

Imported Food Management and Border Control in Taiwan

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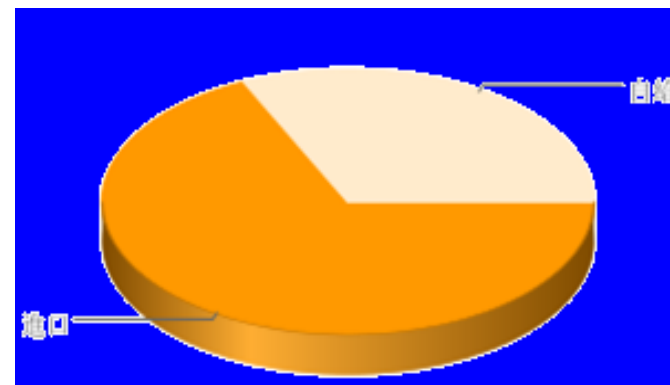
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Food Self-sufficiency Ratio in Taiwan



SSR: 30%



Import dependency ratio: 70%

Taiwan's food self-sufficiency ratio based on calories is only 30% while the other 70% depends on imports.

Sources: agriculture statistics publications from Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan

Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation

Chapter no.	Chapter name	Article
1	General Principles	§1~3
2	Risk Management for Food Safety	§4~6
3	Sanitary Control of Food Businesses	§7~14
4	Food Sanitation Control	§15~21
5	Food Labeling and Advertisement	§22~29
6	Food Import Control	§30~36
7	Food Testing	§37~40
8	Food Examination and Control	§41~43
9	Penal Provisions	§44~56
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Food Import Control Chapter-§30

- Application for inspection with TFDA and declaration of the relevant information of the product are required and shall be in accordance with the customs commodity code and classification when importing foods, genetically modified food raw materials, food additives, food utensils, food containers or packaging and food cleansers designated by MOHW in a public announcement.
(Paragraph 1 of §30)
- **Import Regulation Codes**
F01, F02, 508, 806, 821, 823, 824, 826, 827, 828, 830, 831

Border Inspection of Imported Food

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Legal Basis:

- §30 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation
- Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products
- The Inspection fee of Imported Foods and Related Products

Administrative Rules:

- Directions Governing Imported Food Inspection

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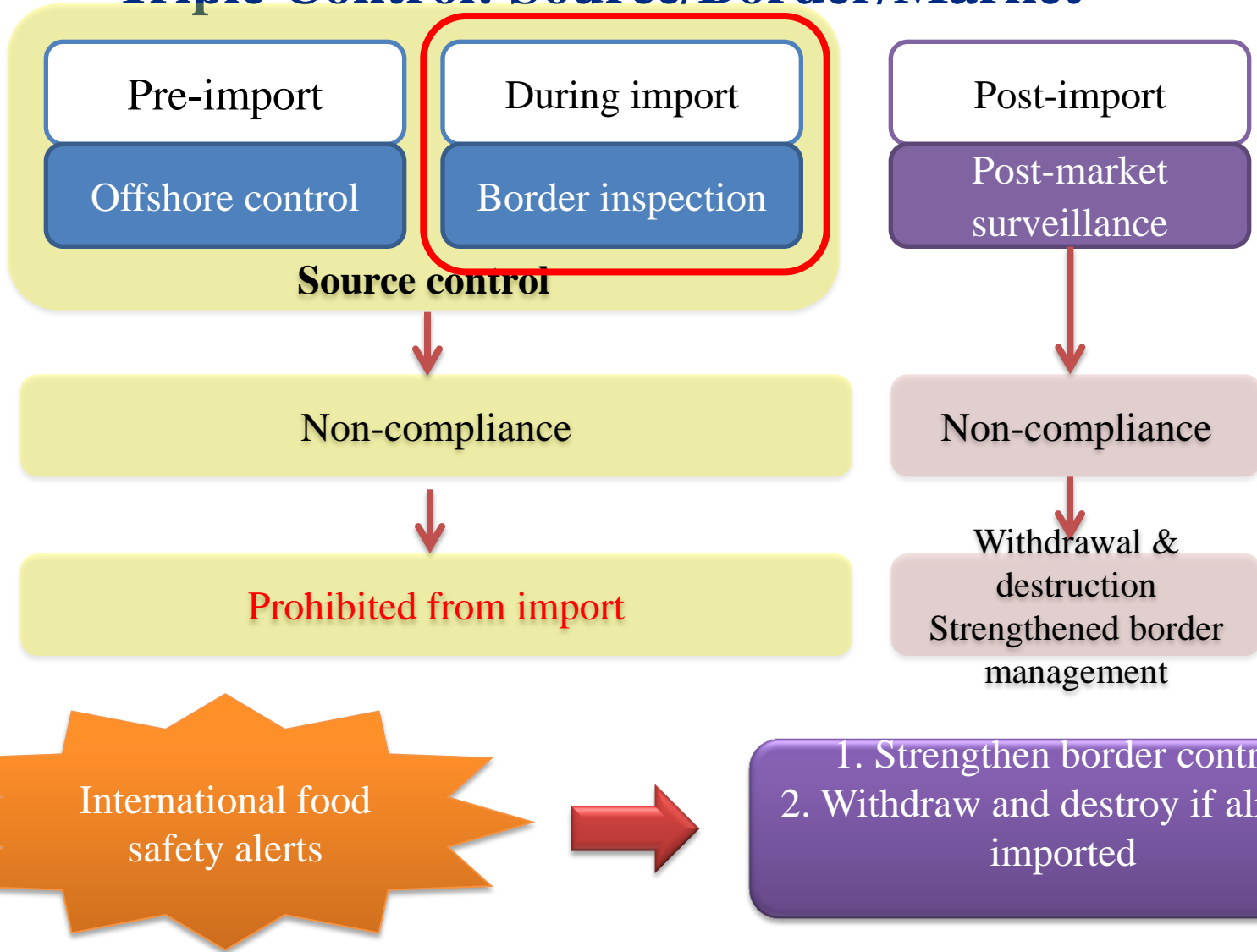
Inspection Scope:

The total number of codes of products subject to import inspection made public in announcements is **2363**.

