



# Typical approval time frames for medical devices



Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by ANMAT.	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months	
CLASS I - Imported						*	*	*	*														
CLASS I - Local									**	**	**	**	**	**	**								
CLASS II - Imported									*	*	*	*											
CLASS II - Local									**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**				
CLASS III - Imported												*	*	*	*								
CLASS III - Local												**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**				
CLASS IV - Imported												*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				
CLASS IV - Local																		**	**				

= Period during which approval may occur.

NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group but assume that your device does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions from ANMAT after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish internal goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as “best case” scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

\* Imported medical devices qualify for an abbreviated review time frame if the registration documentation submitted to ANMAT includes a Certificate of Free Sale (CFS) from a recognized authority or Certificate to Foreign Government (CFG).

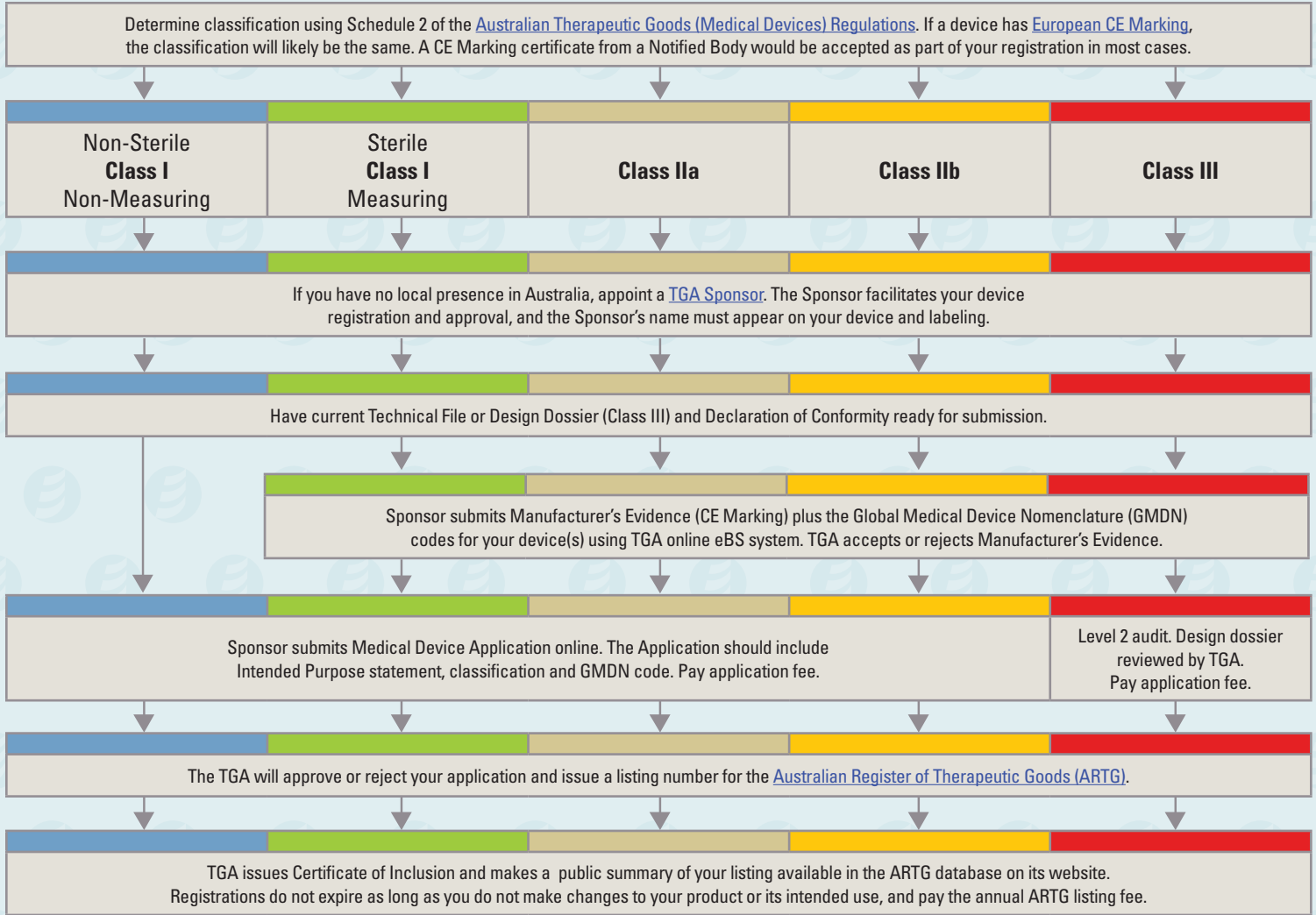
\*\* Devices manufactured in Argentina, or which do not have approval from a recognized authority, are subject to ANMAT standard review times.

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IMPORTANT: This chart demonstrates the route to compliance in Australia for devices that already have CE Marking and which do not include medicinal components or animal tissue.

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Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by the TGA.	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months	
CLASS I - Non-sterile, non-measuring	*																						
CLASS I - Sterile or measuring																							
CLASS IIa																							
CLASS III																							
CLASS IV																							

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NOTE: The TGA recognizes European CE Marking, and most non-Australian companies have CE Marking Certification before entering the Australian market. These time frames assume that your device has CE Marking but does not contain animal tissue, human blood/plasma derivatives or medicinal substances. The review times shown above are typical for the majority of TGA submissions prepared by Emergo group. However, the TGA reserves the right to perform an application audit even if the device already has European CE Marking. A TGA audit can lengthen review times by 6 months or more. Class III device applications are automatically audited by the TGA. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish goals for registration review times, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

