FOOD IMPORT CONTROL

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S ROLE IN IMPORT CONTROL

To Ensure Food Imported Into The Country Is Safe And Complies With The Food Act 1983 & its regulations

Assisted by Food Safety Information System of Malaysia (FoSIM) – an intelligent web-based information system to enhance the management of food import control

FOOD IMPORT ENFORCEMENT PLANNING

Plan for imported food

- Sea-mode : inspect 40% of consignments
- Air- mode: inspect 35% of consignments
- Land- mode : inspect 70% of consignments
- 10% of consignments inspected to be sampled

Food Import Requirements of Malaysia

- Compliance to Food Act 1983 and its regulations
- General Labelling Requirements
- Other Labelling Requirements
- Other related legislations e.g. Quarantine/Halal certified
- FoSIM

Food Importation Procedures

- The Ministry of Health does not require import permits. However, there are some foods which need to have Health Certificate, Certificate of Analysis, License and Special Approval for importation

IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN TYPE OF FOODS

Health Certificate (HC)	1) Acid-hydrolyzed vegetable protein (HVP) 2) Shrimps and prawns, crabs and lobsters
Certificate of Analysis (COA)	1) Cheese 2) Seaweed and seaweed product
HC & COA	1) Peanut butter 2) Honey 3) Groundnut
License	1) Natural Mineral Water and Packaged Drinking Water
Written Approval	1) Special Purpose Food (other than Reg.389 – Reg.393)

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM OF MALAYSIA

(FoSIM)

http://fsis2.moh.gov.my/fosimv2

- Food Import Control Programme is supported by the Food Safety Information System of Malaysia (FoSIM) since 2003, a network system that links up every entry point and the Food Safety and Quality Division.

- This FoSIM System which is interfaced with the Customs Information System (SMK), enables the enforcement officers at every entry point in the country to carry out continuous monitoring of all food consignments that enter the country.

- Assist entry points in decision making based on levels of inspection
  - Risk based approach in inspection

- Food alerts are relayed on-line, previous entry of the same food would have been tracked and detected , thus preventing port hopping phenomenon.

LIST OF ENTRY POINTS

Seksyen Penguatkuasaan Import, BKKM

How Does the System Work?

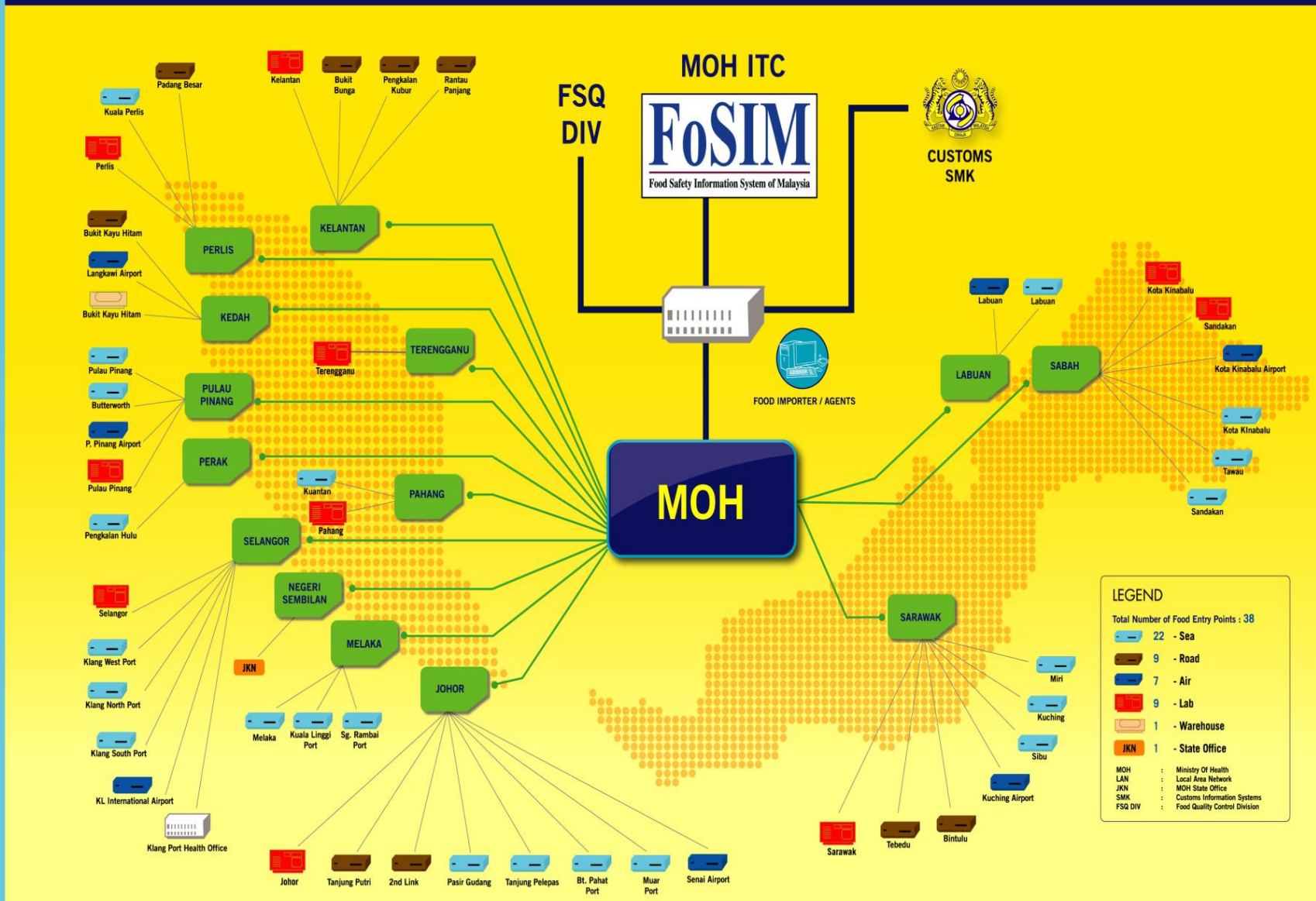
- To access FoSIM, all food importers or agents must register with Ministry of Health Malaysia and obtain identification number and password.