- Food
- Food additives
- Porcelain utensils
- Plastic baby bottles
- Disposable chopsticks
- Plastic microwavable lunch boxes, containers and cups for repetitive use
- Plastic sports water bottles for repetitive use
- Plastic tableware

Imported Food Control in Taiwan

Triple Control: Source/Border/Market

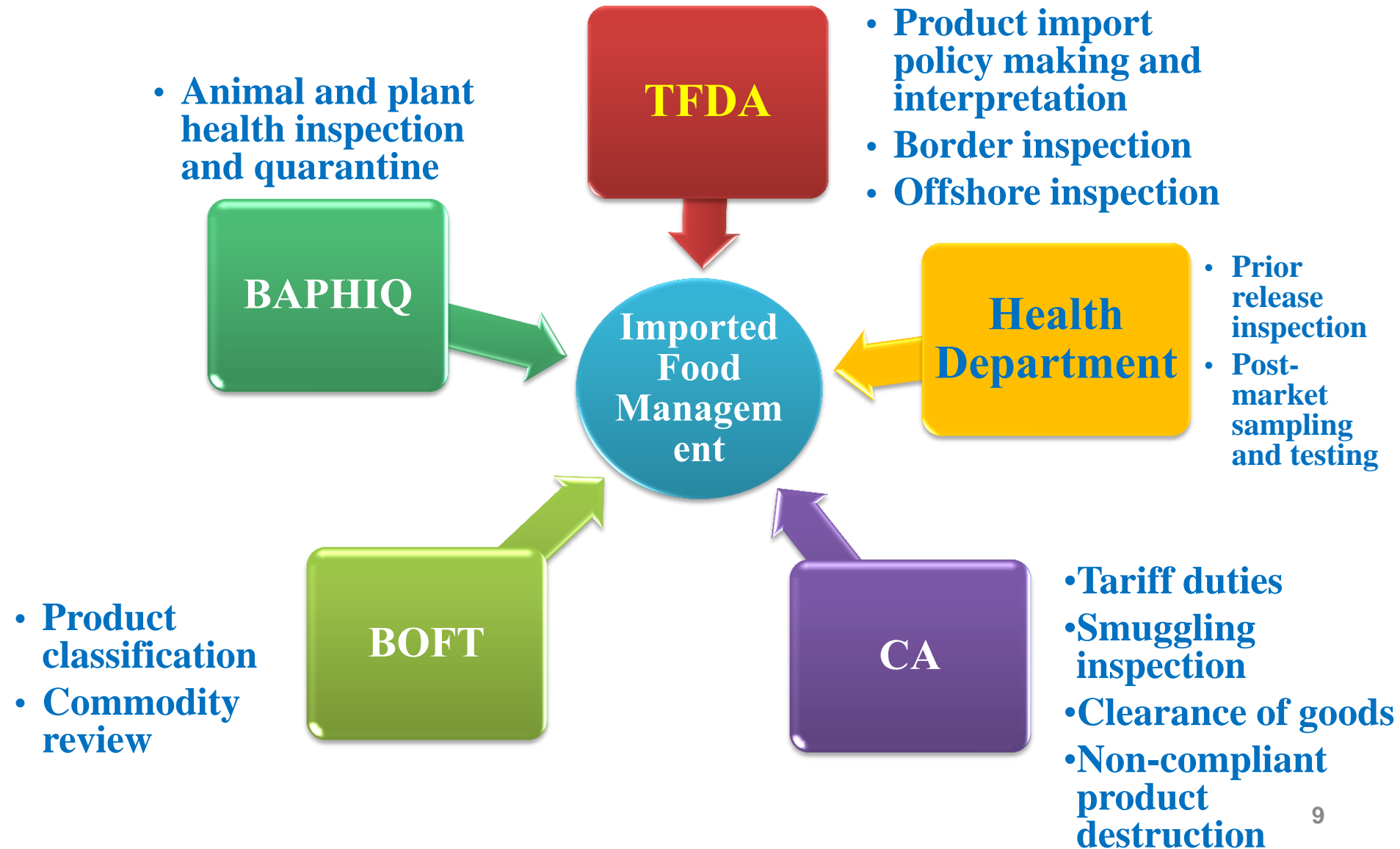


Management of Imported Food and Related Products

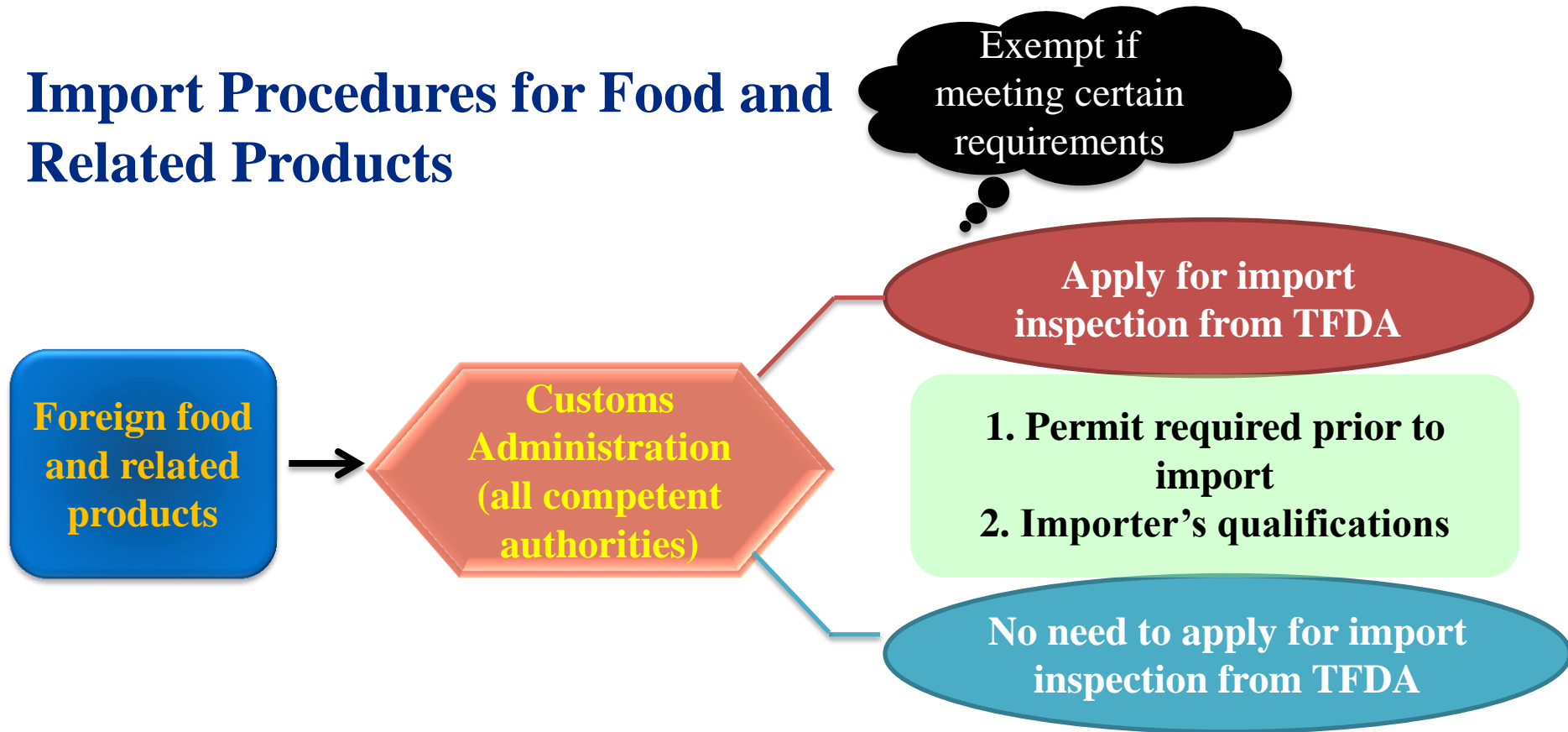
(by **Product Classification**)

Meat	Pre-import systematic inspection + Inspection during import
Other foods Plastic baby bottles Porcelain utensils Disposable chopsticks	Inspection during import
GM soybeans/maize Food in capsule or tablet form Baby formula for one-year-old Special dietary food (Partial) food additives	Pre-import inspection & registration + Inspection during import
(Partial) food additives	Inspection and registration before import
Metal utensils	No need for import inspection

Overview of Food Import Management: Responsibilities of Competent Authorities



Import Procedures for Food and Related Products



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- The **import regulations** designated by the product's **C.C.C. Code** (Commodity classification code of Republic China) determines whether the importer is required to apply import inspection from TFDA.

Import Regulation Examples

TFDA of MOHW

F01 : Apply for import inspection at TFDA according to “Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products”

F02 : Apply for import inspection at TFDA according to “Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products” if related to food or containing food

BAPHIQ

B01 : Apply for import quarantine at BAPHIQ of COA

BOFT of MOEA

113 : Apply for import permit at BOFT when importing from the US

