

Cutting Red Tape: Lessons from Formalities Regulatory Reform in Mexico

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General Strategy

- Establish general horizontal rules governing the creation of formalities
- Establish the procedures of the review process for individual formalities
- Establish specific goals by which success is measured

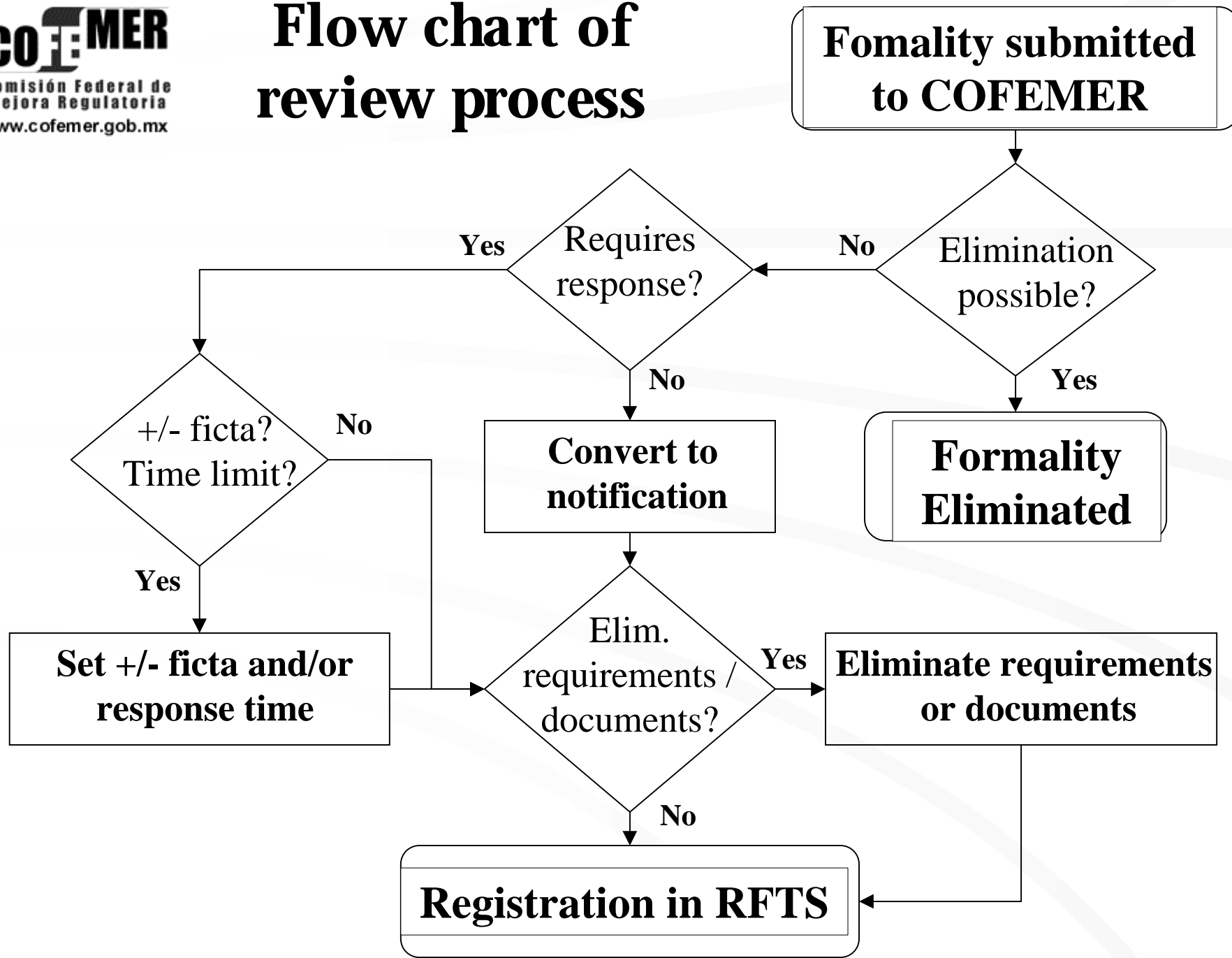
Establishing horizontal rules

- Creating rules in law on the general characteristics of formalities (administrative procedures law)
 - Maximum response times and silence is consent/denial
 - Originals / certified copies / number of copies
 - Limits to authorities' time for review of completeness of formalities
- Creating a registry of users to avoid duplication of information requirements (single ID number)
 - Guidelines for computerized interconnection / responsibilities
 - Linking to general e-government strategy

