



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
MINISTRY OF ECONOMY

Risk-Based Trade Control System

TAREKS®

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The role of Ministry of Economy

- Coordination
 - among relevant ministries and customs
 - export, import and market surveillance affairs
- Enforcement
 - quality and product safety controls
 - export, import and marketing (limited) stages
- Coverage of inspections
 - Quality controls at export and import stages (fresh fruit&vegetables, dry and dried products, edible oils and some others), Domestic market (cotton)
 - Product safety checks (toys, ppe, batteries&accumulators, medical devices, construction products, radio and telecom terminal equipment, industrial raw materials, lifts, electronic equipments....)

Need for a New System

- Rapid increase in the trade volume
- Requirement of efficient resource allocation
- Amendment in national legislation (Customs ...)
- International relations (WTO/EU)



Revision necessity of traditional methods

Purpose of TAREKS Project

To establish **a web based system**
in order to carry out
import & export controls
required by the trade legislation
electronically and on risk basis

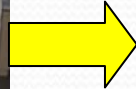


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BEFORE TAREKS



Application by documents



Document and physical checks



Long waiting periods

AFTER TAREKS



Controls are made through TAREKS

Characteristics of the New System

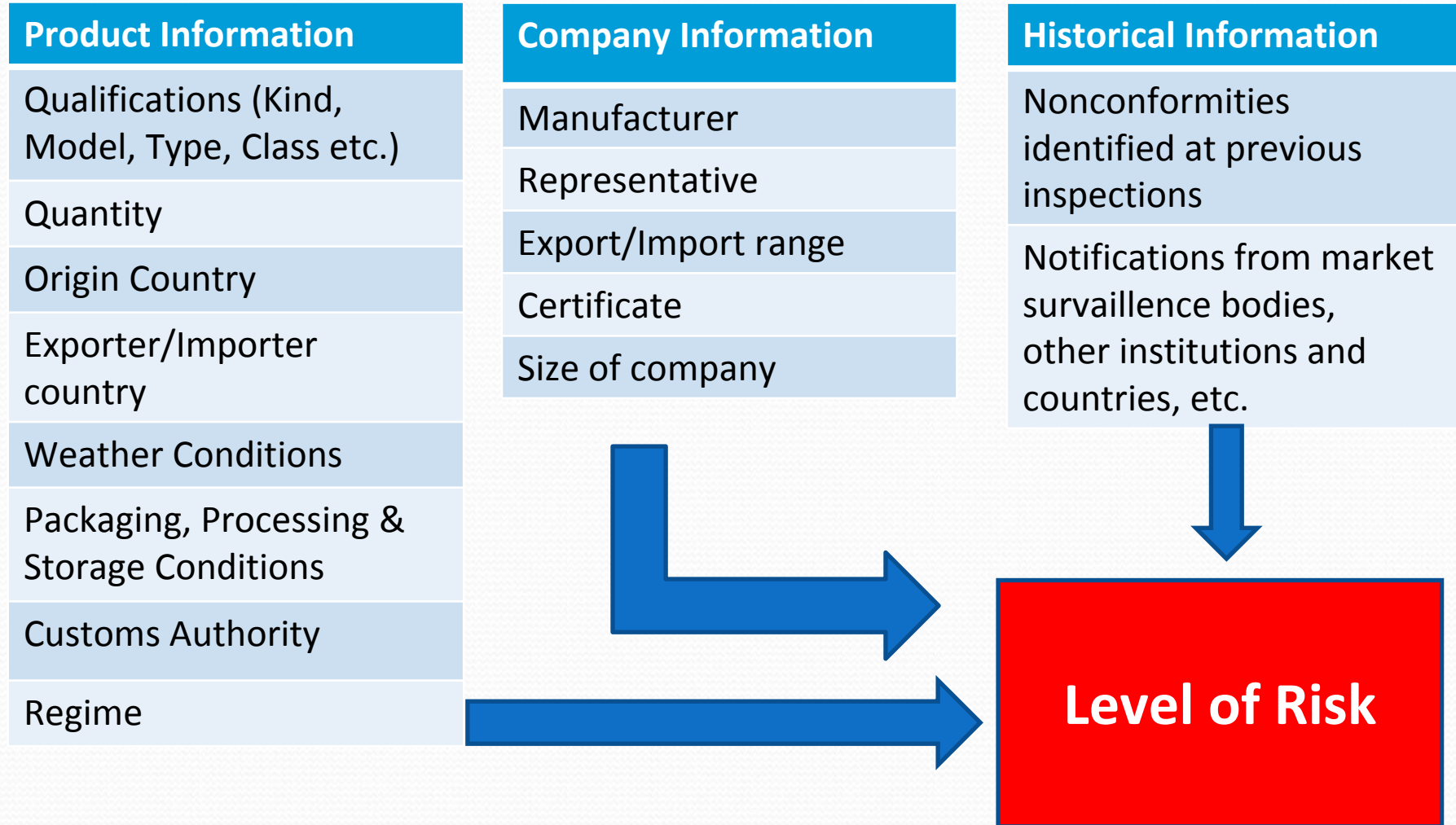


- E-Signature: registration (once) of firms and users
- 7/24 online universal application
- Risk analysis by TAREKS: Control/No control
- Reliable database of firms and products
- Real time statistics
- Declaration of Ref. No. by importer/exporter
- Validity of Ref. No: matching btw. ME & Customs
- Measures for firms

Risk Assessment

- Defining products and firms subject to control according to risk parameters
- Different approaches for quality and product safety controls
- Risk parameters for product safety controls
 - Scientific facts, legislation provisions, urgency notifications (RAPEX, radiation...), consumer/manufacturer complaints and claims, market surveillance findings, notifications of customs, experience of inspectors...
- Risk assessment for quality controls
 - Classification of firms (A, B, C, D) based on their facilities
 - Other parameters (random checks, past performance, complaints, notifications etc.)