501 : MOHW consent letter is required

508 : A photocopy of MOHW Food Additive Permit is required when importing food additives.

511 : An MOHW consent letter is required for importing food in capsule or tablet form.

513 : A photocopy of Chinese medicine trader license (or a medicine manufacturing permit issued by MOHW) is required when importing Chinese medicine. Products not used as Chinese medicine should be noted as such.

8XX : Importers should refer to relevant regulations designated by product classification.

MW0 : Commodities from China not permitted for import

MP1 : Commodities from China conditionally permitted for import

◆ The CCC Code is designed for tax purposes

◆ **Not for food classifications**

CCC Code	Product name	Import regulations
0203.22.0 0.00-9	Hams, shoulders and cuts thereof, of swine, with bone in, frozen	B01 F01 MW0
0206.21.0 0.00-7	Tongues of bovine animals, frozen	113 B01 F01 MW0
0804.10.1 0.00-4	Red dates, dried (including for Chinese drugs)	513 F02
1901.10.0 0.10-4	Milk powder for infant use (incl follow up formula), milk for infant use, put up for retail sale	501 F01
2106.90.9 9.20-8	Food preparations, in capsule or tablet form	511 F01
3204.12.1 0.10-0	Acid food dyes	508

Safety, Sanitation, Inspection of Imported Food

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- **Industry** should abide by the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation when importing food and related products for human consumption

Raw materials

Processes

End products

- **Government** should perform relevant measures at the border in relation to product risks

TFDA was assigned to perform border inspection for imported food on Jan. 1, 2011 and set up 12 offices in airports and ports in Keelung, Taoyuan, Taichung and Kaohsiung.

Org and HR:

