



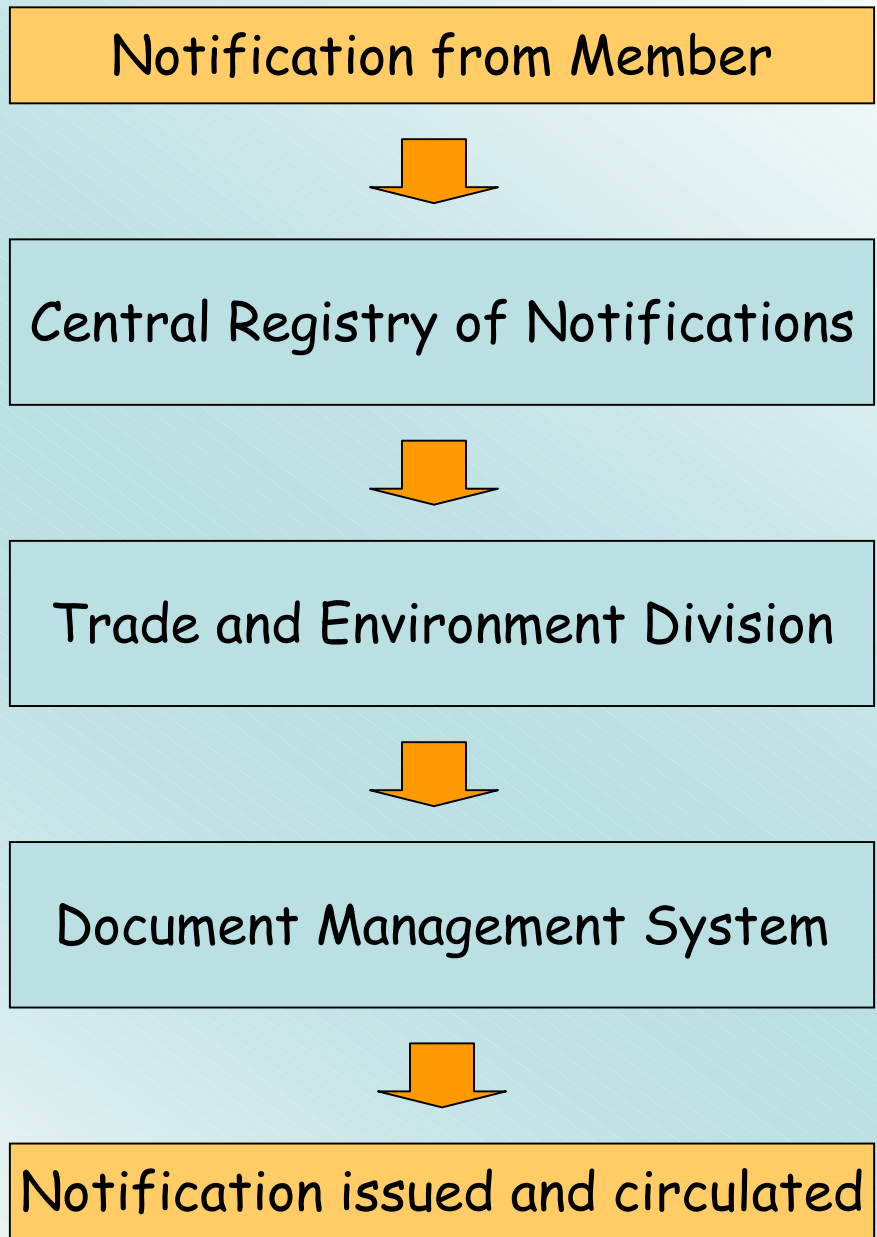
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The life-cycle of a notification





