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Reducing regulatory burdens in the Netherlands

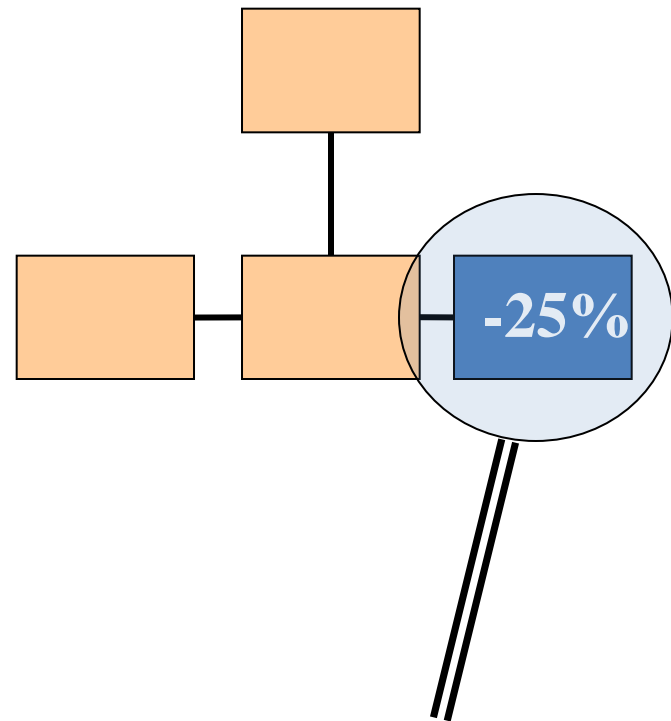
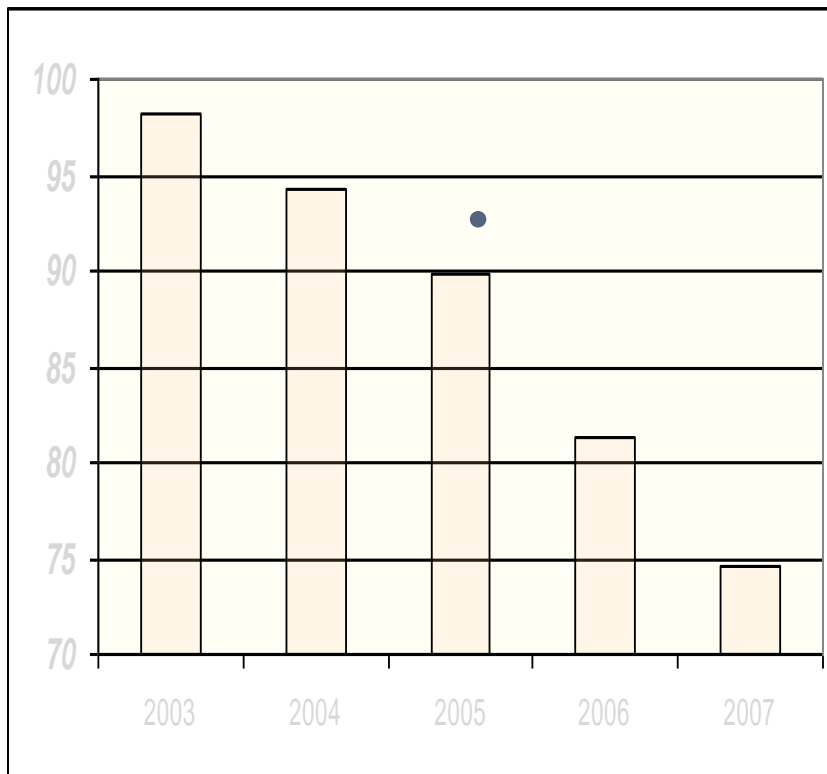
-using the SCM-

