



PRE-ASSA BOARD SEMINAR

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'GOOD PRACTICES' IN EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND (EPF) ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

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EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND (EPF) MALAYSIA

'GOOD PRACTICES' IN EPF ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Focusing on enforcement activities against defaulting employers



EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND (EPF) MALAYSIA



To be a leading social security organization in the world and the best government agency in Malaysia

THE EPF SCHEME

A Defined Contribution And Fully Funded Scheme

- A social security scheme for employees (mainly for private sector employees) meant for old age protection.
- A defined contribution (savings) and fully funded scheme mandatory by law for both the employer and employee to contribute in respect of the wages derived during their employment.
- What the employees have saved through their EPF contribution together with accrued dividends throughout their working career.



LIABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE

Every employee and employer SHALL BE LIABLE to pay monthly contributions on the amount of wages at the specified rate.

SECTION 43 (1)

All employers are liable to contribute in respect of their employees until they reach 75 years of age.



TWO TIER RATES OF CONTRIBUTION



*w.e.f 1st January 2009 employee's share of contribution has been reduced by 3% (from 11% to 8%) for a period of 2 years as part of the government's economy stimulus plan in view of the current global economic crisis.





MAIN ENFORCEMENT ACTION

EPF ENFORCEMENT TEAM TO ENSURE

each employer contribute in accordance to the law ;

- 1. For ALL employees
- 2. As per the SPECIFIED RATE
- 3. In respect of ACTUAL amount of wages received.

Note: Currently there are 450,605 employers registered with EPF



OUR CHALLENGES

Attempts by employer to evade, omit or under-declare payment of contributions to EPF

Low priority for employers to remit EPF contributions compared to other obligations

Collaboration of employers with employees to evade or minimize contributions to EPF

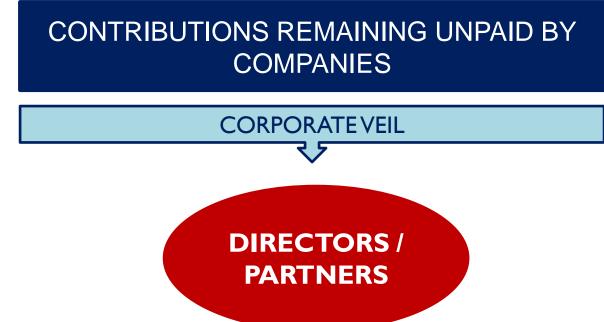


GOOD PRACTICES (ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES)



LIFTING OF THE CORPORATE VEIL

<u>Joint and several liability</u> of directors / partners of companies to remit contributions that remain unpaid to EPF.





RESTRICTION ON DIRECTORS, PARTNERS, PROPRIETORS OF DEFAULTING COMPANIES/FIRMS FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY



STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH LICENSING & OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (cont'd)



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(Restriction to leave the country) MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION (Renewal of license of private colleges & universities)

(Service of Summons and Execution of warrant of arrest)



COURTS (Prosecution & civil proceedings)

POLICE DEPARTMENT



INSOLVENCY DEPARTMENT

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

(Renewal of license of related businesses)

(Bankruptcy and winding up proceedings)



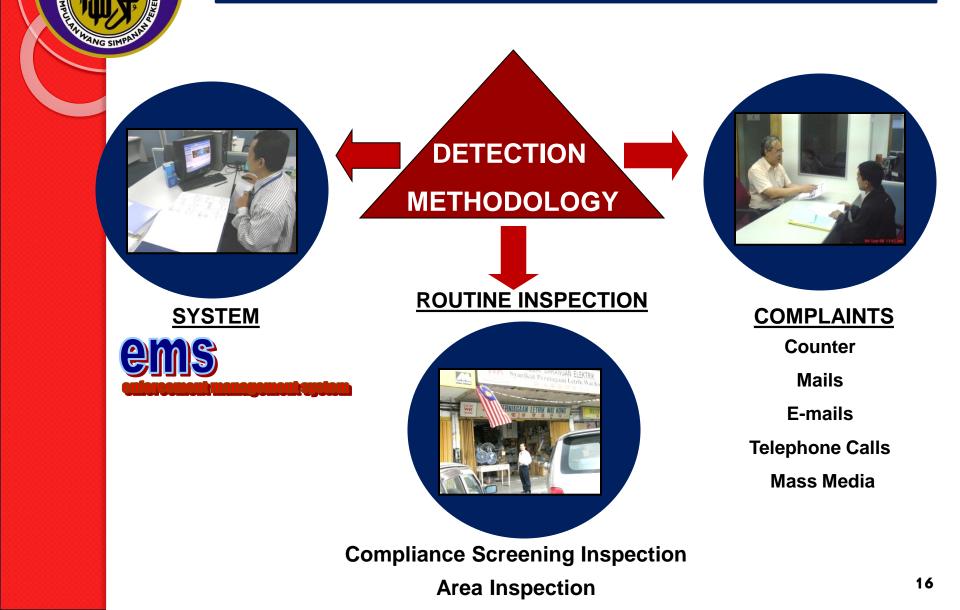
COMPANIES COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (Company & directors search)





