

An overview of Food Safety Sri Lanka

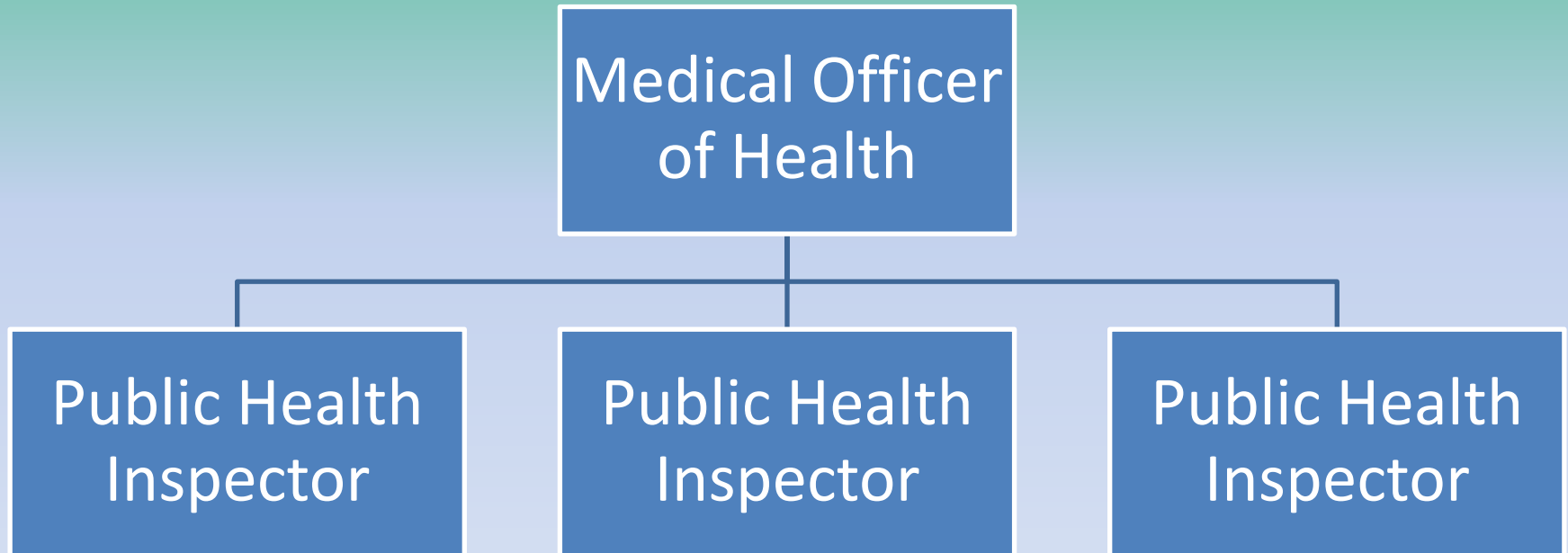
Regulatory System, Implementation System,
Rapid Alert System

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Basic Implementation Structure



Food Act No 26 of 1980

An Act to Regulate and Control

- Manufacture
- Importation
- Sale / expose for sale
- store
- Distribution
of food

Part I

Prohibition in respect of food

- Added or deleterious substances which renders it injurious to health
- That is unfit for human consumption
- Adulterated
- Where a standard is prescribed
- Unclean, Putrid, repugnant.....

Part II

Administration

Food Advisory Committee

Chief Food Authority, Food Authority,
Authorized officers

- Food Advisory Committee (FAC) advise the Minister on matters arising out of the administration of this act
- FAC may appoint subcommittees as necessary –
Food Advisory Subcommittee, Regulation Subcommittee, Advertisement Subcommmite

Part II

Administration

- Composition of the FAC – 19 members
 - Chair, Chief Food Authority (Director General of Health Services)
 - Secretary - Director Environmental Health, Occupational Health and Food Safety
 - Director General of Customs
 - Consumer Affairs Authority
 - Ministry of Food
 - Ministry of Trade
 - Ministry of Local Government

Part II

Administration

- Composition of the FAC – 19 members
 - Colombo Municipality
 - Sri Lanka Standards Institute
 - Food Technologist
 - Analysts
 - Nutritionist
 - Two experts in food Science
 - Chamber of Commerce
 - Food Processors Association
 - Two Consumer Representatives
 - Assistant Director Food Control Administration unit

Part II

Administration

- Powers of Authorized officers
- Procedure in respect of articles seized
- Analysis
- Approved Analyst

Part III

Legal Proceedings

- Offences and penalties
- Liable to arrest without a warrant and triable by a Magistrate Court
- Institution of proceedings
- Where the accused proves that some other person is guilty of the offence
- Offences committed by a body of persons

General

- Application of other written laws to food
- Regulations can be made under the Act by the Minister after consultation with the FAC
- Notifications of food Poisoning