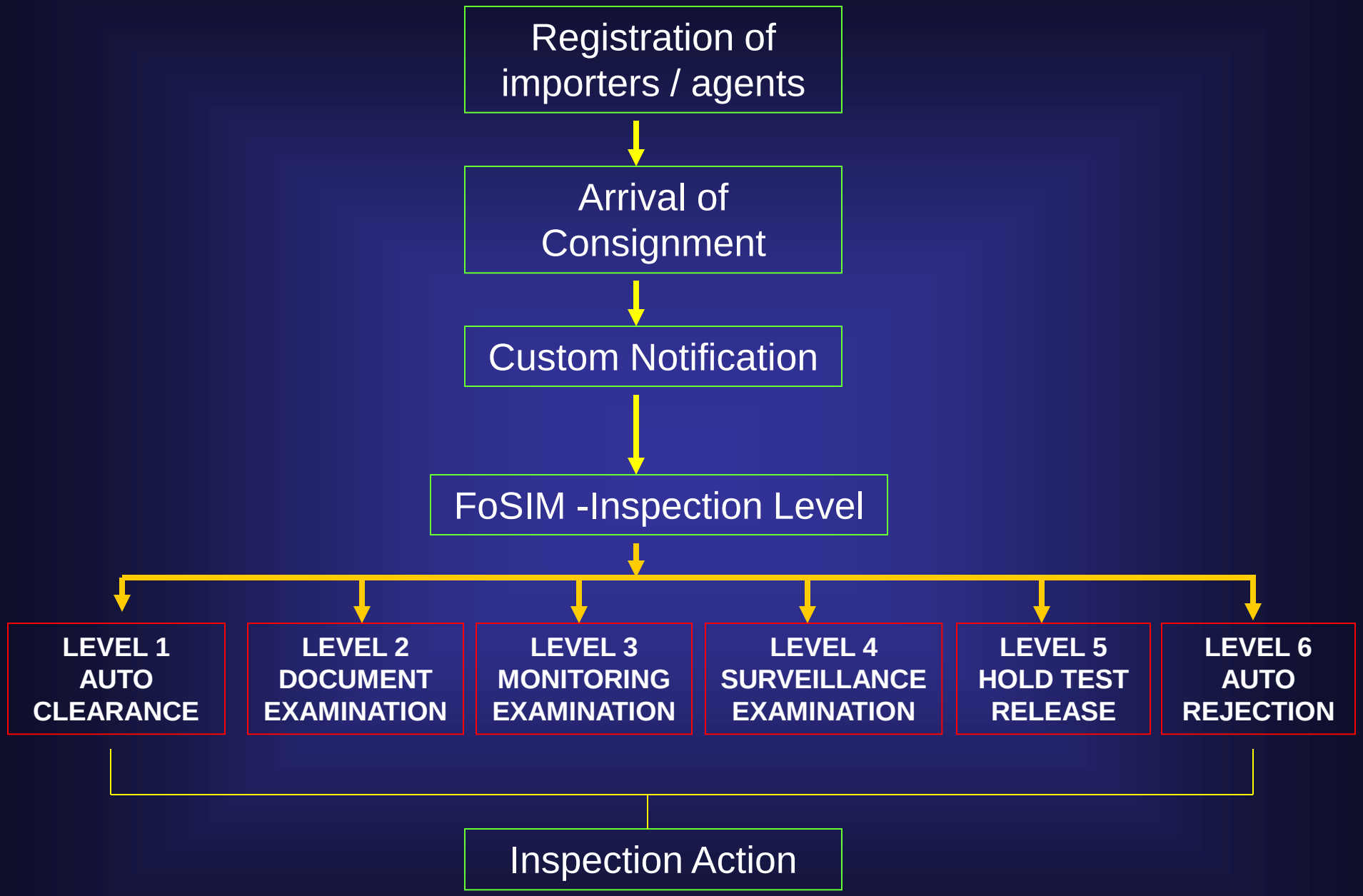
- Importers and agents have to log on to FoSIM to give prior notice of import or make enquiry on examination level of a particular food item.