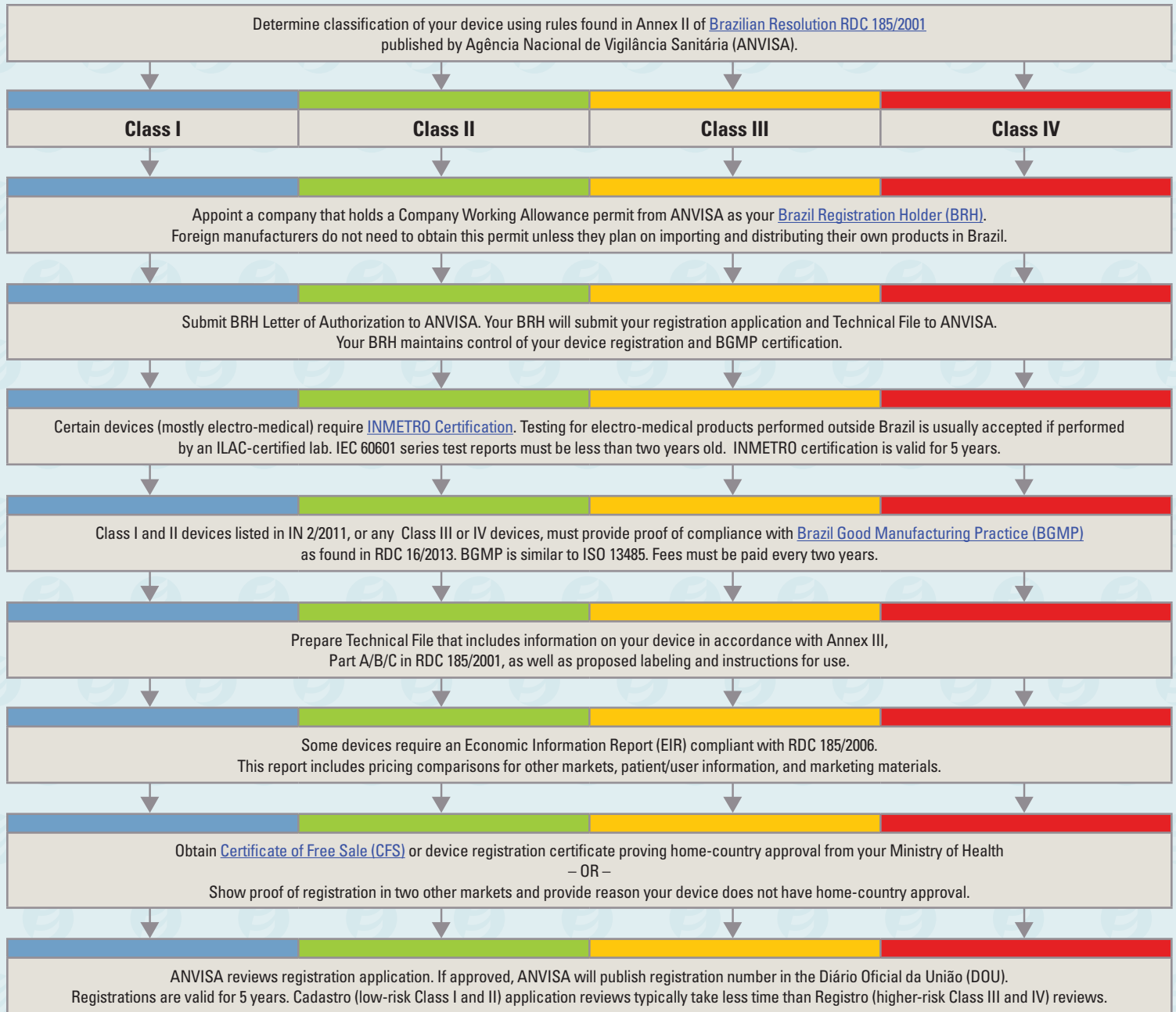
\* Class I devices that are NOT provided sterile and which do NOT have a measuring function can be self-registered (self-declared). As such you will be able to sell your product in Australia within one week of submitting the necessary paperwork to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA).

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▶ Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by ANVISA.

	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months
CLASS I					* 	* 	* 	* 	* 	* 								** 	** 	** 		*** 
CLASS II					* 	* 	* 	* 	* 	* 								** 	** 	** 		*** 
CLASS III																		** 	** 	** 		*** 
CLASS IV																		** 	** 	** 		*** 

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NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group. These review times also assume that your device has US FDA or European CE Marking approval but does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions from ANVISA after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish internal goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

\* These abbreviated review times apply to Class I and II devices NOT listed in IN 2/2011.

\*\* These review times apply to specific devices listed in IN 2/2011 and all Class III and IV devices. However, in order to qualify for these abbreviated review times, you must: 1) file a lawsuit against ANVISA to force a Brazil GMP inspection within 6-8 months, or 2) appoint a Brazil Registration Holder that is a member of ABIMED (Emergo Group is a member) and 3) your company must already have ISO 13485 certification or other internationally accepted GMP certificate. Existing ISO 13485 certificates may suffice as temporary proof of compliance with Brazil GMP. Companies must still schedule and pass a Brazil GMP audit by ANVISA while the registration may proceed in parallel, and ANVISA reserves the right to revoke certification at any time in case of noncompliance. Ask us for more details.

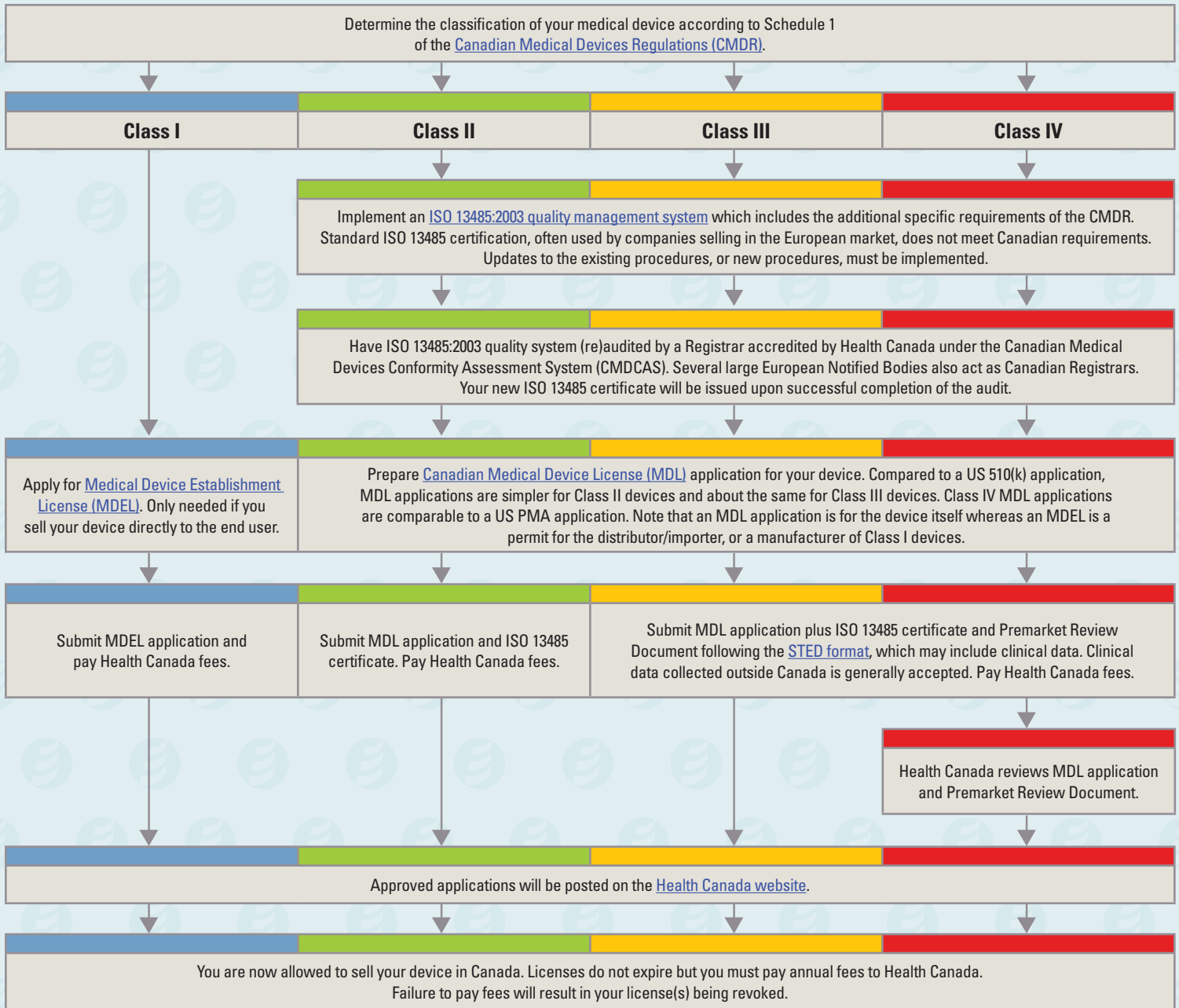
\*\*\* These review times apply to the specific list of Class I and II devices shown in IN 2/2011 and all Class III and IV devices assuming: 1) your Brazil Registration Holder is NOT a member of ABIMED and 2) you are NOT suing ANVISA to expedite a Brazil GMP inspection by ANVISA. The primary reason review times are so much longer is that ANVISA requires all companies selling products listed in IN 2/2011, and Class III and IV devices, to comply with, and be audited for, Brazil Good Manufacturing Practice (BGMP). Only after the audit has been completed and a BGMP certificate has been received can you submit your registration documents to ANVISA for review. In total, this process can take 4 years or longer. Ask us for more details.