- 1 & 2 months defaulter Detection and Enforcement Action Initiated.
- End of 3rd month default- Legal Action Initiated

DETECTION OF DEFAULTING EMPLOYERS





RECOVERY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

SPEEDY ACTION AGAINST DEFAULTERS



SENDING OUT NOTICES TO DEFAULTING EMPLOYERS

CALL DEFAULTING EMPLOYERS







LEGAL ACTION CRIMINAL & CIVIL ACTION FILED



ASSESSMENT OF ARREARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS





INSPECTION ON EMPLOYERS AND DEMAND PAYMENT



AREA COVERAGE & COMPLIANCE SCREENING INSPECTIONS

Conducted periodically to ensure :

- 1. Payment of contribution is in respect of <u>all employees</u>
- 2. Contributions made are in accordance to prescribed rates
- 3. Contribution paid in respect of <u>total wages</u> due & payable to employees
- 4. All liable employers are <u>registered</u> and <u>contribute</u> to EPF



EFFECTIVE COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT

The complaints management system is built into the Enforcement Management System (EMS).

REGISTER \rightarrow ESCALATE \rightarrow REPORT \rightarrow TRACK \rightarrow UPDATE \rightarrow NOTIFICATION

CUSTOMER CENTRIC

We notify the complainants every 30 days on the status of action updates.

OUR PLEDGE

We are committed to initiate action/settle on all complaints or disputes received from employee with regards to non-contribution or short contribution within 30 days upon receiving the complaint.





PROTECTIVE CLAUSE FOR EMPLOYEES' WAGES DEDUCTIONS

SEC.50(3) EPF ACT

Section 50(3)

If any employer fails to pay any contributions which has been deducted from the wages of an employee, the EPF Board shall, on being satisfied that such deduction has been made, credit the employee with the amount of contribution together with any dividend which would have been credited thereof if such contributions had been paid by the employer within the prescribed period.

VALUE ADDED SERVICES

TRAIN & EDUCATE EMPLOYERS/EMPLOYEES



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- Provide in-house training & knowledge sharing sessions to educate employers & employees.
- Work closely with the Malaysian Employer's Federation & various other employer associations to keep employers & employees abreast with the latest updates and changes in EPF.
- Market & promote e-services to employers. (e-payment & e-submission)







SPEEDY AND ACCURATE ENFORCEMENT ACTION

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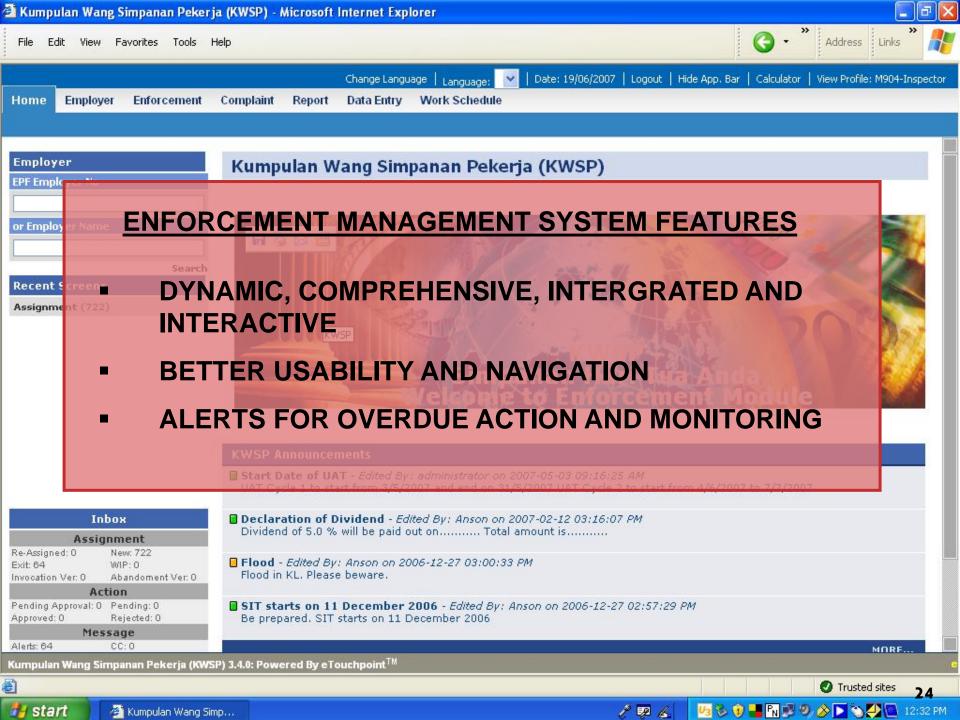
- Recently launched on 4th of August 2008
- State of the art 'features and facilities'