- For import notification, importers or agents will have to first declare their imports through Custom Information System then log on to FoSIM and complete the notification module.

- The import notification will be transmitted online to the authorised officers of Ministry of Health for action which will be guided by the examination level. The final decision will be transmitted electronically to the importers or agents and customs.

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM OF MALAYSIA (FoSIM)
NETWORK SCHEMATIC




Registration of importers / agents
Arrival of Consignment
Custom Notification
FoSIM -Inspection Level
LEVEL 1 AUTO CLEARANCE
LEVEL 2 DOCUMENT EXAMINATION
LEVEL 3 MONITORING EXAMINATION
LEVEL 4 SURVEILLANCE EXAMINATION
LEVEL 5 HOLD TEST RELEASE
LEVEL 6 AUTO REJECTION
Inspection Action

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM OF MALAYSIA
FOOD IMPORTATION PROCESS

EXAMINATION LEVELS

LEVEL 1 - AUTOMATIC CLEARANCE

LEVEL 2 – DOCUMENT EXAMINATION

- VERIFY NOTIFICATION INFORMATION
- MAY REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
- PHYSICAL INSPECTION/EXAMINTATION IF NECESSARY BEFORE RELEASE

LEVEL 3 – MONITORING EXAMINATION

- INSPECTION AND RANDOM SAMPLING (10% of consignments inspected)

LEVEL 4 – SURVEILLANCE EXAMINATION

- INSPECTION AND SAMPLING

LEVEL 5 – HOLD TEST AND RELEASE

- DETAIN AND SAMPLE

LEVEL 6 – AUTO REJECTION

BACK

BENEFITS of FoSIM

- Effective, efficient and transparent clearance of food import consignments
- Importers/agents able to check import status before importation of food
- Harmonised surveillance system at all entry points
- Better preparedness on crisis management of imported food
- Prevent port hopping

Rejected Consignments

- Rejected consignments may be
  - re-exported
  - destroyed (high risk)
  - Relabelled, reprocessed or reconditioned

Food Recall

- Importer will be instructed to recall contaminated food provided
  - Name & address of importer or manufacturer is available
  - batch number of product is available
- If the above information is not available then a food alert will be issued to seize the product nationwide

FOOD IMPORT CONTROL

FSQD, MOH does not impose import permit for importation of foods but certain category of food products require Health Certificate and/or Certificate of Analysis (COA) or Import License or written approval.

It is the importers' responsibility to ensure that all foods imported into Malaysia complies Food Act 1983 and its regulations.

FSQD, MOH has a Food Import Control Programme to regulate food imports into the country.