Risk Assessment Parameters

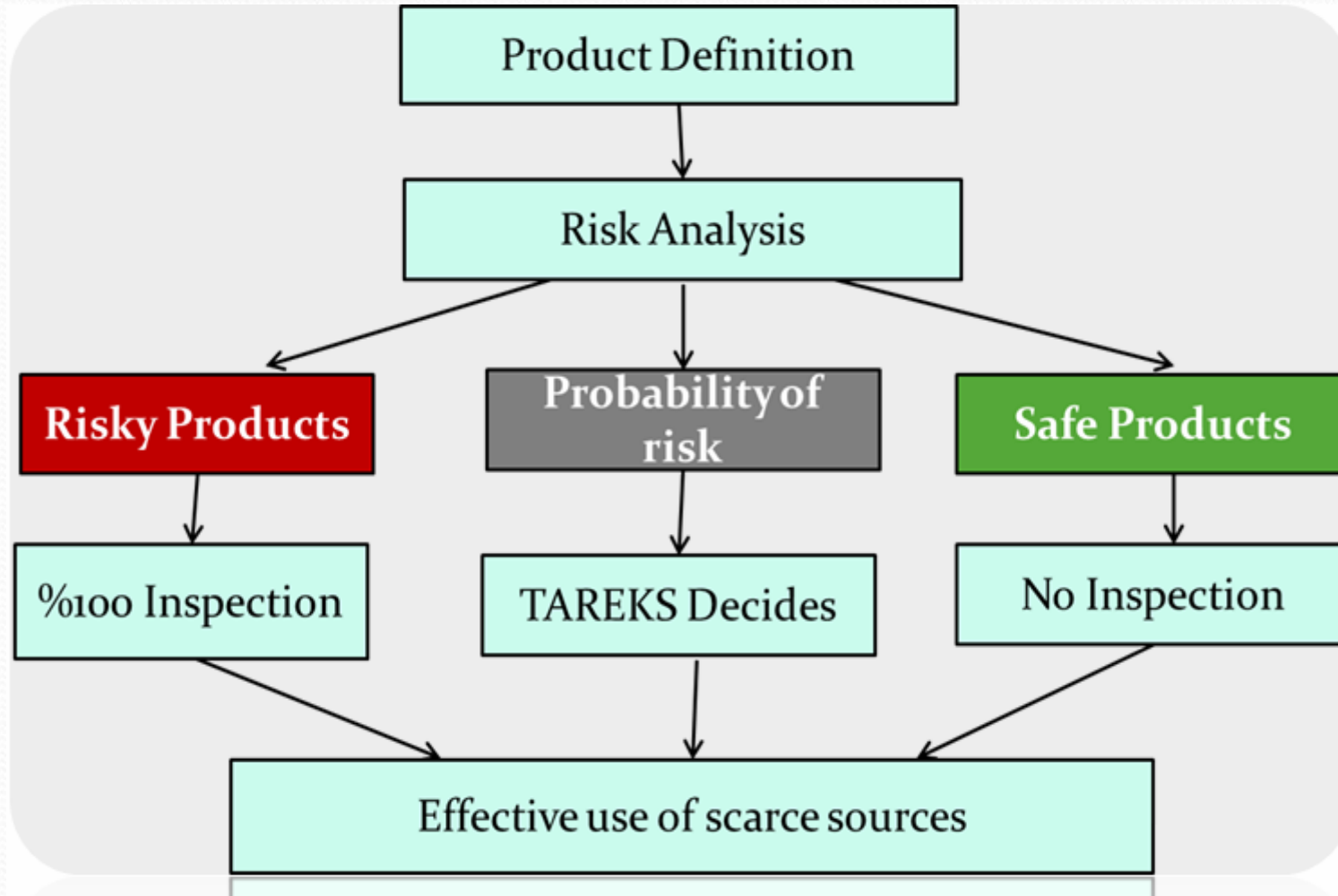


"There may be a wolf in every flock"