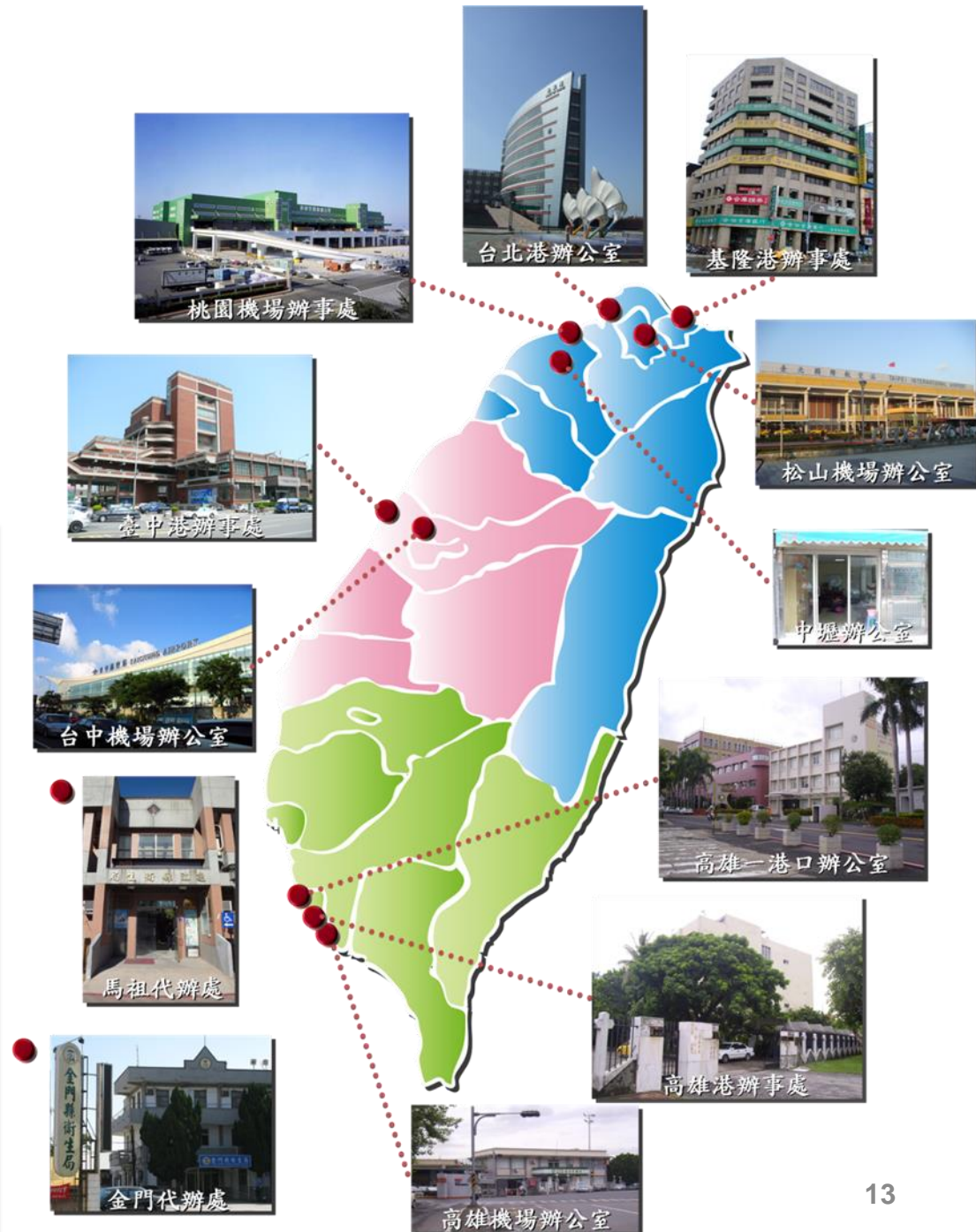
52 employees in 4 sections in Northern, Central and Southern Centers

Budget:

List income & expenditures
80% contribution rate
2015 budget: NT290 million

Workload:

610,000 batches in 2014



Divisions of Responsibility and Features of 4 Major Offices

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Northern Keelung Port Office

Processed food and food containers

Taoyuan Airport Office

Fresh and chilled fruits and vegetables, aquatic products and high-value products