Food Safety Information System of Malaysia (FoSIM)

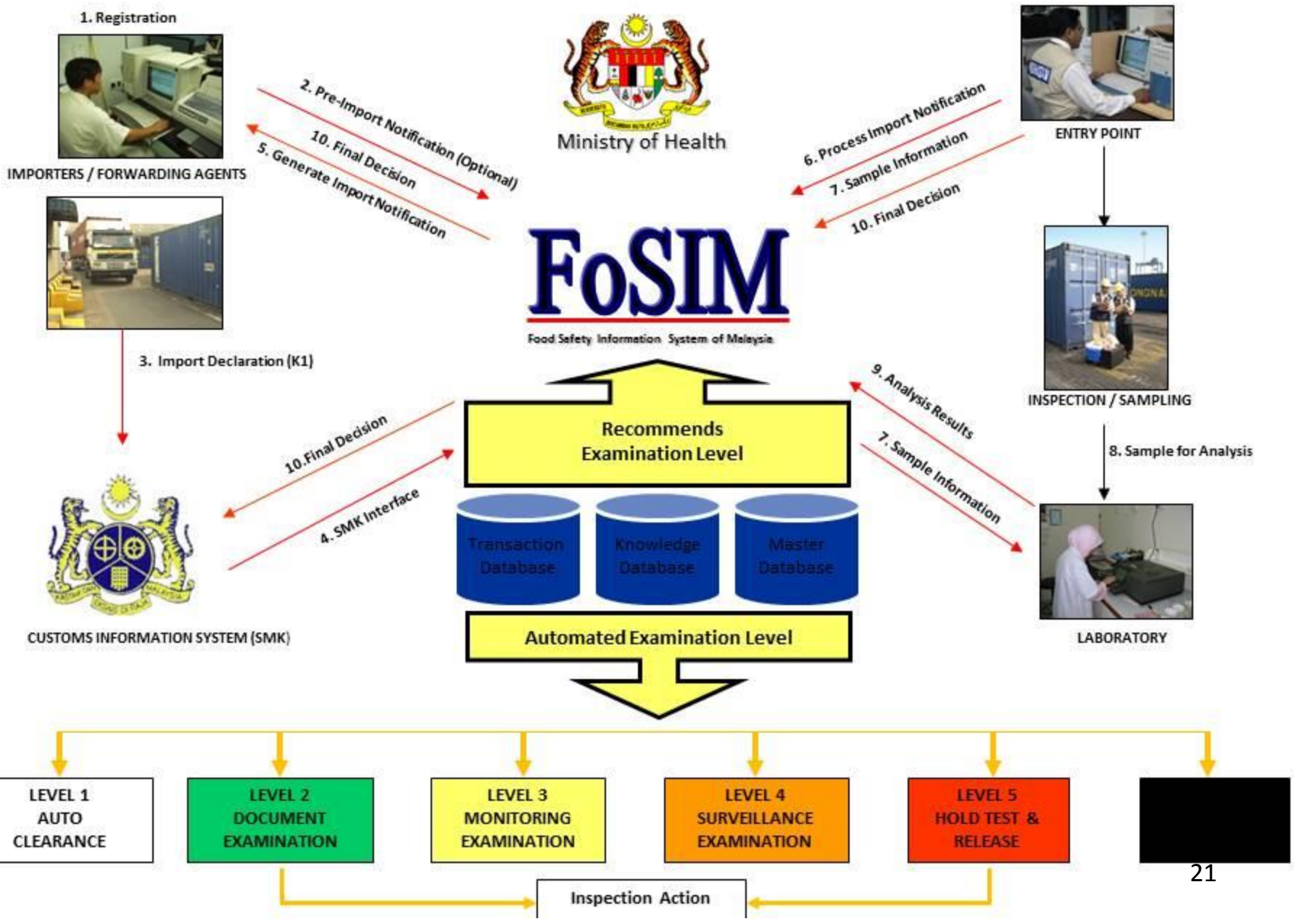
Food Import Control Programme is supported by the Food Safety Information System of Malaysia (FoSIM), a web-based network system that links up every entry point.

The FoSIM System integrated with the Customs Information System (SMK), has enabled continuous monitoring of all food consignments at entry points throughout the country.