Act and Regulations

- 01) Food Act No. 26 of 1980
- 02) Food (Amendment) Act No. 20 of 1991
- 03) Food Miscellaneous Regulations -1984 (Powers & Duties of Authorized Officers}
- 04) Food Act (Warranty) Regulations -1984
- 05) Amendment to Food Act (Miscellaneous) Regulations -1984
- 06) Food Miscellaneous Regulations -1984 (Sampling Procedure)
- 07) Food Regulations - 1988 (Hygiene)
- 08) Food (Standards) Regulations -1989
- 09) Food (Milk Standards) Regulations – 1989
- 10) Food (Preservatives) Regulations - 1991
- 11) Notification - Appointment of Additional Approved Analysts
- 12) Food (Standards) Regulations -1989 (Milk Regulations)
- 13) Notification - Additional Approved Analyst MRI -1993
- 14) Food Act(Additional Approved Analyst) Regulations 1984
- 15) Notification – Substitution of Traditional names for Common names
- 16) Food (Bread Standards) Regulations
- 17) Amendment to Food Standards Regulations – Maize Starch -1993
- 18) Notice under Section 13 (1) – (Authorized Officers)
- 19) Food (Prohibition of Potassium Bromate in Flour) Regulations – 2000
- 20) Food (Sweeteners) Regulations – 2003
- 21) Food (Labeling & Advertising) Regulations – 2005
- 22) Food (Iodization of Salt) Regulations -2005
- 23) Food (Irradiation) Regulations – 2005
- 24) Food (Bottled or Packaged Water) Regulations – 2005
- 25) Food (Control of Import, Labeling & Sale of GM Foods) Regulations -2006
- 26) Food (Coloring Substances) Regulations -2006
- 27) Food (Vinegar Standards) Regulations – 2007
- 28) Food (Packaging Materials and Articles) Regulations - 2010

- Powers & Duties of Authorized Officers 1984
- Warranty Regulations -1984
- Miscellaneous Regulations -1984
- Sampling Procedure 1984
- Food Hygiene Regulations - 1988
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- Dairy Products – 1989
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- Melamine 2010
- Shelf Life 2010
- Formaldehyde in fish 2010