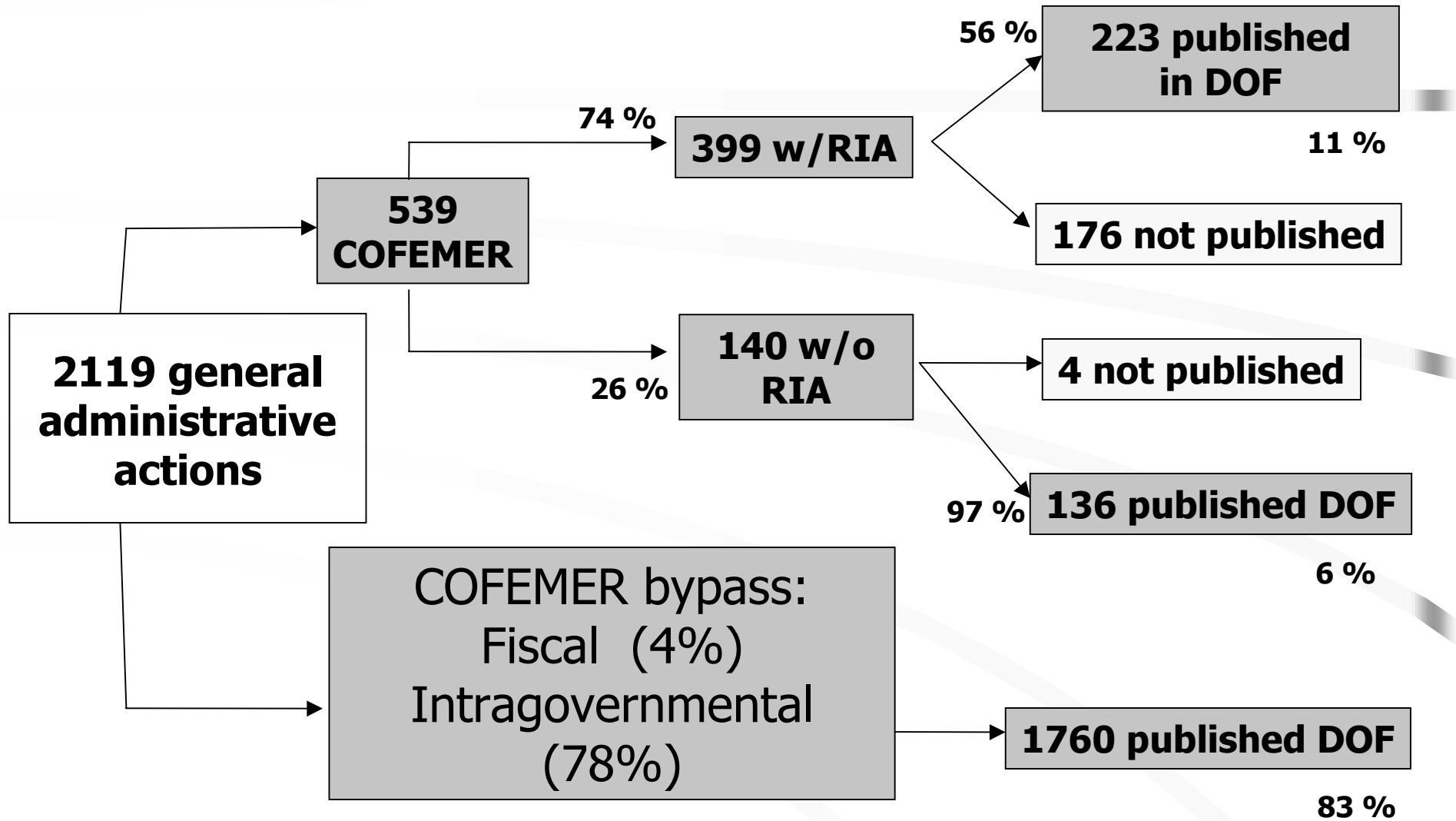
Establishing review process

- Identification/inventory of all existing formalities
 - Centralised review body (COFEMER)
 - Legal basis and time frame for review (3 years)
 - Scope / certainty for businesses and citizens
 - Penalties for non-compliance
- Systematic review of new formalities
 - Use of regulatory impact analysis (MIR)
 - Public consultation / transparency

Flow chart of review process



Federal Regulation Jun 00 – Jun 01



Establishing specific goals

- % reduction goals of limited value
- Focus on highest impact formalities
 - Transparency / selection (frequency)
 - Consultation (affected parties)
 - Accountability (periodic reports and review)
- Emphasis on the ends to be achieved (rapid business creation)
 - Involve all levels of government
 - Political support to achieve major reforms