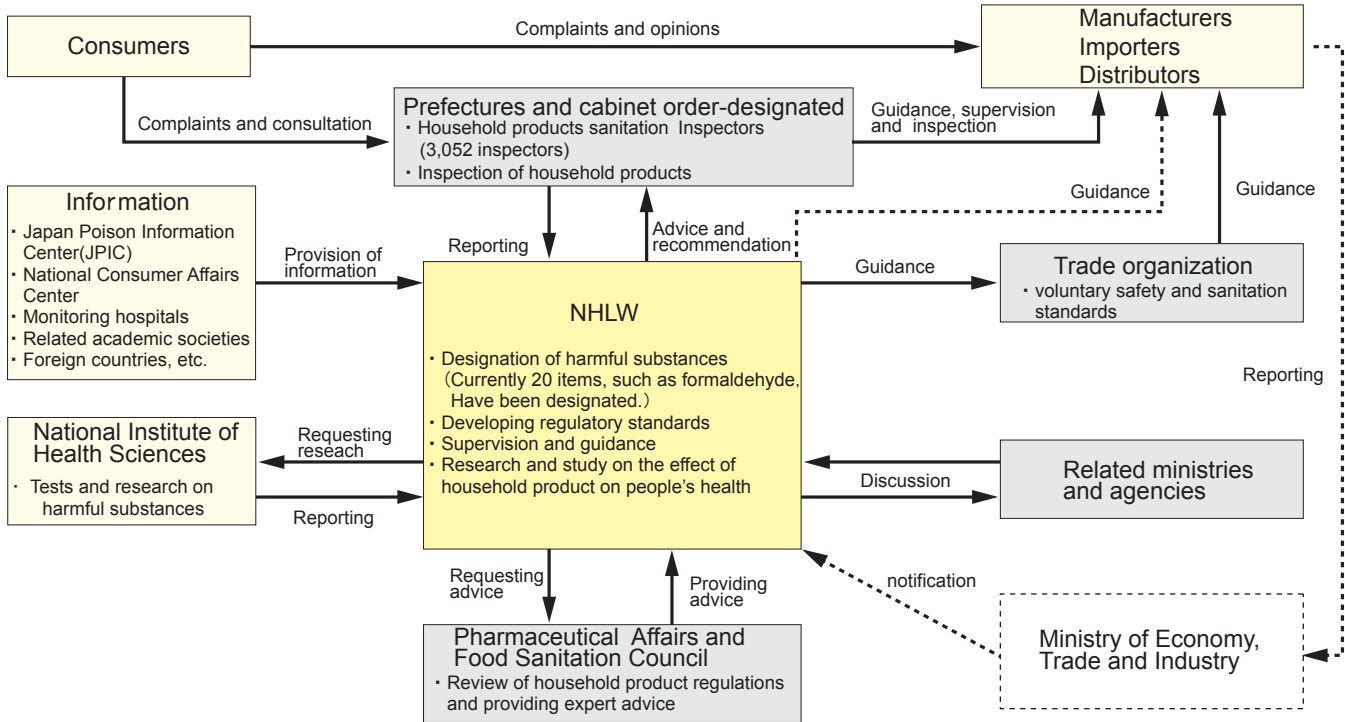


Overview

Overview of the Control of Household Products Containing Harmful Substances

For the Purpose of Preventing health hazards caused by chemical substances contained in household Products such as cleaners and aerosol products (atomizing corpuscular contents in the air) as well as textile Products for clothing, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare is authorized to designate Products as containing "harmful substances" based on the Law for the Control of Household Products Containing Harmful Substances. Moreover, the Ministry sets forth standards for regulating the quantity of such harmful substances in household products that contain them so as to ensure the safety of household products.



Note: The number of household product sanitation inspectors is as April 1, 2008.

* - - - Obligation based on consumer products safety law