Implementation System

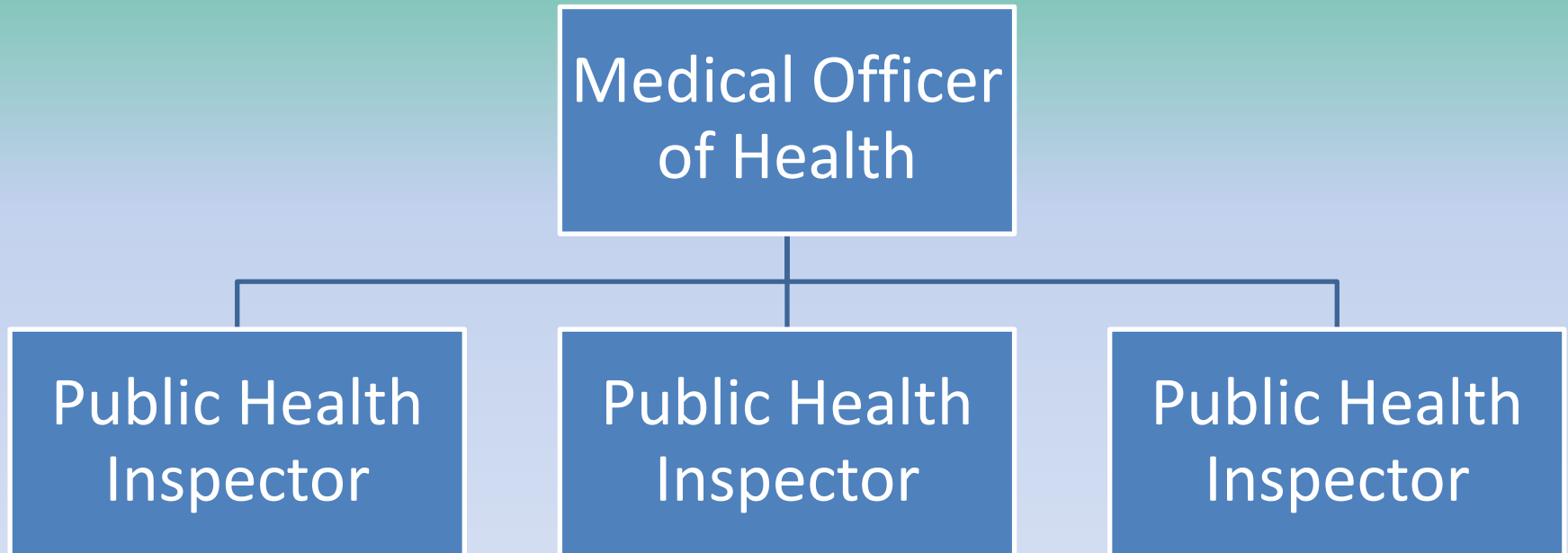
- Municipal Areas
- Non Municipal Areas

Mayor of the Municipal Council is appointed as food authority for his area

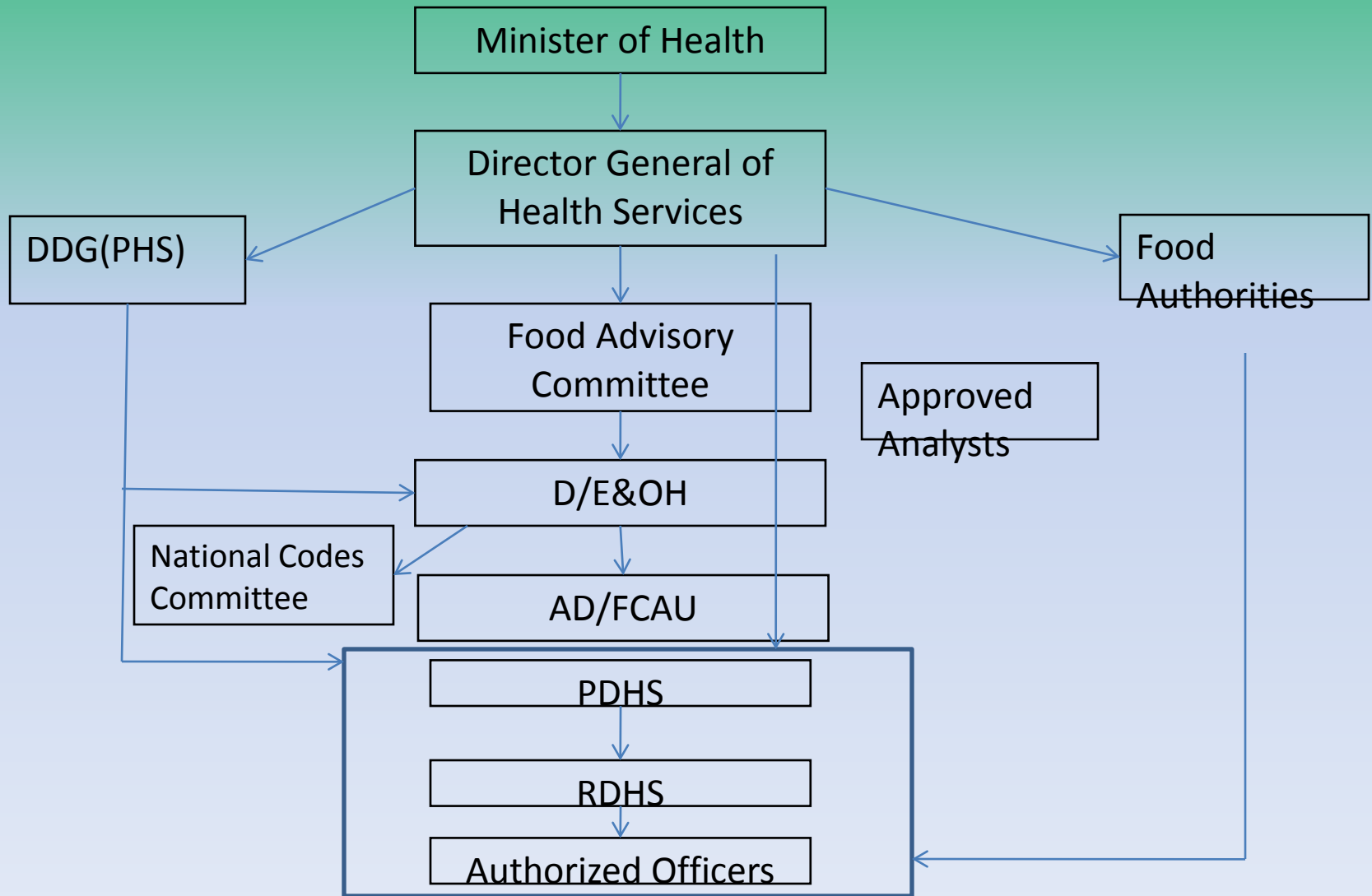
Non Municipal areas – Medical officer of Health
Excisable food (Excise Ordinance) – Excise
Commissioner

Food Importation – Director General of Customs

Basic Implementation Structure



Food Control Administration in Sri Lanka



- Sri Lanka is divided in to 25 districts – District Food and Drug Inspectors
- 323 Medical Officers of Health
- 1600 Public Health Inspectors

Authorized officers under the food Act

Food Control Administration System

In Addition to the Food Act

- Penal Code
- Code of Criminal Procedure Act
- Nuisance Ordinance
- By laws in
 - Municipal Ordinance
 - Urban Council Act
 - Pradeshiya Saba Act
- Atomic Energy Authority Act
- Excise Ordinance
- Quarantine and Prevention Ordinance
- Custom Ordinance

Rapid Alert System

Epidemiology
Unit

Medical Officer
of Health

Notifications →

Public Health
Inspector

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National Codex Committee

- Representatives from more wider forum than FAC
- Subcommittees corresponding to CAC
- Experts in relevant fields including private sector
- Codex documents are circulated for comments

1. Food Additives and Contaminants
2. Food Labeling.
3. Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods
4. Methods of Analysis and Sampling
5. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
6. Processed Fruits and Vegetables
7. Fish and Fishery Products
8. Nutrition and Food for Special Dietary uses
9. Food Hygiene
10. Milk and Milk Products
11. Food Import Export Inspection and Certification Systems
12. Fats and Oils
13. Pesticide Residues

Thank you for the attention