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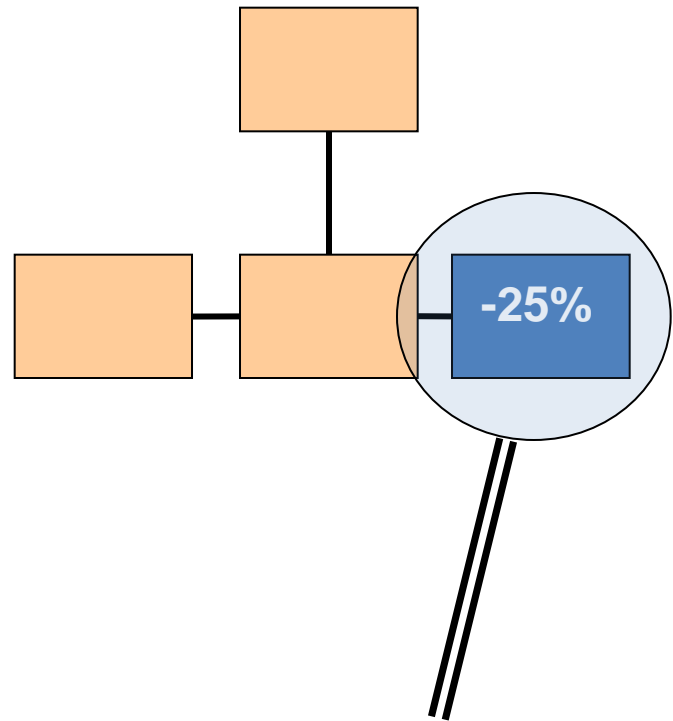
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Our Admin Burden programmes > 2003