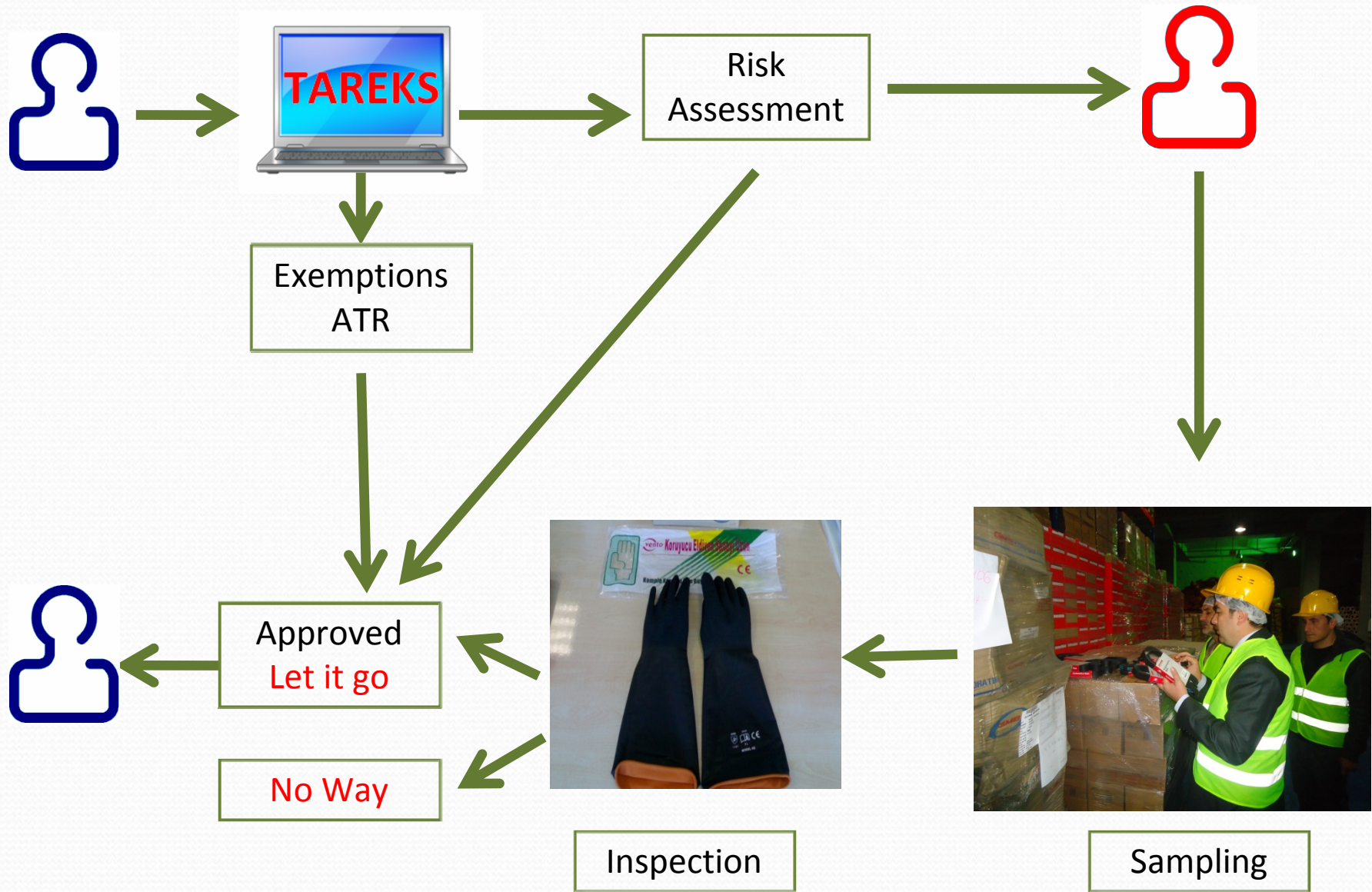


TAREKS's target is to detect
unsafe products

Risk Assessment– Main Steps



Inspection Framework





Enforcement

- DG of Product Safety and Inspection
 - as policy and rule maker
 - coordination at national and international levels
- Organization
 - 8 Regional Directorates
 - 36 Offices of Product Inspectors
 - 250 Product Inspectors
 - 7 laboratories

Stakeholders of TAREKS



Ministry of
Economy



Customs
Authorities

Other
Ministries



Turkish
Standards
Institution



Importers
Exporters



Consumers



Trade Volume of Product Safety and Marketing Quality Checks Covered Through TAREKS

- 34,5 billion USD imports
(1 January 2012 – 31 September 2013)

- 14 billion USD exports
(1 January 2012 – 31 September 2013)

EU and TAREKS

- Goods in free circulation in the EU are considered risk free...
 - Not subject to controls in principle
 - Except risky consignment
- This formally solves the long-standing problem of conformity checks on products with third country origin entering Turkey via the EU
- Approximately 436.000 items with A.TR processed through the system till now

Useful Aspects of the System

- Efficient controls with scarce resources
- Better focusing on “risky” products and firms
- Shortened waiting periods for traders
- Supporting market surveillance
- Adaptation to the new customs legislation
- Better cooperation with related bodies
- Alignment to the EU legislation
- Inspection compatible with regulations of EU (Machinery, EMC, LVD, Pressure equipment, Toys Safety ...)



State of Play

- 984 products (12 digit CN codes)
- 23.600 firms
- 35.000 users
- Approximately 860.000 applications (330.000 imports, 530.000 exports) and 2 million items in total
- Avg inspection time (export): 7 hr
- Avg inspection time (import): 19 hr



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THANK YOU

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