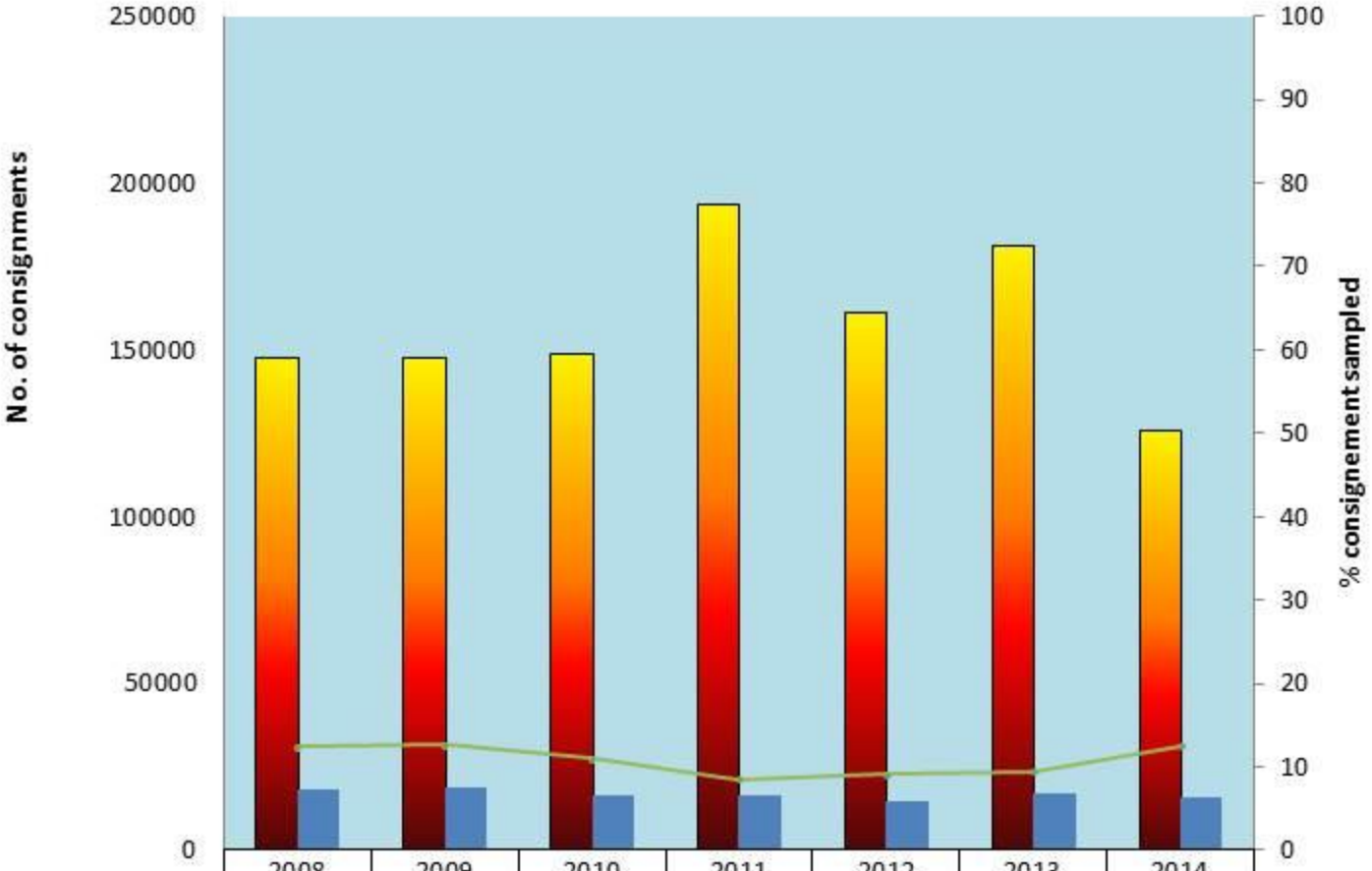
FoSIM is based on risk based approach and consists of 6 levels of examination:

- Level 1 – Automatic clearance
- Level 2 – Document Examination
- Level 3 – Monitoring Examination
- Level 4 – Surveillance Examination
- Level 5 – Hold Test & Release
- Level 6 – Auto RejectionLevel