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Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by Health Canada.	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months
CLASS I		* 	* 	* 																		
CLASS II		** 																				
CLASS III				** 	** 																	
CLASS IV						** 	** 	** 														

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NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group but assume that your device does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions from your Canadian Registrar (Class II, III and IV only) after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

\* Class I devices do not require a Medical Device License (MDL). However, if you plan to ship your Class I device directly to an end customer (and not through an established Canadian distributor) you will require a medical Device Establishment License (MDEL). MDEL applications are reviewed by Health Canada.

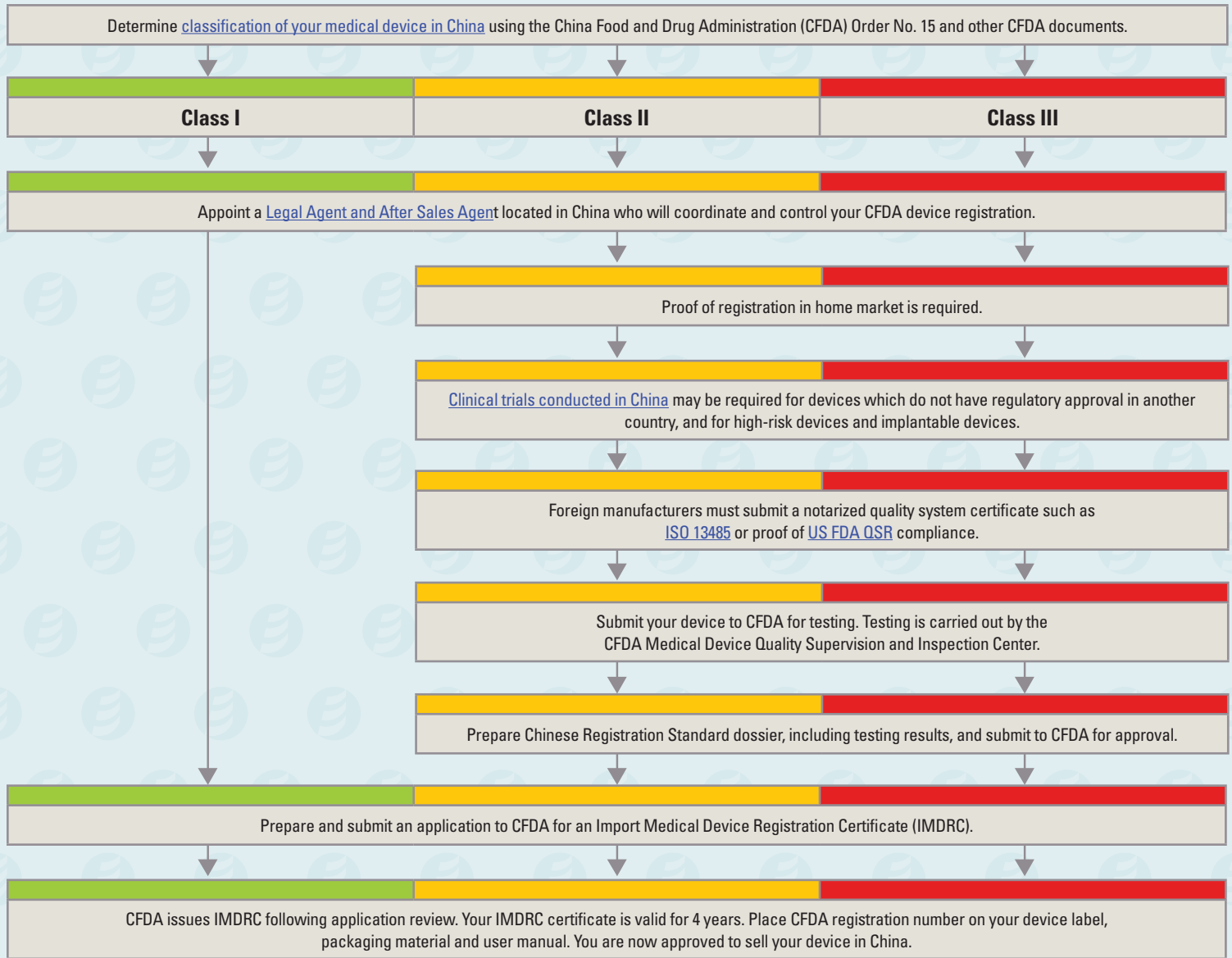
\*\* Class II, III and IV devices require a Medical Device License (MDL) and these registration dossiers are reviewed by Registrars authorized by Health Canada. Many of these Registrars are also European Notified Bodies.

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▶ Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by the CFDA.