Central Various foods and bulk commodities such as wheat, soybeans and maize

Southern Various foods, frozen aquatic products and products from Southeast Asia



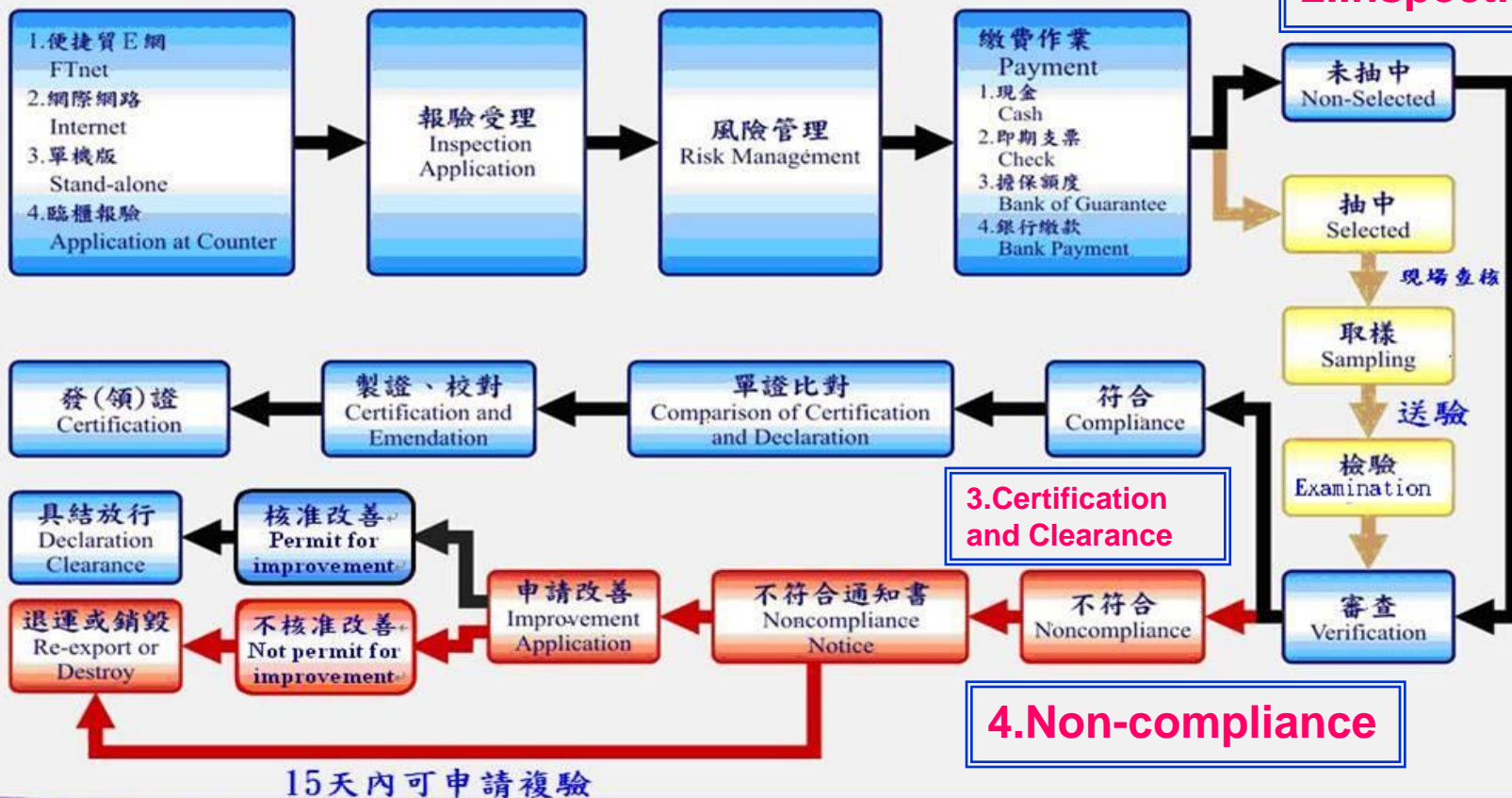


輸入食品申請報驗作業流程圖

Flow Chart of Imported Food Inspection Application

1.Application

2.Inspection



3.Certification and Clearance

4.Non-compliance

Re-inspection can be applied for within 15 days

Imported Food Inspection Measures

Document Review



Application documents

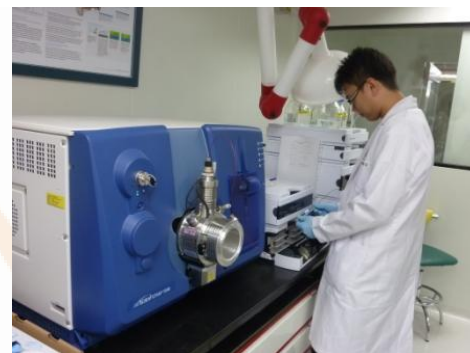
- Application form for inspection
- Declaration form of product information
- Photocopy of application for import declaration
- Necessary sanitation certificates

On-site Inspection



Inspecting appearance, quality and labeling at the port

Sampling & Testing



Testing items:

In accordance with product characteristics and health standards, testing is performed to inspect pesticide residues, veterinary drugs, additives, heavy metals, pathogenic bacteria, ingredients, radiation, etc

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Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

➤ §4-Document Review

- Application form for inspection
- Declaration form of product information
- Photocopy of application for import declaration
- Necessary certificates required by TFDA

➤ §5-Pre-declaration of product information



Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

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- Pre-declaration of Product Information
 - Legal basis: Paragraph 3 of §33 of the Act
 - §5 of the Regulations:
 - The Obligatory Inspection Applicant can apply for pre-declaration of product information to TFDA
 - The applicant is exempt from submitting application form for inspection and declaration form of product information
 - Two-year validity
 - Applies to products of the same manufacturer, product name, specifications and process
 - Aims to simplify inspection processes for repeat imports

Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

➤ §8-Inspection Measures

- Batch-by-batch inspection
- Reinforced randomly-selected batch inspection: 20~50%
- Regular randomly-selected batch inspection: 2~10%
- Batch-by-batch verification
- Certification registration
- Oversee inspection

Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

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§8

- 1. Batch-by-batch inspection:** Inspect each submitted batch of product by on-site verification and sampling analysis basis
- 2. Randomly-selected batch inspection:** Randomly select each submitted batch of product by following inspection rate, and inspect the chosen product by on-site verification and sampling analysis:
 - (1)Regular randomly-selected batch inspection: 2-10% inspection rate.
 - (2)Reinforced randomly-selected batch inspection: 20-50% inspection rate.
- 3. Batch-by-batch verification:** On-site inspect each submitted batch of product
- 4. Certification inspection:** Certificate Document inspection for an excellent industry which is registered by an entente or agreement between the health and safety competent authority of Taiwan and the exporting country.
- 5. Oversee inspection:** For specific products, each submitted batch of product shall be inspected by on-site verification and sampling analysis. And the inspection rate is not changed by the inspection result.

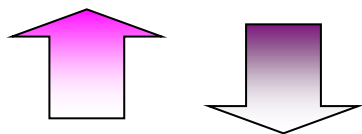
For those products not be selected in randomly-selected batch inspection, the inspection authority may examine extra on-site verification and sampling analysis; For products be designated for batch-by-batch verification, the inspection authority may examine extra sampling analysis.



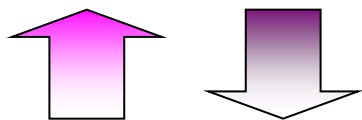
Risk Control of Imported Food Inspection

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Batch-by-batch Inspection
100%