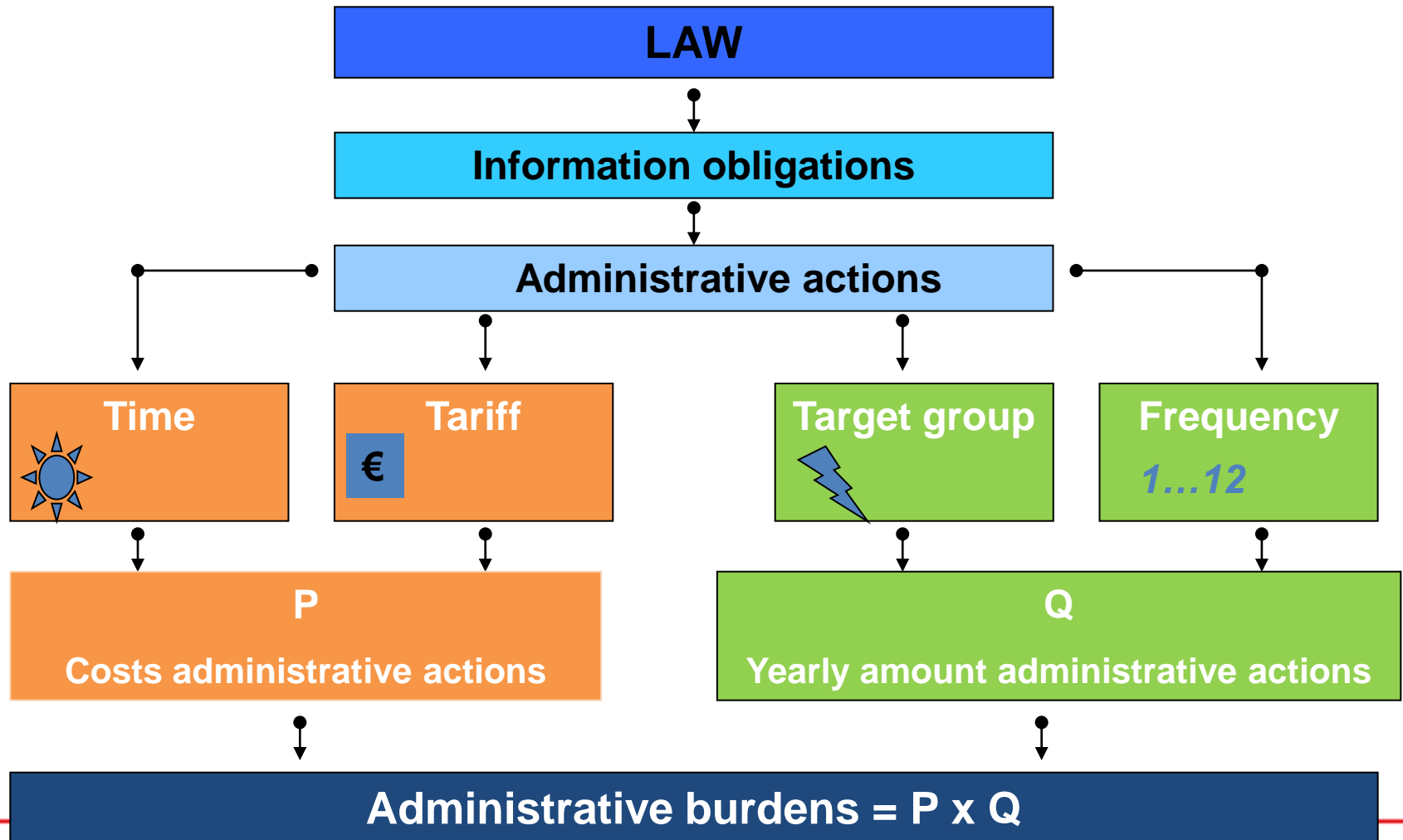


Reduction of Adm. Burdens : what and why?

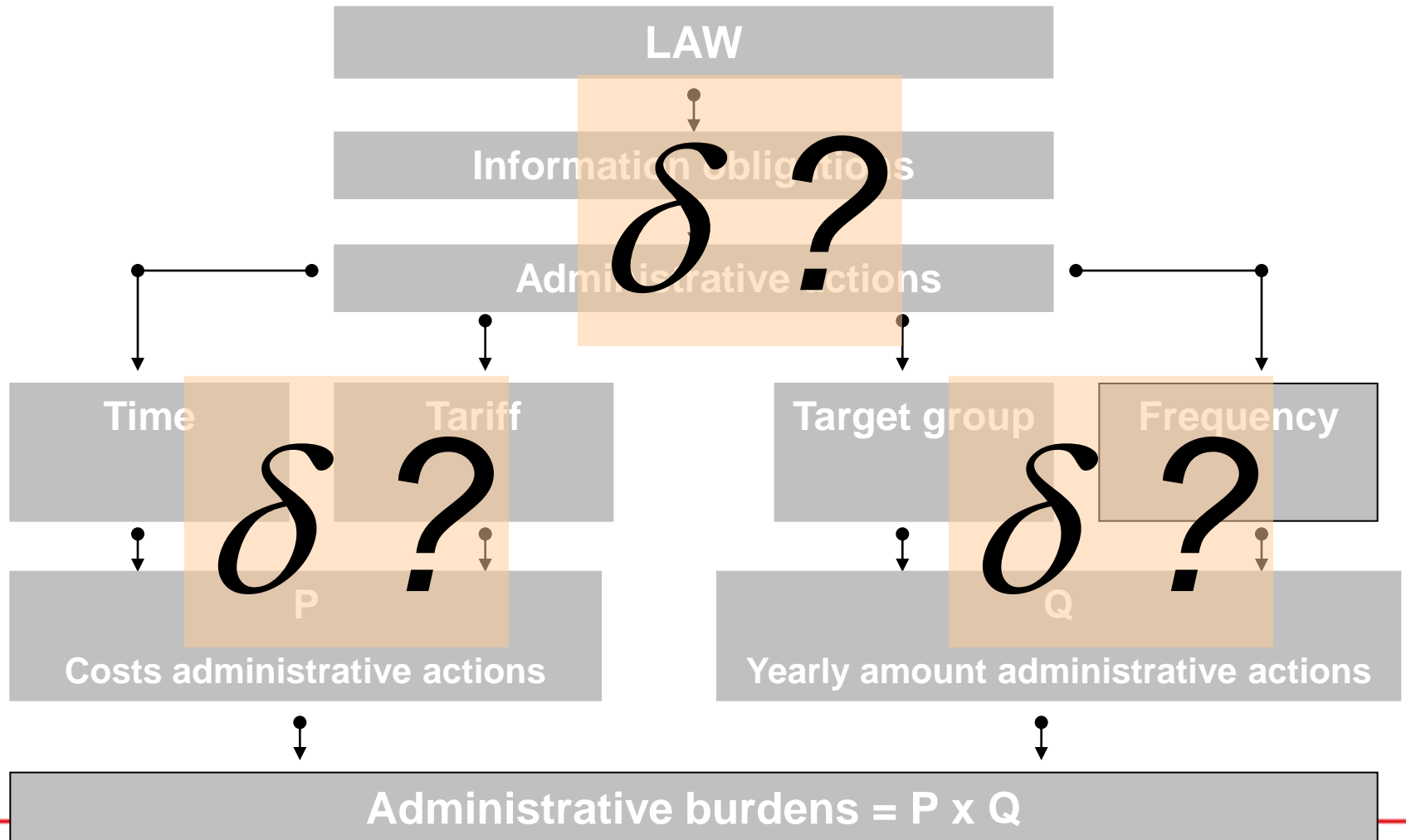
- AB = one element of regulatory cost
- But costly to businesses
- Especially to SMEs
- AB reductions pay off
- Cheap boost