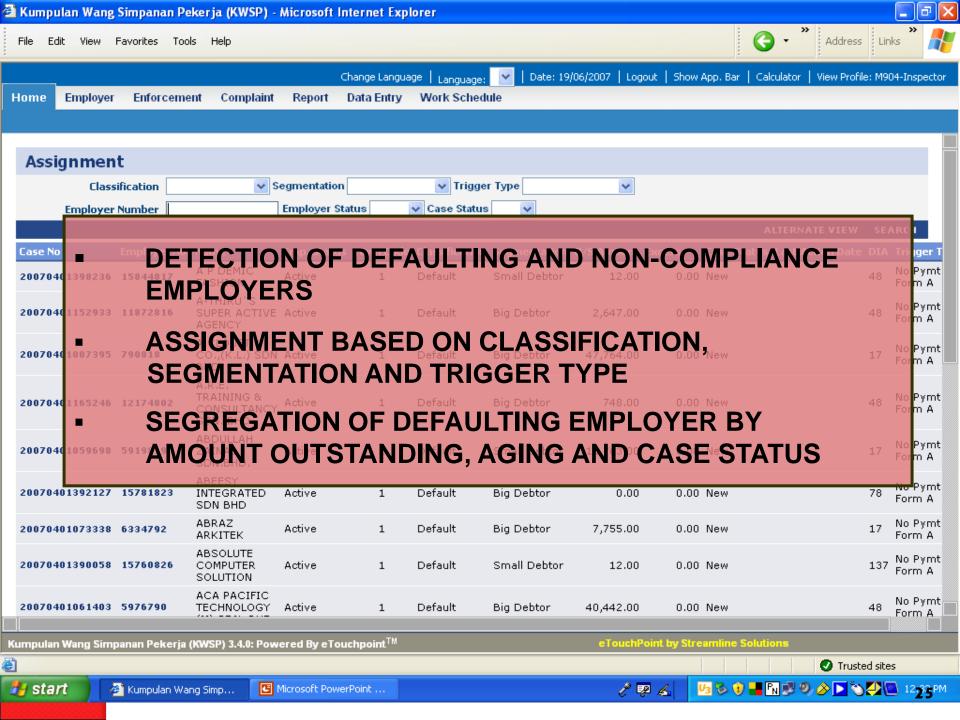


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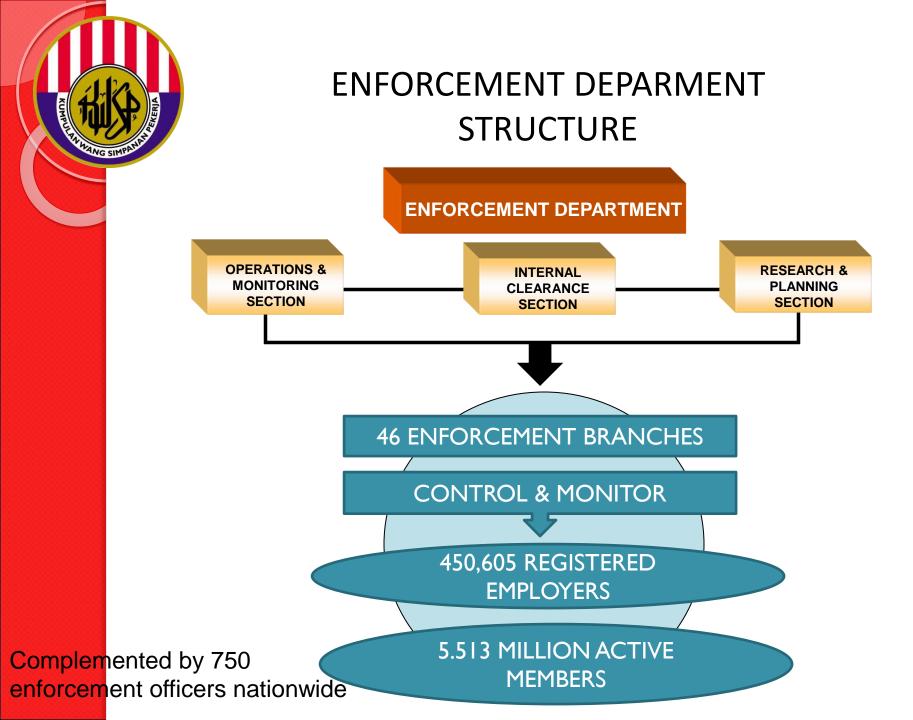