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CLASS I											ⓔ	ⓔ											
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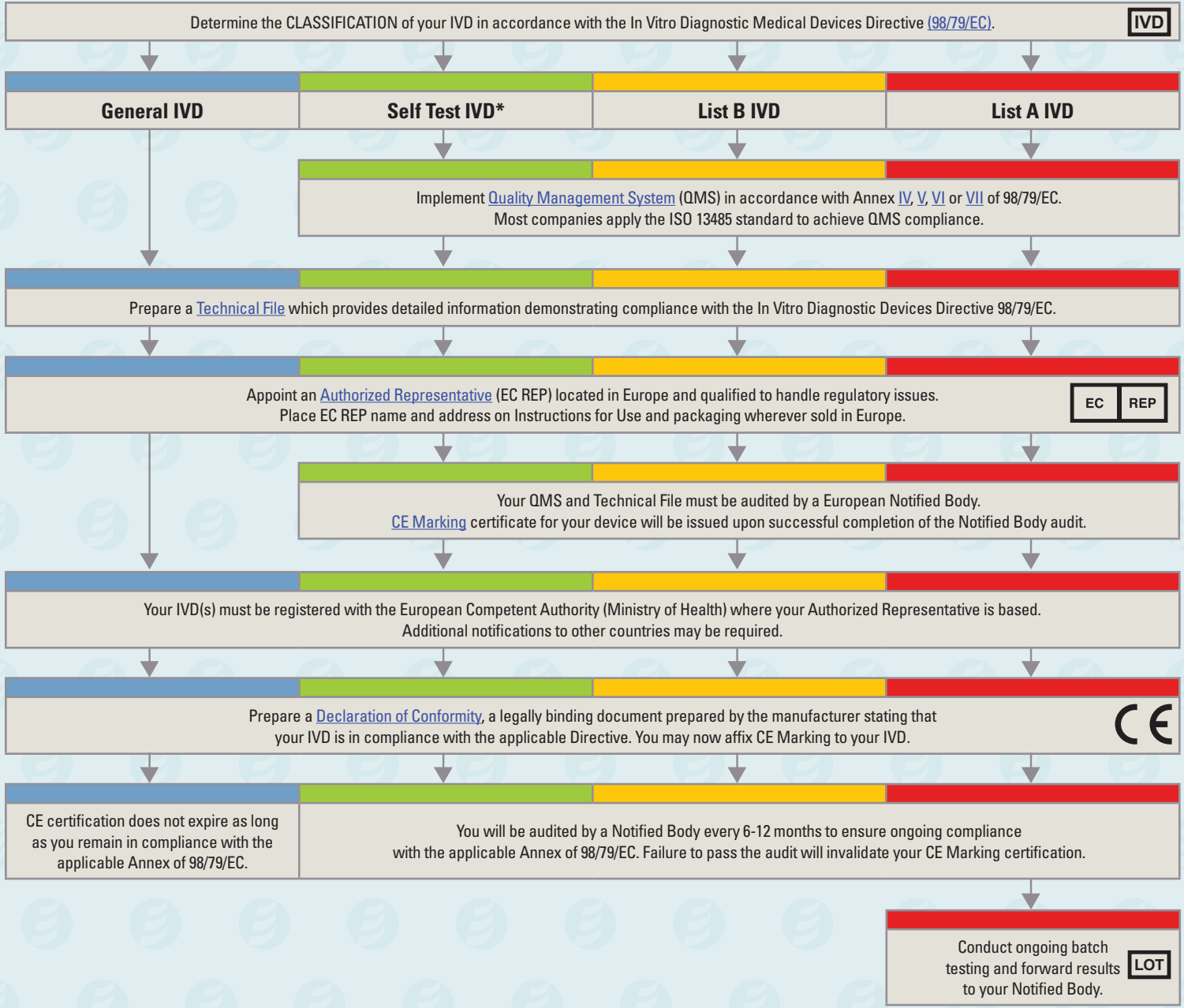
ⓔ = Period during which approval may occur.

NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group but assume that your device does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. However, review times DO assume that your device already has home country approval outside China. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, time needed for product testing, additional requirements/questions from China's State Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

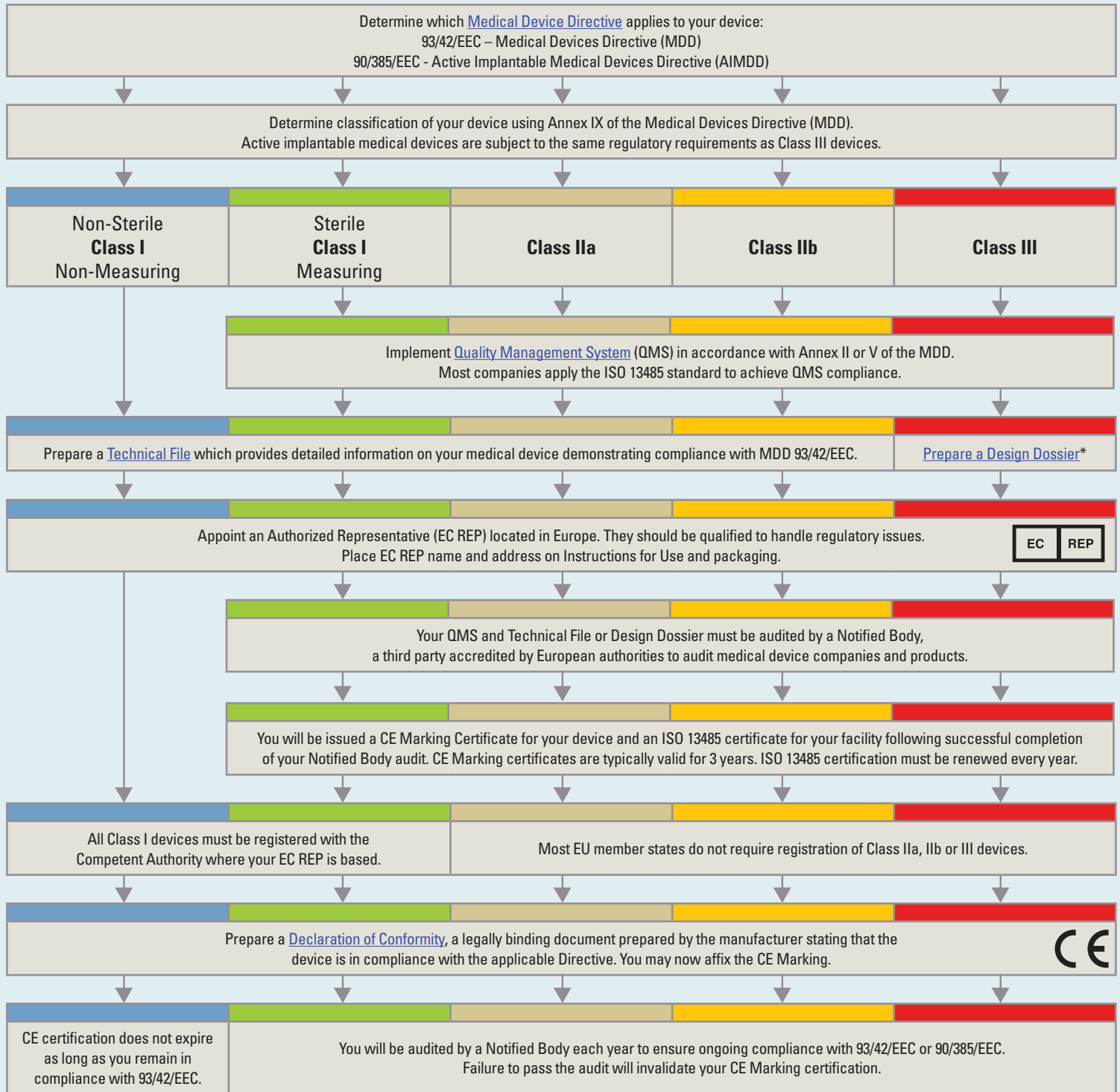
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\* Self-test IVDs exclude devices that are included in [Annex II](#), List A and List B.



\* Class III / AIMD devices will likely require clinical study data. Existing clinical data may be acceptable. Clinical trials in Europe must be pre-approved by a European Competent Authority.



Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by a Notified Body or Competent Authority.	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months	
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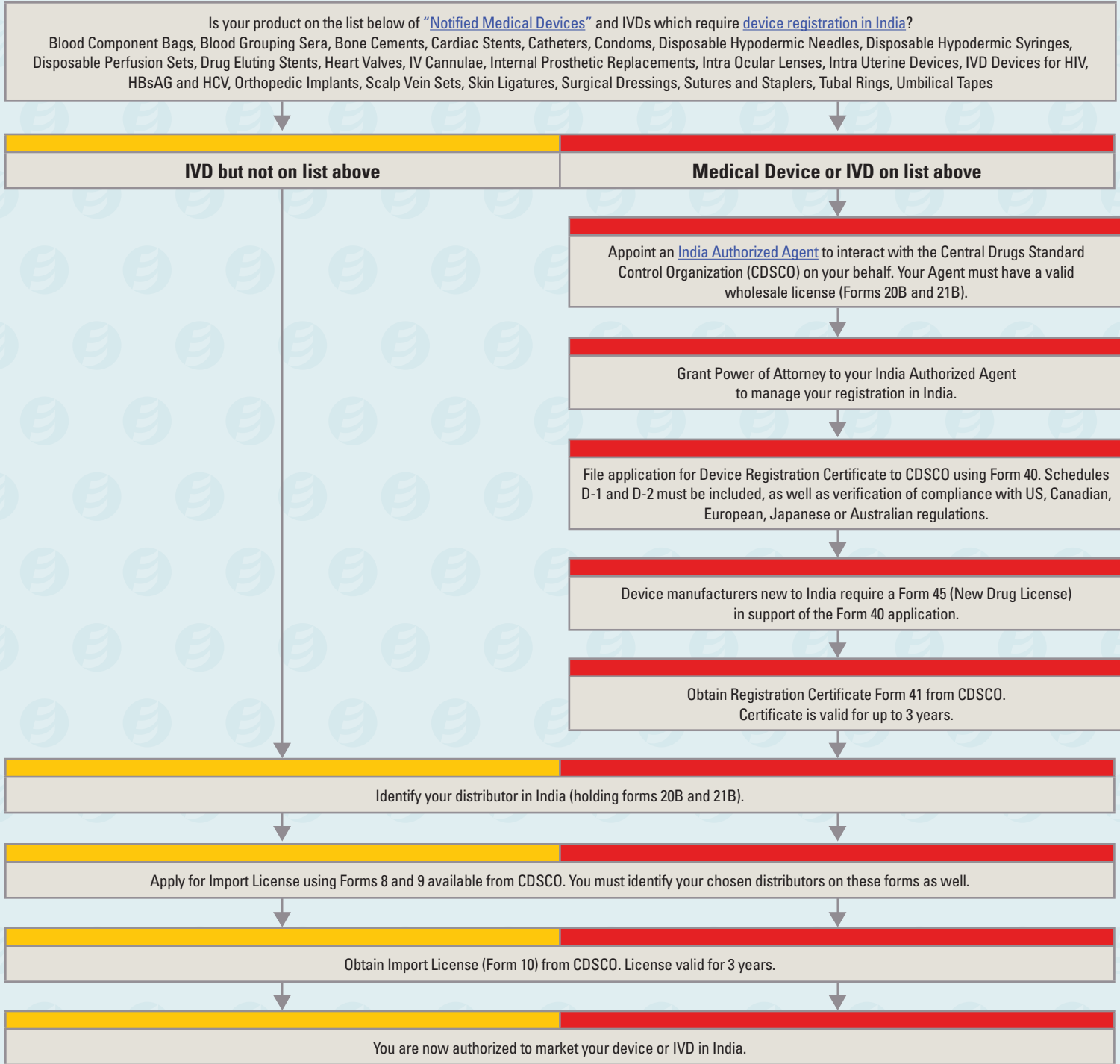
NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group but assume that your device does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions from your Notified Body after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

\* Class I devices which are not provided sterile and which do not have a measuring function can be self-certified (self-declared). As such you will be able to sell your product in Europe within one week of submitting the necessary paperwork to the Competent Authority in which your European Authorized Representative is based.

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# INDIA

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▶ Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by CDSCO.

	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months
Non-notified IVD devices			⌚	⌚																		
List of notified medical devices or IVD						⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚													

⌚ = Period during which approval may occur.

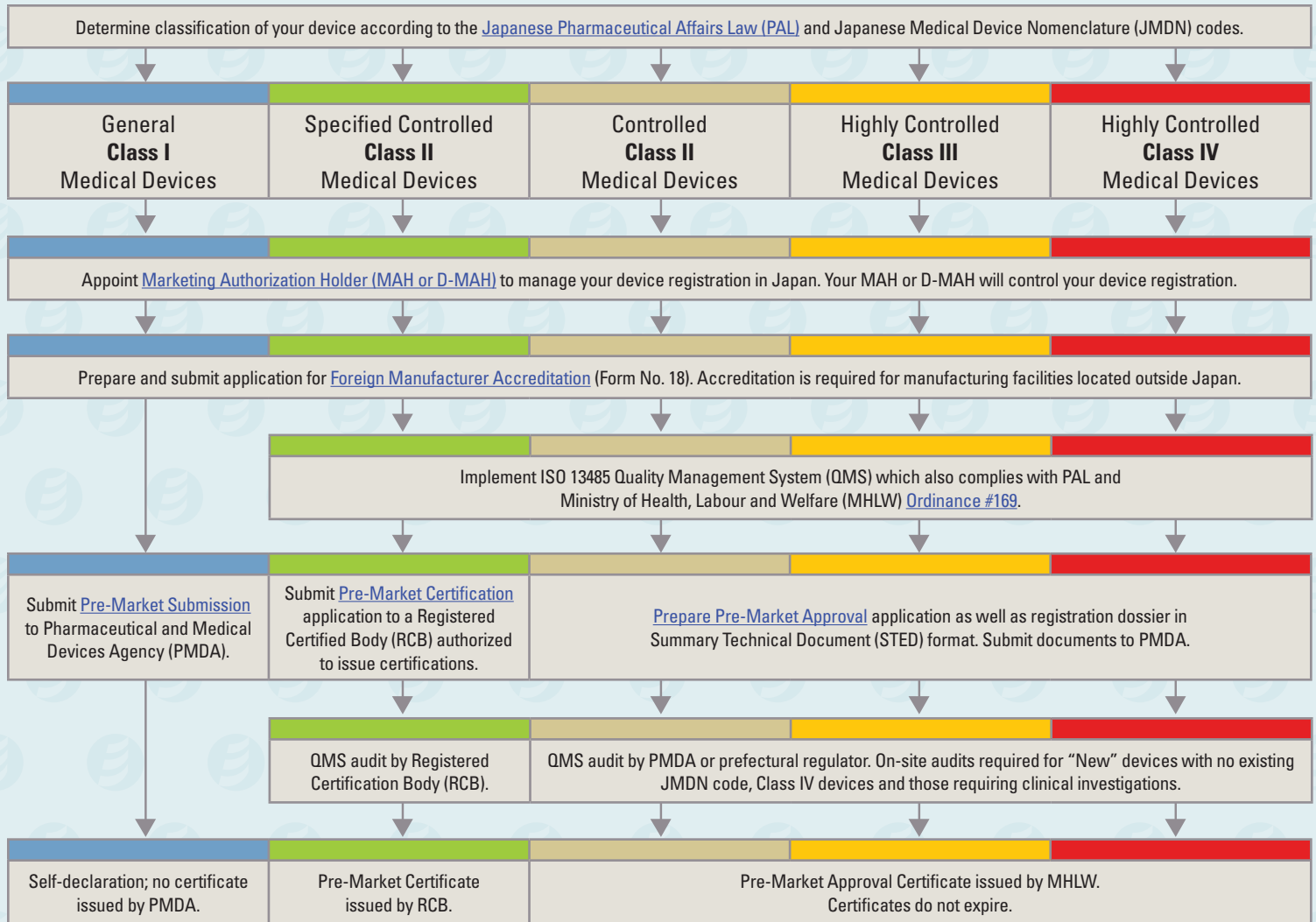
NOTE: There are only a small number of "notified medical devices" and IVDs which require registration in India. The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of notified medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish internal goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

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▶ Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by the PMDA or a registered Certification Body.