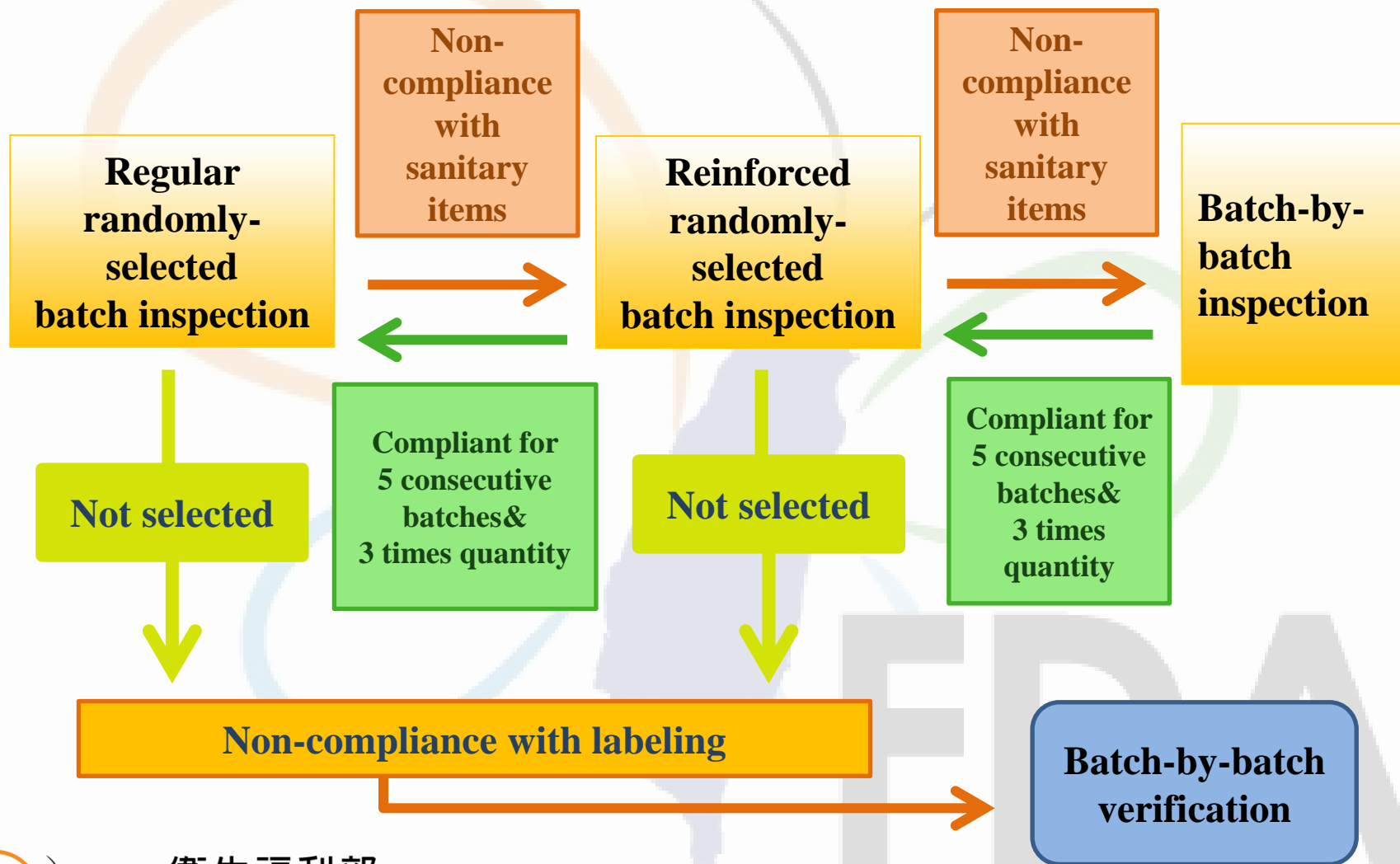
Reinforced Randomly-selected
Batch Inspection
20-50%



Regular Randomly-selected
Batch Inspection
2-10%

- **Noncompliance record**
With one noncompliance, the randomly-selected inspection rate will be raised to 20-50% for the same product next time. If noncompliance continues, batch-by-batch inspection will be performed.
- **Origin**
If the product fails to comply 3 times in 6 months, the manufacturer will be required to improve and the inspection rate will be raised.
- **Risk Information**
- **Significant Sanitation & Safety Events**
- **Upon demand**
100% oversee inspection

Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products



Annual Import Inspection Plan

(Reinforced randomly-selected inspection)

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Country	C.C.C. code	Product
Japan	2101.20.00.00-0	Extracts, essences and concentrates, of tea or mate, and preparations with a basis of these extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of tea or mate
	0709.99.90.90-8	Lily Bulb
	0902.10.00.00-7	Green tea (not fermented), in immediate packing of a content not exceeding 3 kg
	0810.10.00.00-8	Fresh strawberries
	0805.20.10.10-9	Satsumas, fresh
	0703.90.00.00-1	Leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled
Myanmar	0713.31.10.00-9	Dried mung bean (<i>Vigna radiata</i> (L.) Wilczek)
Thailand	0709.20.00.20-6	Green asparagus, fresh or chilled
U.S.A.	0809.29.00.00-0	Other cherries, fresh
	0705.19.00.00-7	Other lettuce, fresh or chilled
Vietnam	0902.40.90.00-2	Other black tea (fermented), in immediate packing of a content exceeding 3 kg
	2005.99.90.99-6	Other vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, not frozen, other than products of heading No. 20.06



Annual Import Inspection Plan

(Inspection for national holidays)

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Holiday	The Main products of Inspection	
Chinese New Year	2103.90.90.90-5	Other articles of heading No. 2103
	1905.90.90.00-6	Other articles of heading No. 19.05
	2106.90.99.90-3	Other food preparations, n.e.s.
	1905.31.00.00-7	Sweet biscuits
	1704.90.00.90-9	Other sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa
Duanwu Festival	2103.90.90.90-5	Other articles of heading No. 2103
	1905.90.90.00-6	Other articles of heading No. 19.05
	2106.90.99.90-3	Other food preparations, n.e.s.
	1905.31.00.00-7	Sweet biscuits
Hungry Ghost Festival	2103.90.90.90-5	Other articles of heading No. 2103
	1905.90.90.00-6	Other articles of heading No. 19.05
	2106.90.99.90-3	Other food preparations, n.e.s.
	1905.31.00.00-7	Sweet biscuits
	1704.90.00.90-9	Other sugar confectionery (including white chocolate), not containing cocoa
Moon Festival	1905.31.00.00-7	Sweet biscuits
	0306.24.21.10-6	Swamp crabs (<i>Scylla</i> spp), live
	1902.30.10.10-7	Instant noodles, containing meat
	1905.90.50.00-4	Rice cracker



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Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

- §14~15-Preferential Measures for Excellent Industry
Obligatory Inspection Applicants apply an import product quality assurance project and **10 consecutive batches** pass randomly-selected batch inspection within one year.
- **20 consecutive batches** pass randomly-selected batch inspection within one year.
- **30 consecutive batches** pass randomly-selected batch inspection within two years.
- Applicants with an import **product quality assurance project** and the inspected products conform to the regulations **within two years**, their future import products may be inspected on document review basis.

Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

➤ §19~21-Prior Release

- Requiring **5 or more days** for examination
- Sampling of such products is difficult in a container yard
- Perishable products
- Products designated for batch-by-batch inspection shall be not released until proven compliant
- Applicants shall pay a **deposit** (twice the CIF) for prior release if the products **failed to comply in reinforced randomly-selected batch inspection or oversee inspection.**

●Real-time auditing mechanism: TFDA receives a real-time notification (e-message) about storing health department and performs on-site auditing within 24 hours.



Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

➤ §19~21-Prior Release

- The deposit shall be in the form of a cashier's check, regular check or postal order. The deposit is refundable upon receipt of import permit and no violation of paragraph 3 of §51 of the Act.
- For anyone who intentionally moves, uses or sells the products before receiving the import permit, or the confirmed storage location is inconsistent with the actual storage location, the competent authority may **confiscate the deposit** and temporarily suspend acceptance of an application for storage by the food businesses for **one year**. Anyone who **sells** the goods without authorization may be **fined an amount that is between double and twenty times of the selling price of the goods. (§51 of the Act)**

Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

➤ §23-Re-examination

- Apply for re-examination if non-compliance: the applicant can apply and pay for re-examination (limited to one time only; using remaining samples) **within 15 days** after receipt of the notification

Regulations of Inspection of Imported Foods and Related Products

- **§24-Disposition of noncompliance products**
 - **Return or destroy**
 - **Non-cleared products:** applicant reports to the customs
 - **Cleared products:** applicant reports to local Health Department
 - **In violation of §17 (sanitation standards), §18 (food additives) or §21 (registration) of the Act, the applicant shall disinfect, recondition or take appropriate safety measures.**



Announcements of Non-compliance

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- **Announcements of non-compliance on Tuesdays according to §52 of the Act**

1. TFDA Homepage (<http://www.fda.gov.tw>) >Consumer Information>Noncompliant Food>Border Inspection>Noncompliant Food Information
2. Consumer Information on Food and Drugs (<http://consumer.fda.gov.tw>) >Comprehensive Information Center>Food>Violations>Noncompliant Food Information



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Announcement of Non-compliant Products

Goji berries from China were tested to have pesticide residues.

Importer name	和盛記蔘藥有限公司
Importer address	高雄市鹽埕區富野路64之1號3樓
C.C.C. code	1211.90.91.10-2
Test method	衛生福利部食品藥物管理署103.07.03部授食字第1031900615號公告修正食品中殘留農藥檢驗方法-多重殘留分析法(五)；衛生福利部食品藥物管理署102.09.06部授食字第1021950329號公告修正食品中殘留農藥檢驗方法-殺菌劑二硫代胺基甲酸鹽類之檢驗(二)
Reason for noncompliance	檢出殘留農藥歐蟎多0.01ppm
Relevant regulations	本案不符合食品安全衛生管理法第15條有關「農藥殘留容許量標準」規定。
Manufacture exporter	SHAOYANG TRUST TRADE LIMITED COMPANY
Manufacturer code	
Weight	12,498 KGM
Disposition	案內不符合商品依規定退運或銷毀
Announcement date	2015/03/04
Test date	2015/01/24



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查驗流程

輸入食品/中藥材報驗流程
F01食品免輸入查驗及免貼中文標示線上申辦流程
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- 輸入食品查驗作業要點
- 產品資訊預先申報作業程序
- 食品及相關產品輸入查驗辦法
- 輸入食品及相關產品查驗規費收費標準

相關連結

- 網際網路報驗系統
- 民眾查詢系統
- 國際貿易局貨品輸出入規定
- 財政部關務署稅則稅率查詢系統
- 動植物防疫檢疫局
- 中藥材邊境查驗

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中國大陸及其他國家大閘蟹、東南亞活鱧及龍蝦、其他水產品加強管制措施

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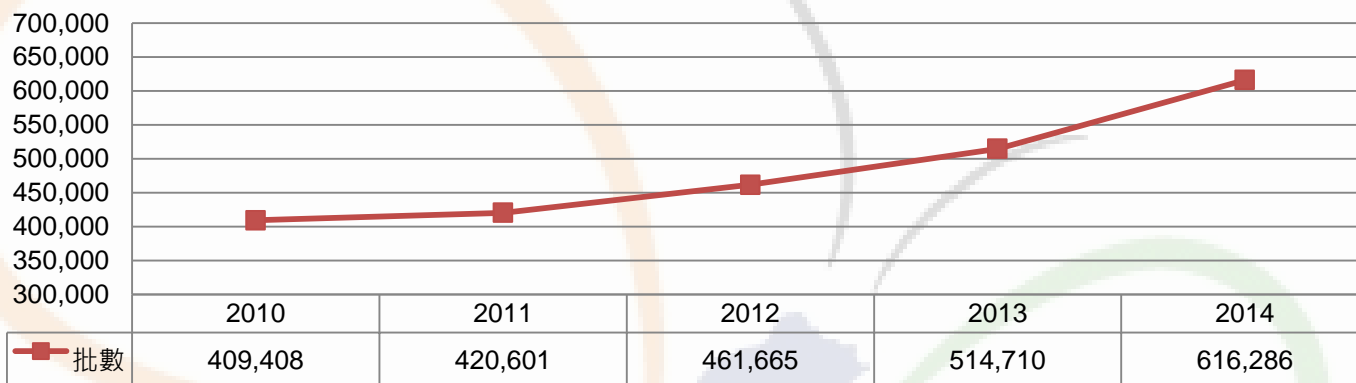
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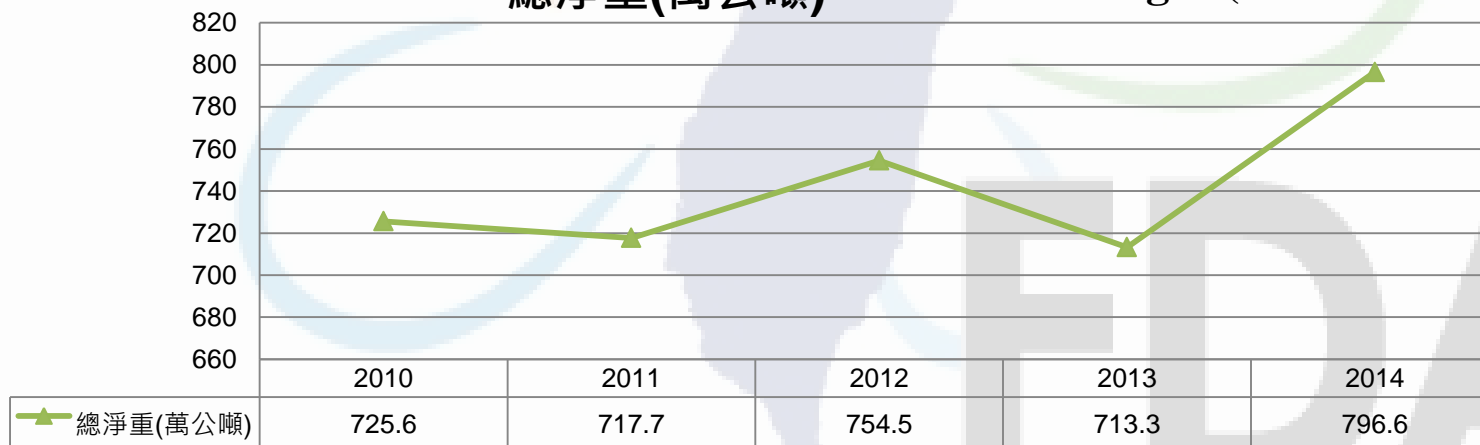
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Quantity of Imported Food