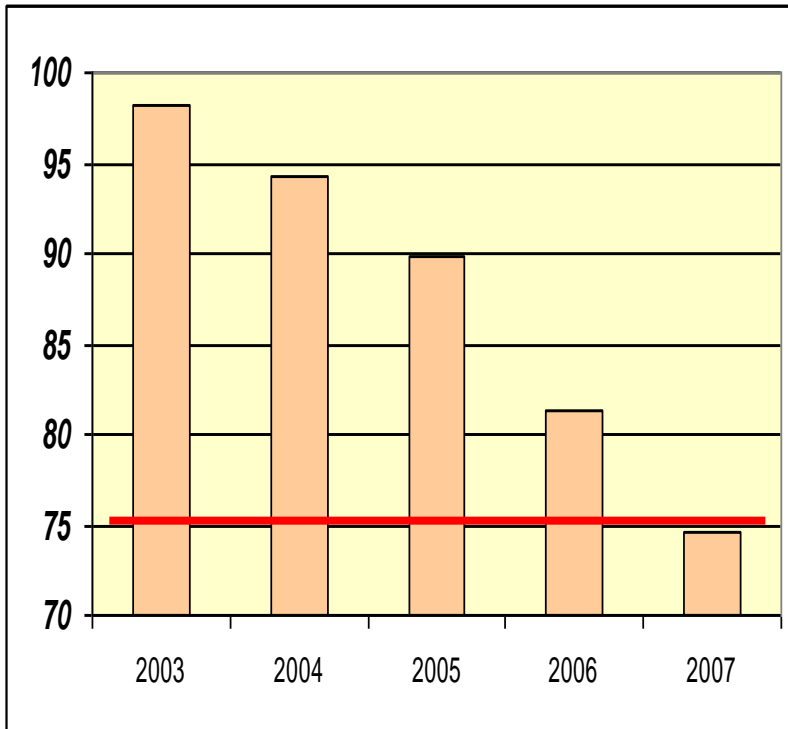
Measuring Burdens: SCM



From measurement to reduction-measures



Result & challenge 1



- Net reduction of 25%
- Using > 200 measures
- Emphasis in t+3 and t+4
- Challenge 1: management of time and expectations

Management of time and expectations

What did this mean in practice?