	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months
CLASS I - General medical devices	ⓔ																					
CLASS I - Specified controlled devices				* ⓔ	* ⓔ																	
CLASS II - Designated controlled devices							ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ													
CLASS III - Highly controlled devices									ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ											
CLASS IV - Highly controlled devices													ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ						

ⓔ = Period during which approval may occur.

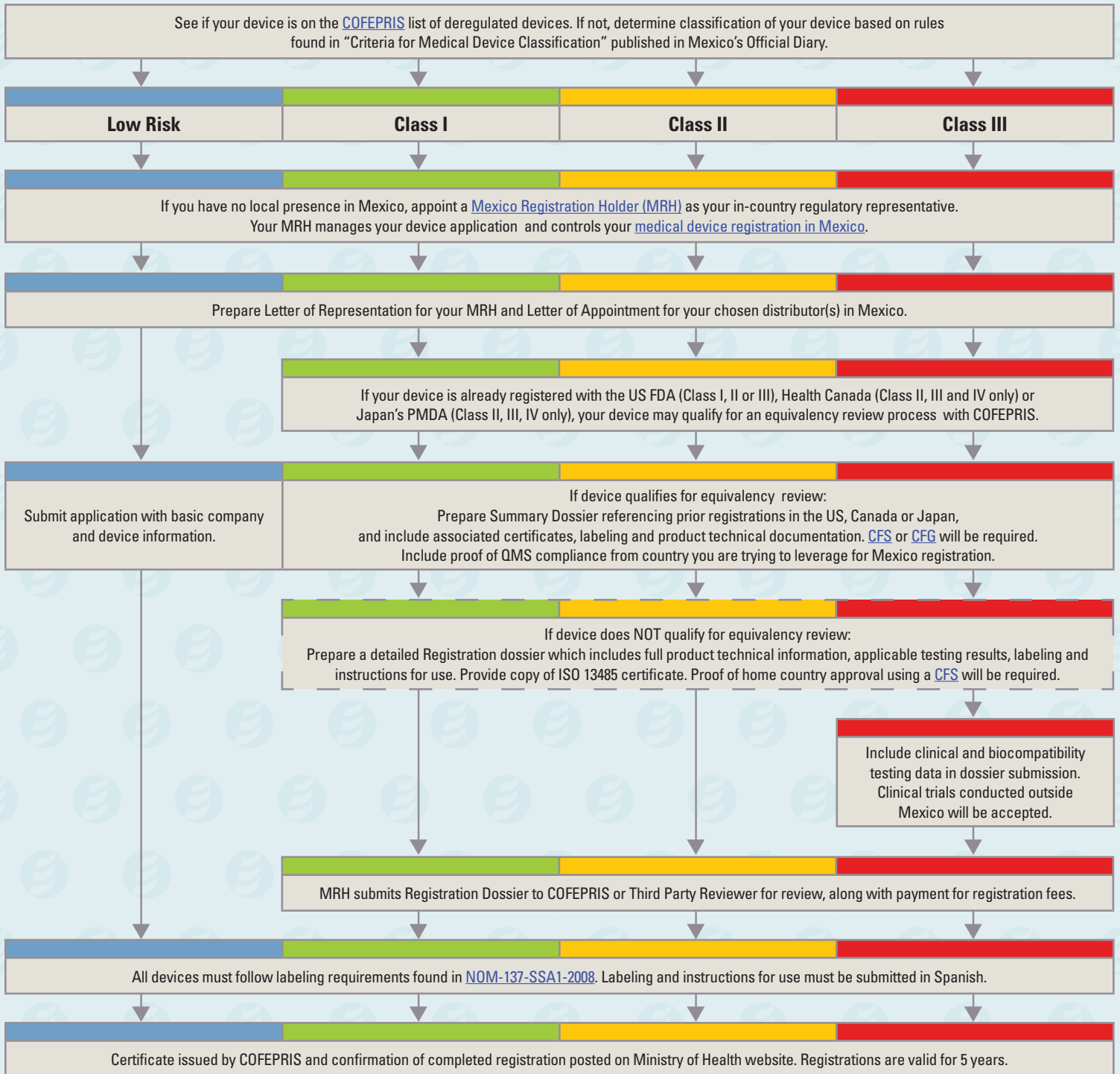
NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group but assume that your device does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. Also, Japan considers whether a product is generic (exactly like another product), Improved (there is a JMDN code but it is not generic) or New (no JMDN code exists) when calculating review times. The time frames in this chart apply to "Improved" products. Time frames for "New" products are considerably longer. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. While many Ministries of Health publish internal goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

\* Applications for Class II specified controlled devices are reviewed by Registered Certification Bodies (RCB). Approval times vary by RCB.

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Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by COFEPRIS.	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months
Low Risk			☺	☺																		
CLASS I - Third-Party Review				* ☺																		
CLASS I - CA/JP/US Equivalency						** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺										
CLASS I - Standard				☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺												
CLASS II - Third Party Review				* ☺																		
CLASS II - CA/JP/US Equivalency						** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺										
CLASS II - Standard						☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺						
CLASS III - Third Party Review				* ☺																		
CLASS III - CA/JP/US Equivalency						** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺	** ☺										
CLASS III - Standard						☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺	☺						

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\* COFEPRIS has authorized certain "third party" companies to conduct registration reviews for Class I, II and III devices. These time frames apply only if you have elected to use a third party to review your submission.