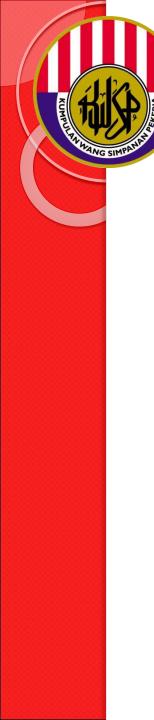
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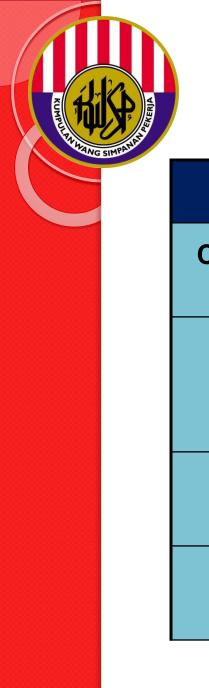




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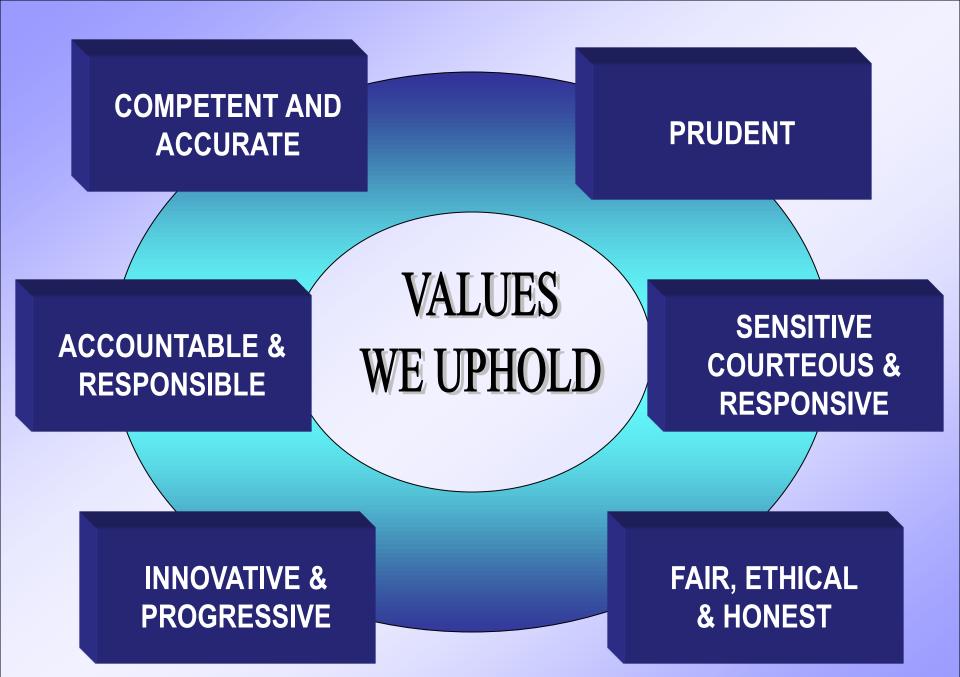
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ITEM	STATUS
DEFAULT RATE	2.05% (9,223 out of 450,605 employers)
ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN	95% Action taken against errant employers within 30 days from date of default trigger
EMPLOYEES COVERAGE	92.8% (of 5.5m liable employees)
RECOVERY OF CONTRIBUTION	USD 438.35 MILLION



ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2008

ITEM	STATUS
COLLECTION OF INTEREST (for late payments)	USD 5.23 MILLION
COLLECTION OF DIVIDENDS (for late payments)	USD 6.13 MILLION
NO.OF PROSECUTION CASES FILED	26,170
NO.OF CIVIL CASES FILED	7,585







CIVIL ACTION CASES 2006 - 2008

YEAR	NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS	NIMBER OF DIRECTORS INVOLVED	AMOUNT RECOVERED (USD)
2006	6,030	18,090	10,232,952
2007	7,124	21,372	6,088,748
2008	7,585	22,755	6,532,240
TOTAL	20,739	62,217	22,853,940

Section 46

Joint and several liability of directors / partners

Annexure 2

RESTRICTED FROM LEAVING MALAYSIA

2002 - 2008

NO.OF DIRECTORS	AMOUNT RECOVERED
5,445	USD 7.12 MILLION

Section 39(b) Restriction to leave the country

Annexure 3 STATISTICS 2008 REA & COMPLIANCE SCREENING INSPECTION

NO.OF EMPLOYERS VISITED	%	STATUS
24,743	58.67 %	REGISTERED & PAYMENT IN ORDER
13,067	30.98 %	NOT LIABLE TO CONTRIBUTE
4,387	10.35 %	LIABLE TO CONTRIBUTE BUT FAILED TO REGISTER AND PAY