Notifications from Members



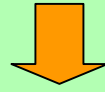
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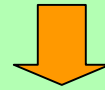
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Checking, typing and
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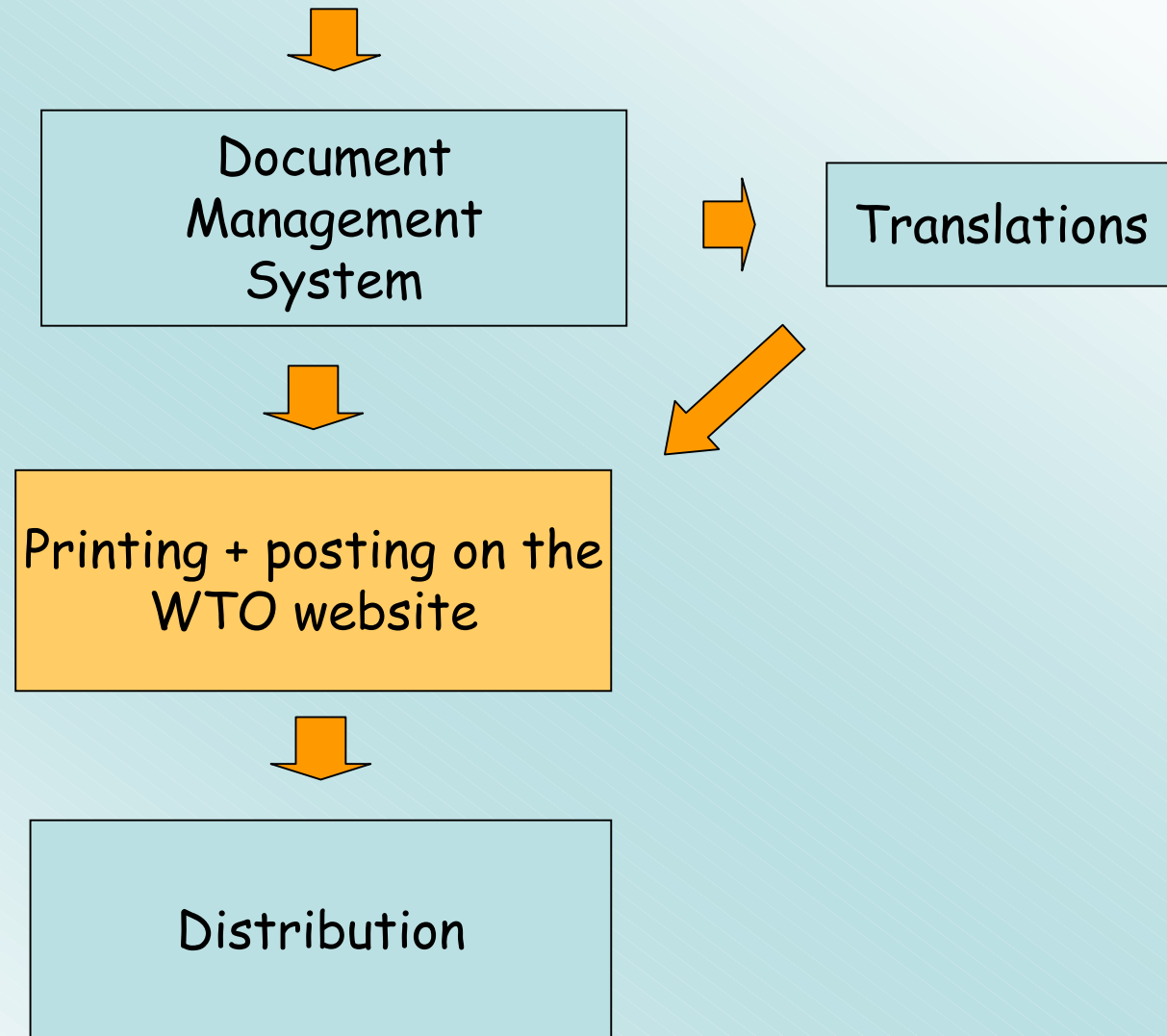