批數 Number of batches



總淨重(萬公噸) Total net weight (in 10 thousand tons)



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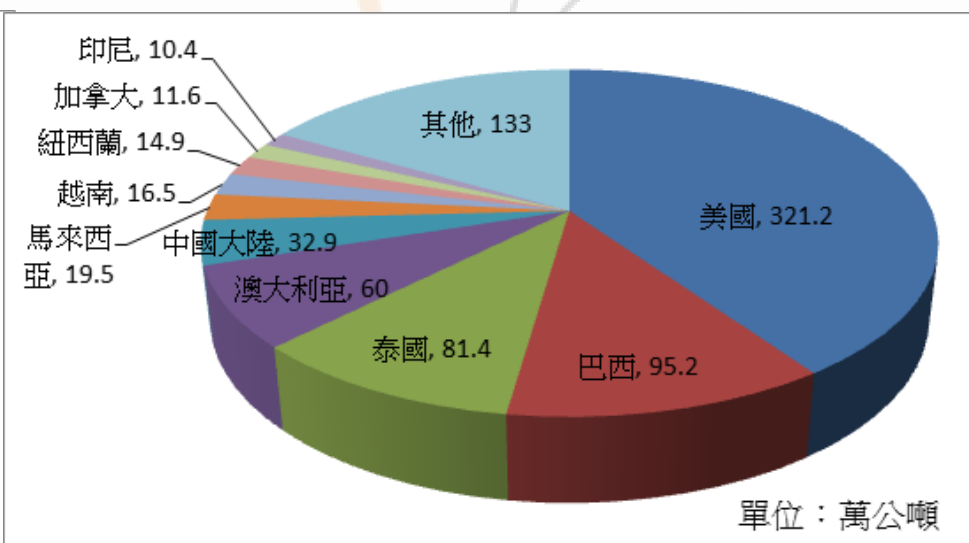
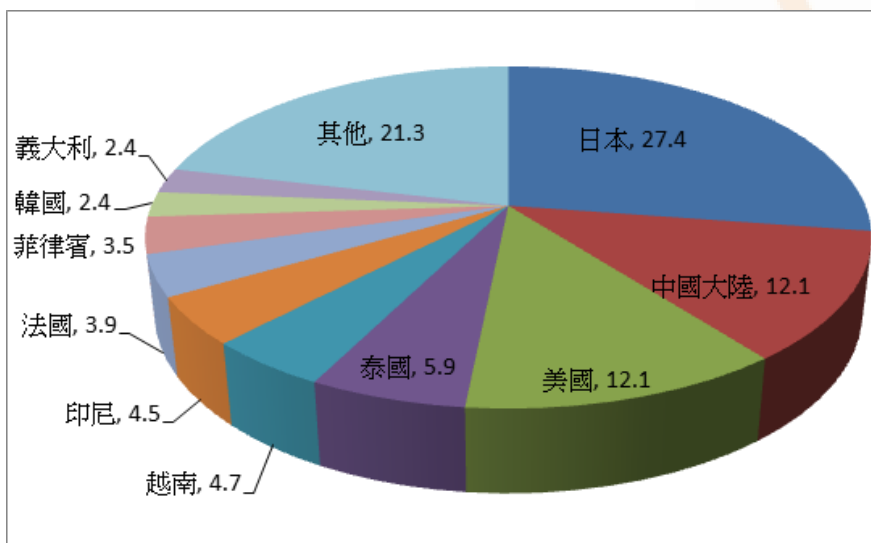
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□ Main Countries of Origin:

- By batch: Japan, US, China, Thailand and Vietnam
- By weight: US, Brazil, Thailand, Australia and China

**Number of
batches**

Weight



Border Inspection FACT SHEET

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2011-2014 Annual Imported Food Reports

Year	Number of inspected batches	Total net weight (10,000 tons)	Number of tested batches	Testing ratio(%)	Number of non-compliant batches	Non-compliance ratio(%)
2011	420,601	717.7	29,800	7.09	288	0.97
2012	461,665	754.5	38,793	8.40	467	1.20
2013	514,710	713.3	38,460	7.47	557	1.45
2014	616,285	796.6	48,705	7.90	665	1.36

Top 5 Non-compliant Products and Items in 2014

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Ranking	Sub-category	Number of inspected batches	Tested batches and ratio(%)	Noncompliant batches and ratio(%)	Major non-compliance	Common products	Countries
1	Fresh, chilled, frozen vegetables	24,479	2,660 (10.87%)	154 (5.79%)	Pesticide residues	Green asparagus, shallot, shiso leaves	Thailand, Japan
2	Fresh, chilled, frozen fruits	24,989	2,297 (9.19%)	91 (3.96%)	Pesticide residues	Mandarin oranges, cherries	Japan, US
3	Teas	9,571	2,338 (24.43%)	65 (2.78%)	Pesticide residues	Green tea, black tea	Japan, Singapore, Vietnam
4	Prepared vegetables and fruits	24,804	1,723 (6.95%)	48 (2.79%)	Pesticide residues, preservatives	Brined chili, brined ma bamboo shoots	Vietnam
5	Other prepared foods	30,032	2,177 (7.25%)	32 (1.47%)	Flavoring agents, preservatives	Effervescent tablets, jelly	Germany, Thailand