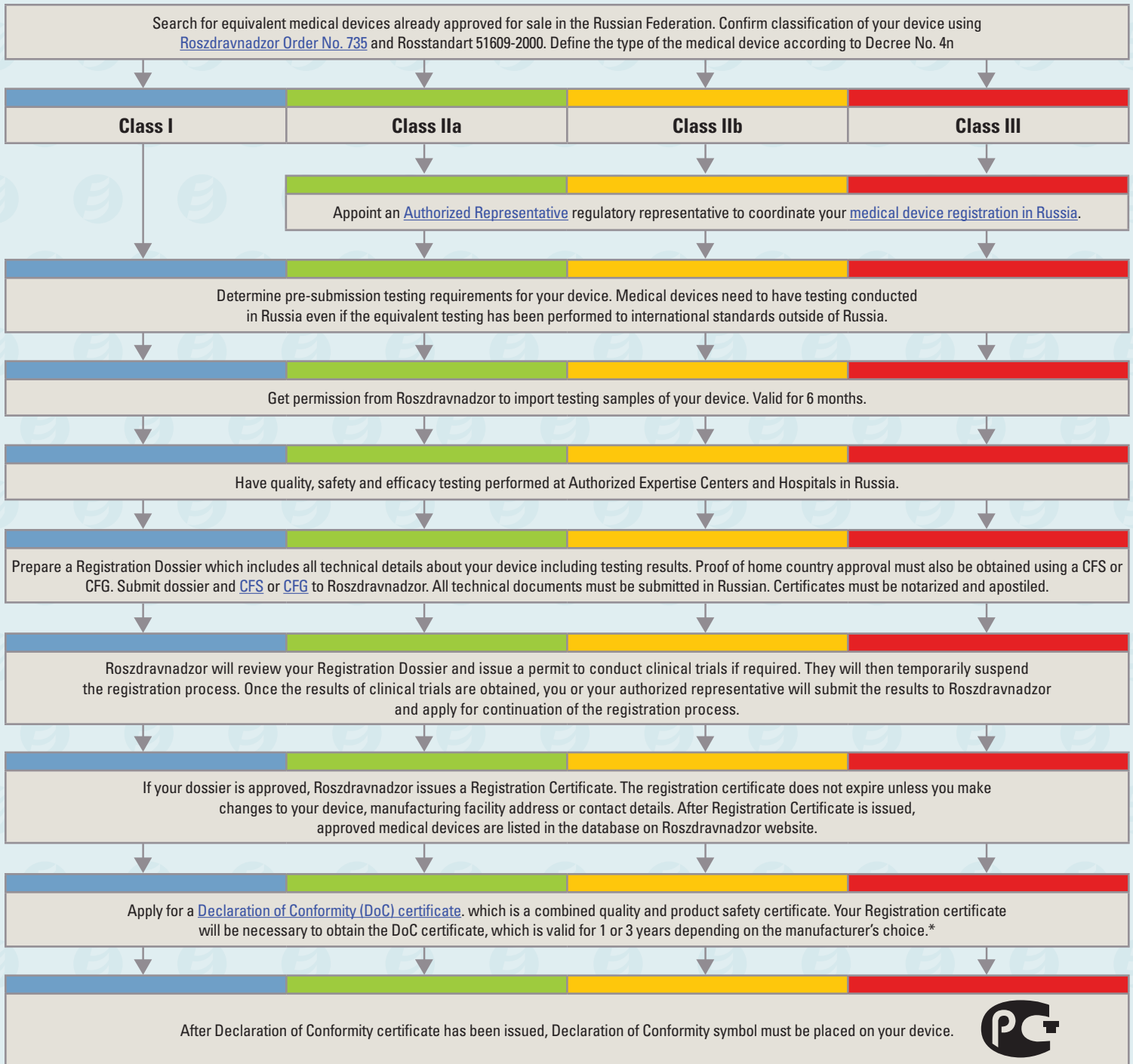
\*\* Companies which cannot claim "equivalency" and will not be using a third party reviewer are subject to COFEPRIS's standard review process.

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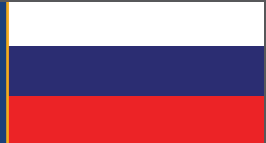
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\* Some manufacturers choose 1-year Declaration of Conformity certificates if they plan on making changes to their devices or business within 12 months.



▶ Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by Roszdravnadzor.

	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months	
CLASS I														*	*								
CLASS IIa														*	*								
CLASS IIb														*	*								
CLASS III																							

= Period during which approval may occur.

NOTE: The time frames shown above are typical for the majority of medical device submissions prepared by Emergo Group but assume that your device does not contain animal tissue or medicinal substances. The review times shown above are for devices WITH a predicate device already approved for sale in the Russian Federation. Your length of approval will depend on the quality and completeness of technical documentation used in the submission, additional requirements/questions from Roszdravnadzor after submission, and how much time you take to address additional information requests. Also, while many Ministries of Health publish internal goals for registration review time frames, those should generally be viewed as "best case" scenarios and often reflect working days, not calendar days. YOUR SUBMISSION(S) MAY TAKE MORE TIME THAN WHAT IS SHOWN ABOVE.

\* Class I and II devices WITH a predicate device already approved for sale in the Russian Federation qualify for an abbreviated review process with Roszdravnadzor and do not require additional testing. Devices WITHOUT a predicate device already approved for sale go through the normal review cycle with Roszdravnadzor and may require additional testing, even if equivalent testing has been already performed to international standards.

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Low Risk			ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ																	
Medium Risk			ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ																	
High Risk			ⓔ	ⓔ	ⓔ																	

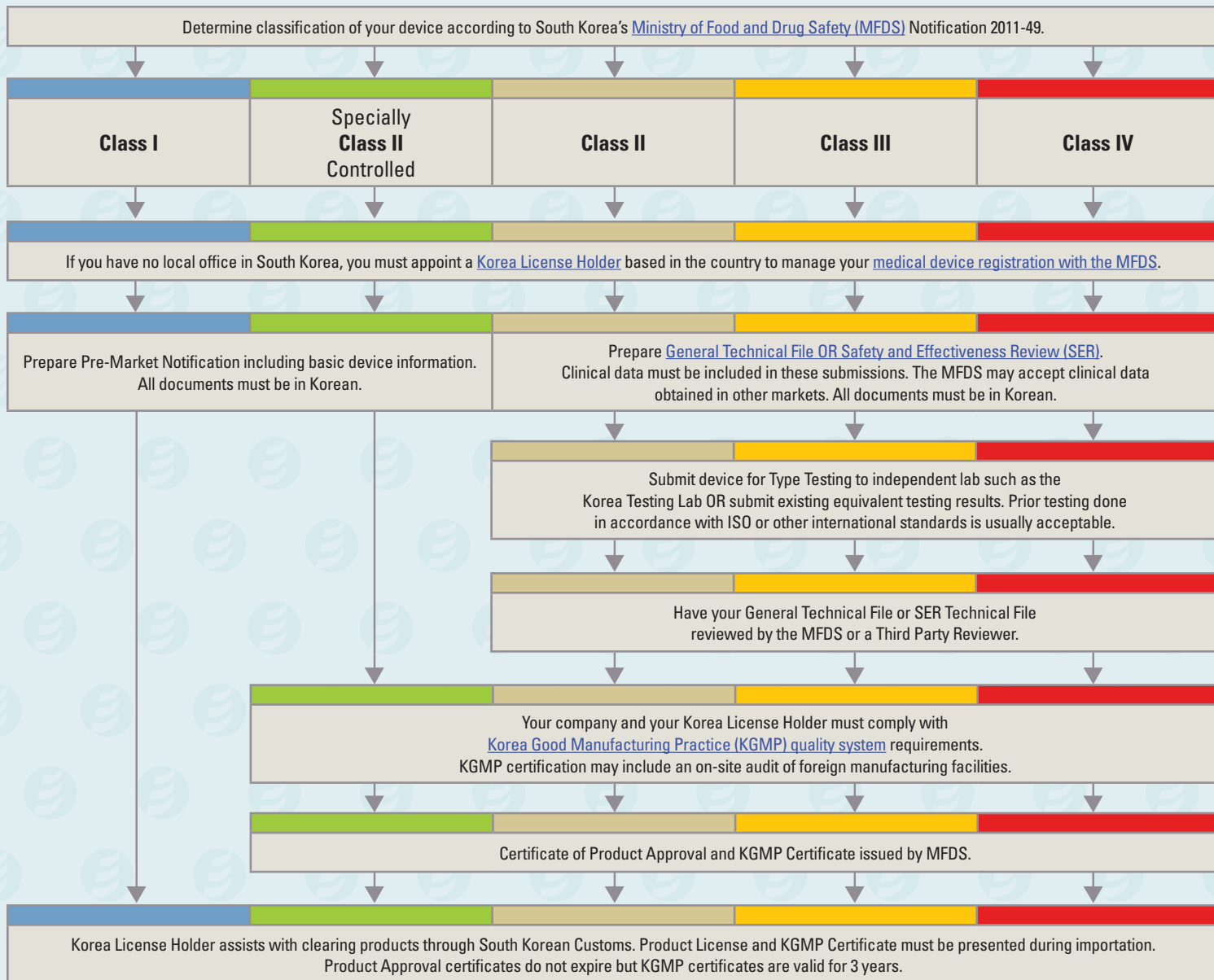
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▶ Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by the KFDA.