FOOD SAFETY INFORMATION SYSTEM OF MALAYSIA – FOOD IMPORTATION PROCESS

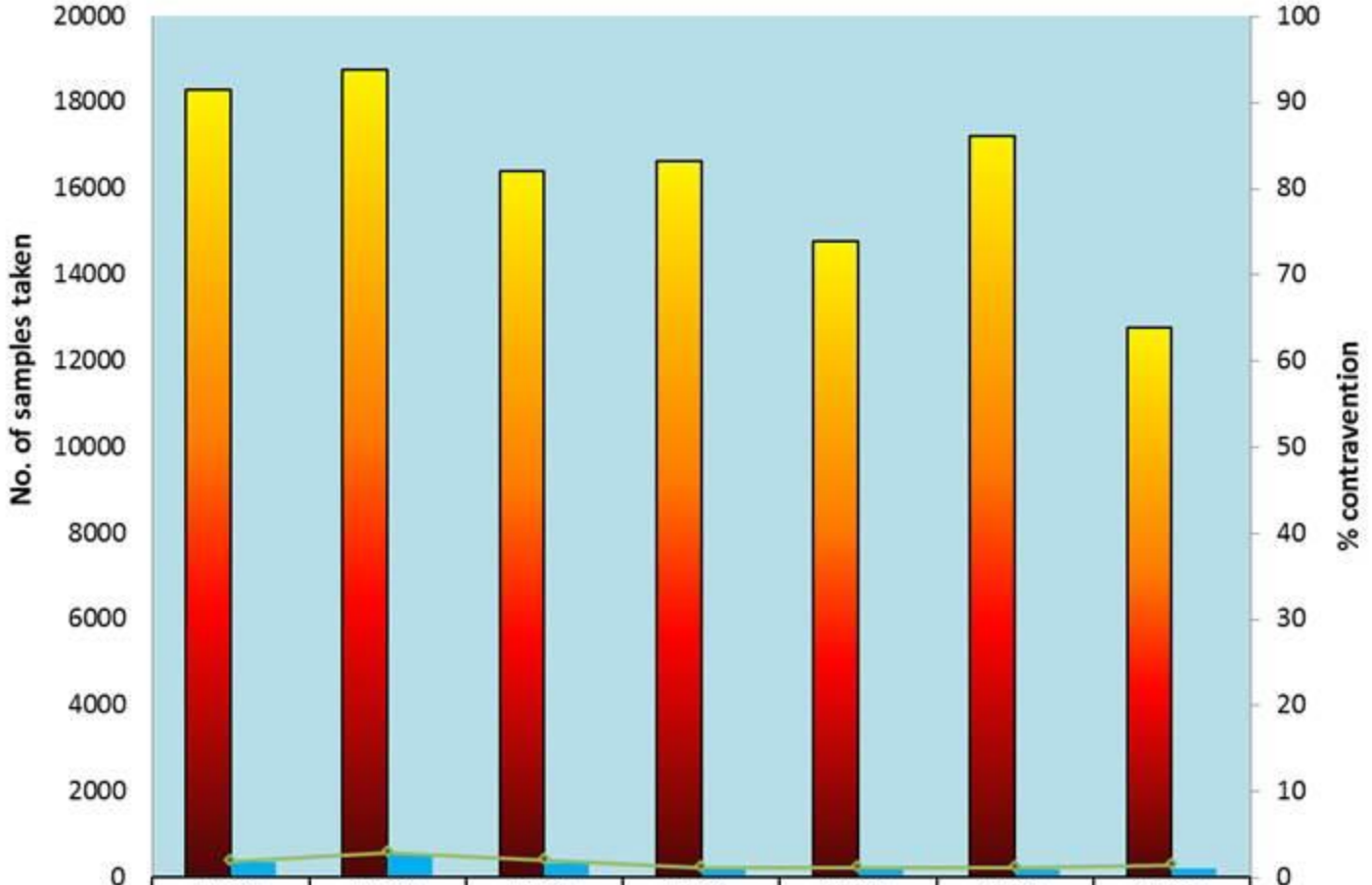


Inspection and Sampling of Imported Foods (2008-2014)



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No. of consignments	147776	147868	149229	194051	161157	181629	125936
No. of samples taken	18278	18747	16396	16631	14767	17206	15767
Percentage of consignments sampled	12.4	12.7	11.0	8.6	9.2	9.5	12.5

Contravention of Imported Food (2008-2014)



	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
No of sample taken	18278	18747	16396	16631	14767	17206	12767
No of contravention	354	541	334	184	178	194	222
% contravention	1.9	2.9	2	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.4

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