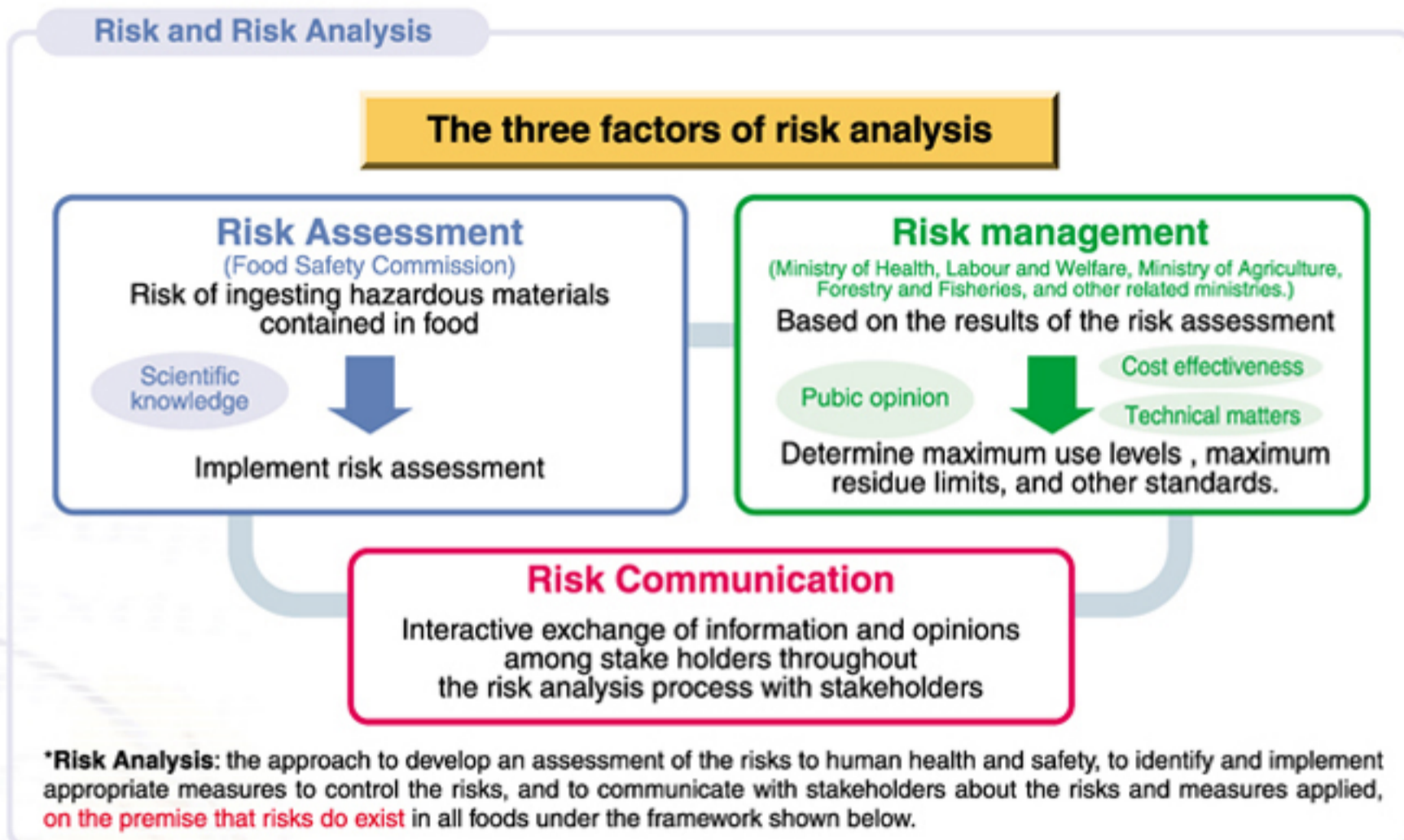


As required by the Food Safety Basic Law, the Food Safety Commission (FSC) was established within the Cabinet Office on July 1, 2003, for the purpose of implementing risk assessment in an objective, neutral and impartial manner based on scientific knowledge. As a risk assessment entity, the FSC is independent of the risk management organizations such as the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF), which develop administrative measures and regulations in pursuit of food safety.



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