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CLASS I - Regular	Ⓜ	Ⓜ																				
CLASS I - Controlled		Ⓜ																				
CLASS II				Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ																
CLASS III - Regular							Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ													
CLASS III - Safety effectiveness review										Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ							
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CLASS IV - Safety effectiveness review										Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ							

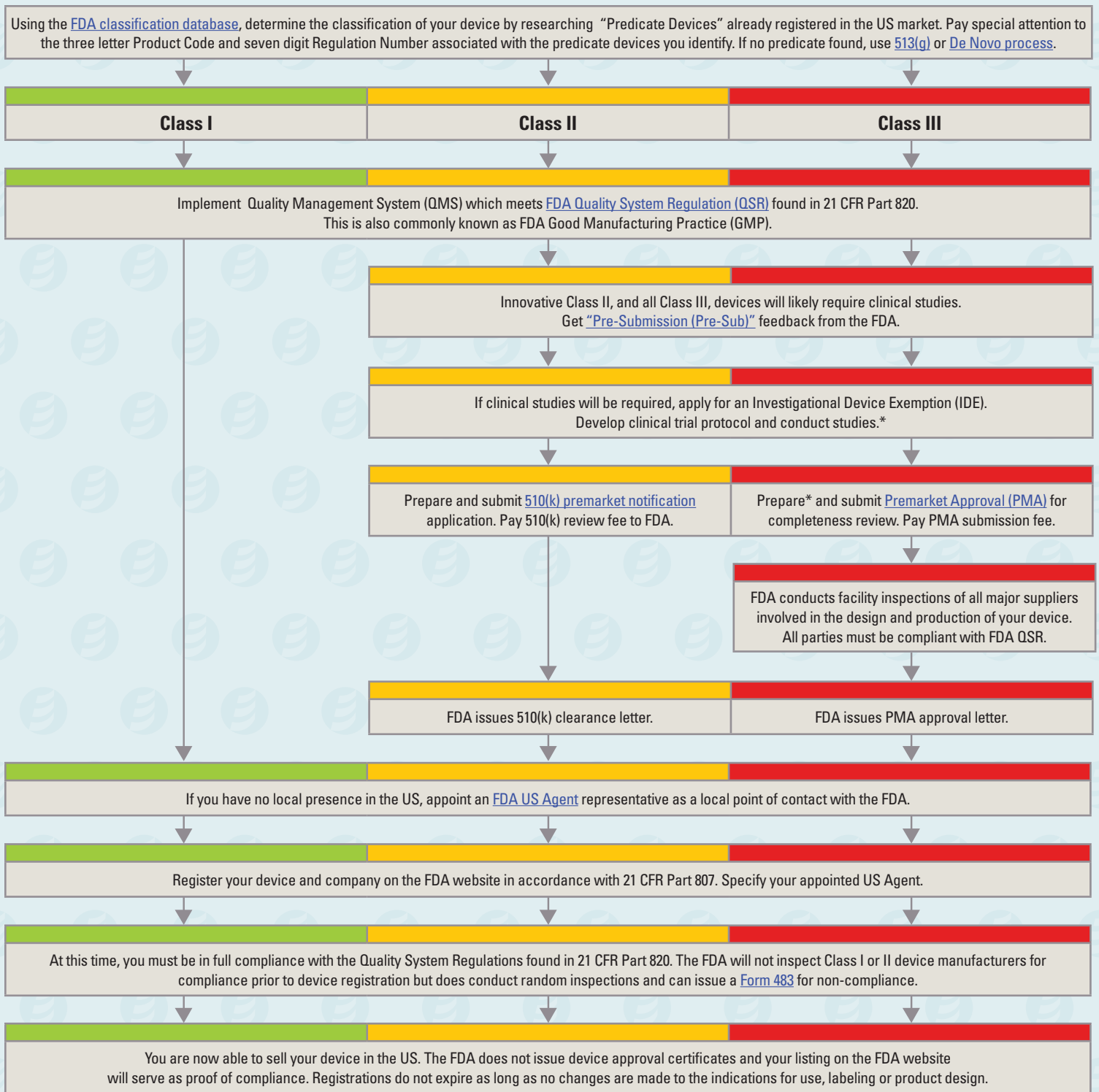
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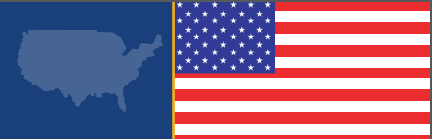
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\* The process of supplying clinical study data in support of a PMA submission is far more complex than presented in this chart. This is an extremely simplified and high level view of the FDA requirements regarding clinical study data.

# Typical approval time frames for medical devices



Average time from submission of required registration documents until approval is officially granted by the US FDA.	1 month	2 months	3 months	4 months	5 months	6 months	7 months	8 months	9 months	10 months	11 months	12 months	13 months	14 months	15 months	16 months	17 months	18 months	19-24 months	25-30 months	31-36 months	36+ months	
Class I - Devices exempt from 510(k) process	*																						
Class II - Or any device subject to 510(k)			Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ	Ⓜ																	
Class III - PMA or Class II devices without a predicate																		**	**	**			

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\* Most Class I devices do not need to be approved for sale by the FDA but do need to be registered via the FDA website. Once appropriate registration fees are paid and verified, you will be able to complete the registration of your Class I device online.

\*\* Devices which the FDA has not previously classified based on risk are automatically placed into Class III by the FDA, regardless of the level of risk they pose. Some lower risk devices without a predicate device may qualify for the "de novo" process which may result in a Class I or II designation by the FDA.

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