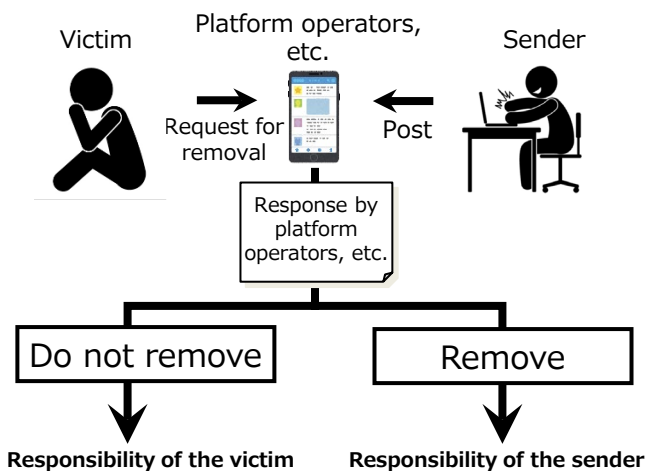# Information Distribution Platform Act (Formerly "Provider Liability Limitation Act")

Act on Measures Against Rights Infringement, etc. Arising from Distribution of Information by Specified Telecommunications (Act No. 137 of 2001)

> Based on the recognition that the distribution of illegal and harmful information on the Internet has become a social issue, this law establishes a legal system that enables platform operators and other entities to appropriately address rights infringements on the Internet, while taking into consideration the important rights and interests, "**victim relief**" and the senders' "**freedom of expression**"

(1) Clarification of exemption requirements for platform operators, etc.

Victim → Request for removal → Platform operators, etc. ← Post ← Sender

Response by platform operators, etc.

- **Do not remove** → Responsibility of the victim
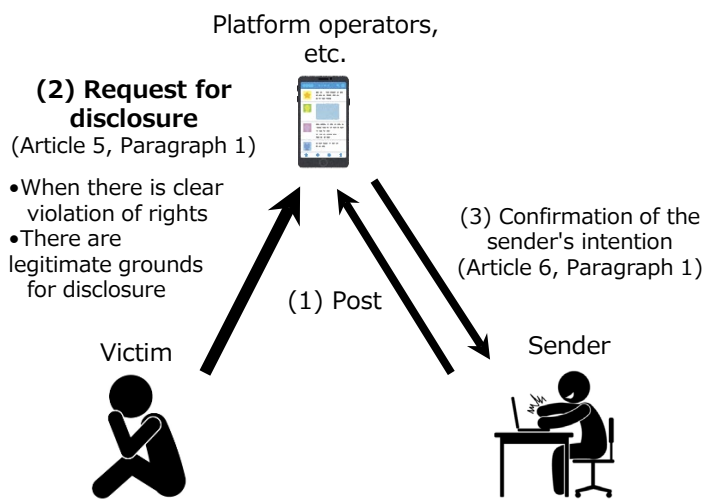- **Remove** → Responsibility of the sender

Article 3, Paragraph 1

Exempt from responsibility except when

(1) the rights were known to be violated,

or

(2) there are adequate grounds to believe that such knowledge could have been obtained.

Article 3, Paragraph 2

Exempt from responsibility when
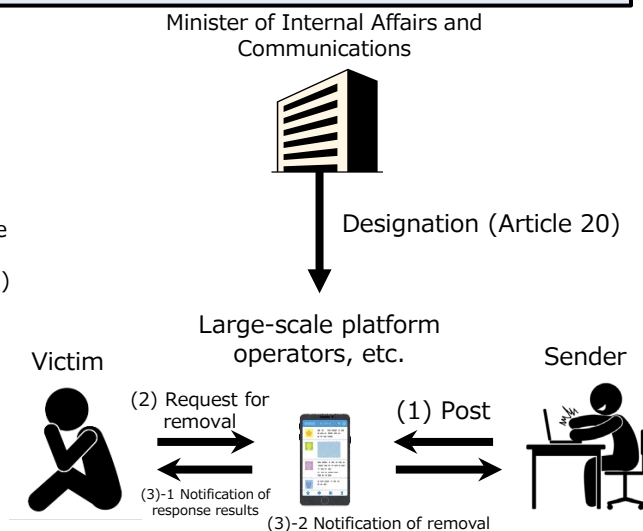
(1) there are adequate grounds to believe that rights have been unjustly violated,

or

(2) the sender has been asked to agree to remove the post but no response has been received from them within 7 days.

(2) Disclosure of sender information

Platform operators, etc.

(2) Request for disclosure (Article 5, Paragraph 1)

- When there is clear violation of rights
- There are legitimate grounds for disclosure

(3) Confirmation of the sender's intention (Article 6, Paragraph 1)

(1) Post

Victim — Sender

- Right to demand disclosure of sender information to enable identification of persons who disseminate right infringement information and claim for damages (Article 5)

- Provisions have been established for court proceedings (non-contentious proceedings) that enable the disclosure of sender information, which originally required two procedures, to be carried out in a single procedure (Article 8~)

(3) Obligations of large-scale platform operators, etc.

Minister of Internal Affairs and Communications

Designation (Article 20)

Large-scale platform operators, etc.

Victim — (2) Request for removal — (1) Post — Sender

(3)-1 Notification of response results

(3)-2 Notification of removal

Prompt Removal Response

- Establishment and public announcement of removal request contact point and procedures (Article 22)
- Establishment of a system for responding to removal requests (Article 24)
- Judgment and notification regarding the removal requests (Article 25)

Transparency of Operation Status

- Establishment and public announcement of removal standards (Article 26)
- Notification to senders when their posts are deleted (Article 27)
- Disclosure of operation status (Article 28)