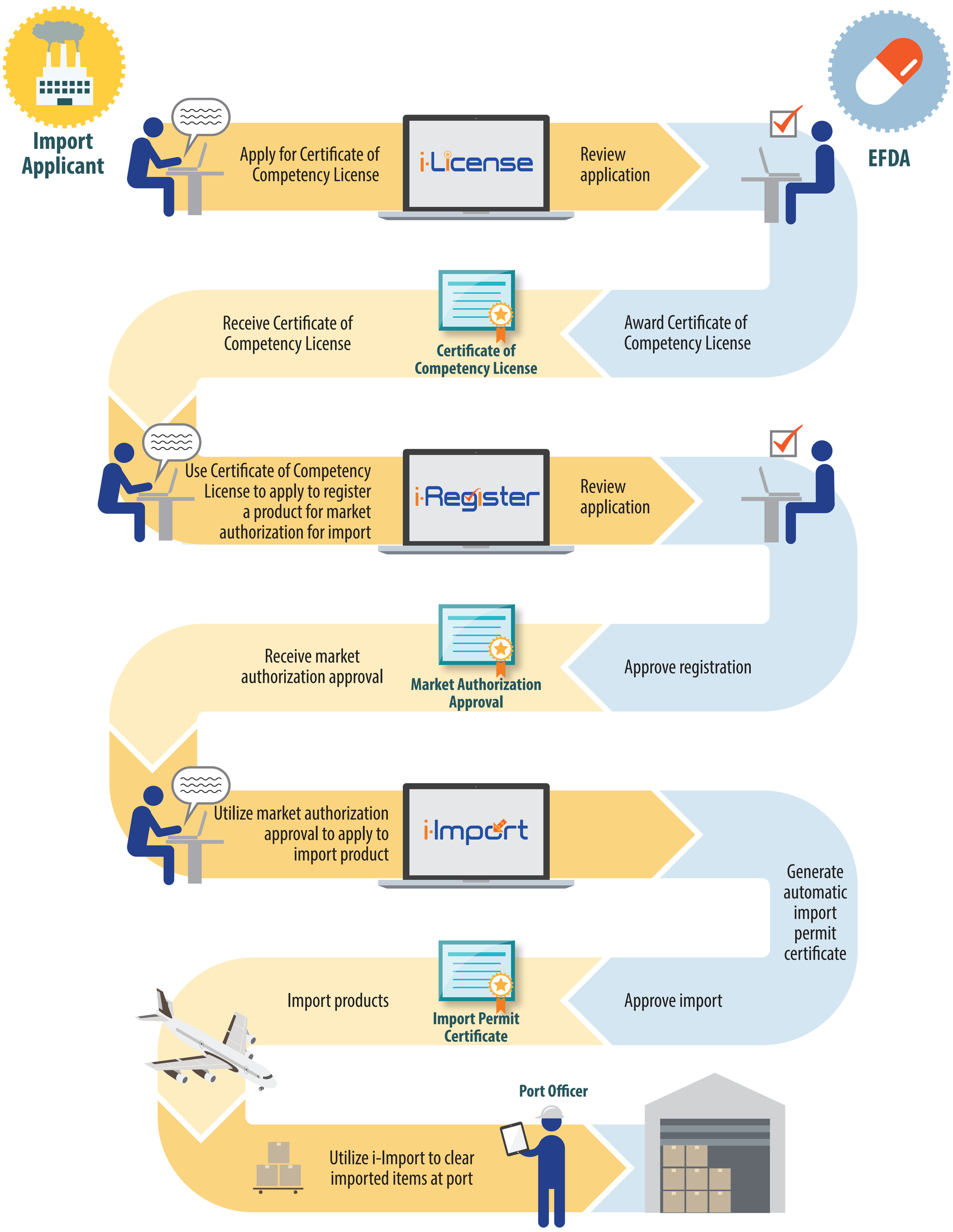
Electronic Regulatory Information System

The Ethiopian Food and Drug Administration (EFDA) oversees the market authorization and import permit approval for both medical and food products for a wide variety of vendors from multiple countries using the Electronic Regulatory Information System (eRIS).

The eRIS is an umbrella system comprised of three component sub-systems which work together:

- **i-License,** which allows entities to apply for a certificate of competency to register and import products into Ethiopia.
- **i-Register,** which is used to manage the market authorization process where an applicant seeks to register a medical product in Ethiopia for later import.
- **i-Import,** which is used to manage the import process for medical products, once they are registered in Ethiopia.



Fully online, both applicants and EFDA use eRIS to manage the licensing, registration, and import application process using this shared portal. This has dramatically increased processing efficiency and transparency and facilitated one unbroken chain of information – from application to port.

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