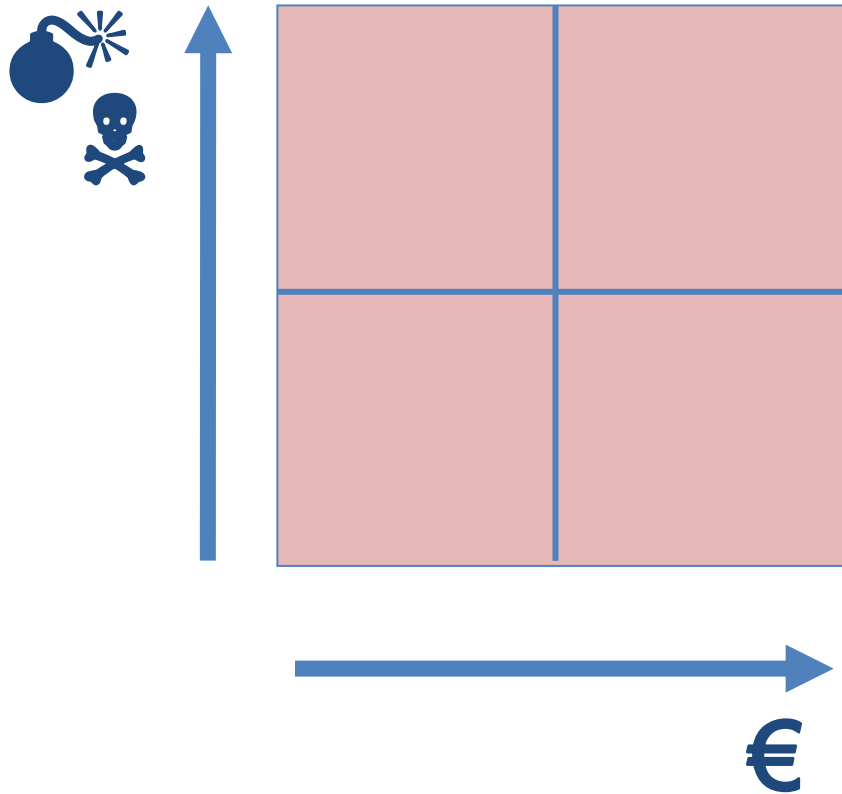
Management of time

- Early warning
 - close monitoring
 - risk management
 - ex post checks on ICT-measures
- Frontloading
 - Use input stakeholders
 - Harmonize definitions
 - Think about introducing thresholds in legislation

Management of Expectations

- Explain the lead time
- Explain it will not solve all their problems
 - Minus 25% = still 75%
 - Non-AB related problems

Challenge 2: selecting the right things to do



- Costly and annoying is not by definition the same
- Define the right mix of measures
- E.g. by
 - Using the measurement to ask about irritations as well
 - Involve stakeholders in selecting

Stakeholder involvement

What did this mean in practice?

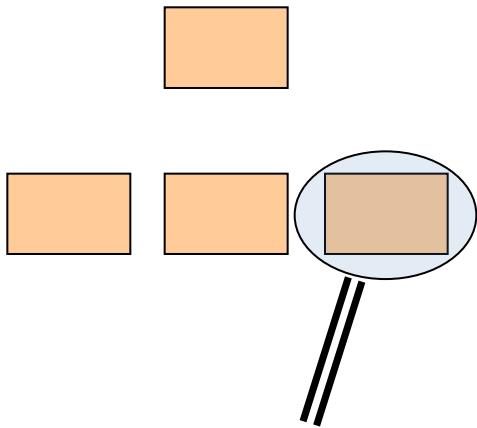
Why?

- Validation
- Suggestions / inspiration
- commitment
- Outside-in logic
- Balance between Insiders – Outsiders
- Requires deliberate organisation

How?

- Independent Watchdog for AB
- Business Committee
- Website for complaints and suggestions
- ‘Mixed Committees’ in every Ministry
- Projects using sector- and lifecycle approach

Challenge 3: how to go beyond AB reductions?



- Simplification which makes a difference has to:
 - Go beyond administrative burdens
 - Go beyond cost factors
 - Go beyond simplification
- Therefore, it requires
 - A comprehensive national strategy (where to go)
 - An enduring effort (to get there)

Take a broad approach

What did it mean in practice?

Go beyond Admin Burden

- Costs related to government grants
- Cost related to inspections
- Substantive compliance costs

Go beyond costs

- Transparency of regulation
- 'stability' of regulation
- Speed of govt decisionmaking
- Quality of services in top - 10 street level organisations