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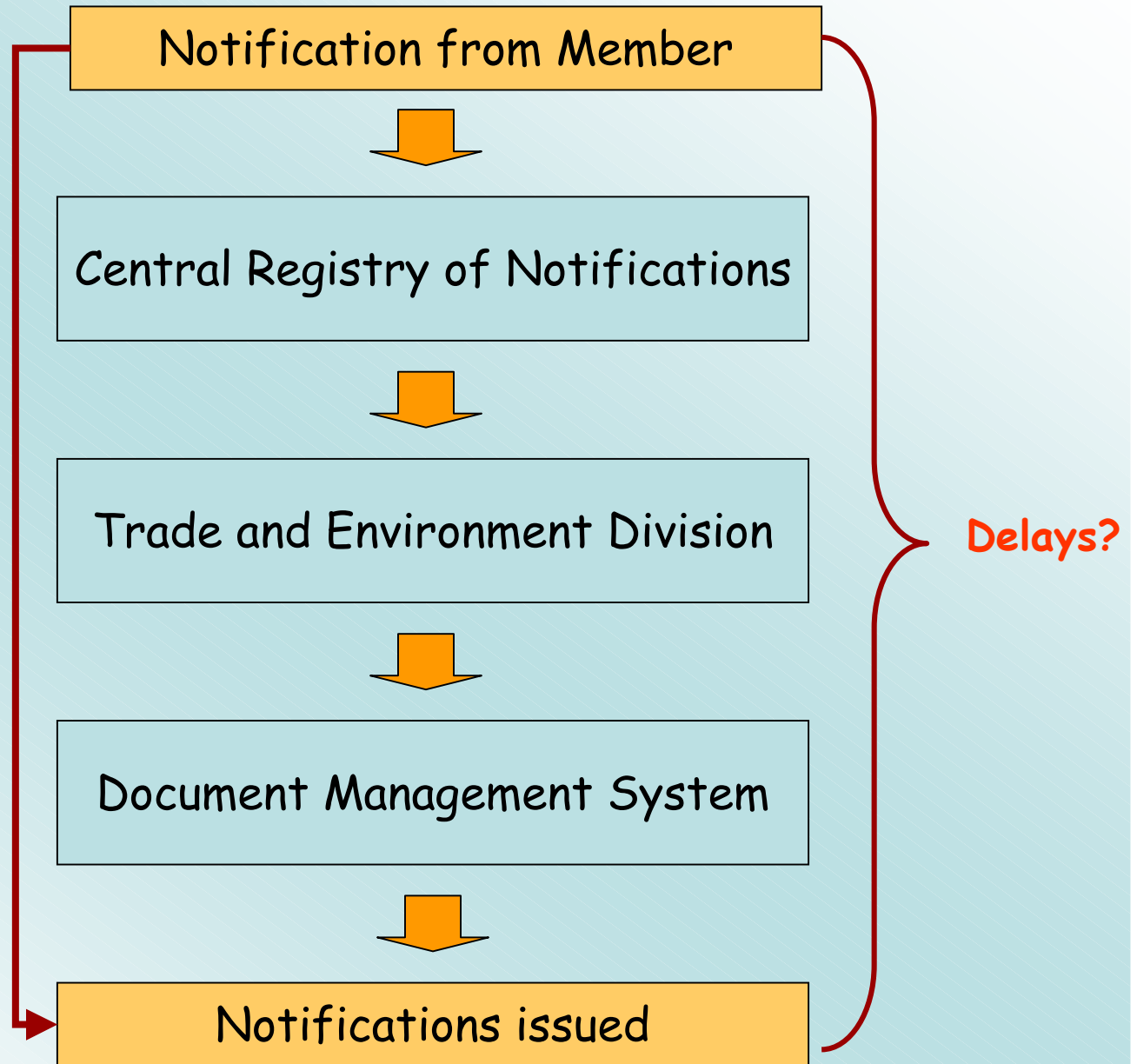


Stressed the importance of transmitting notifications to the Secretariat electronically

Stressed the importance to **reduce the time** for circulation of notifications



Average: 2 working days





Statements on implementation and administration of the TBT Agreement (Art. 15.2)

Notifications made under Article 10.7 (agreements on issued related to technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment procedures)



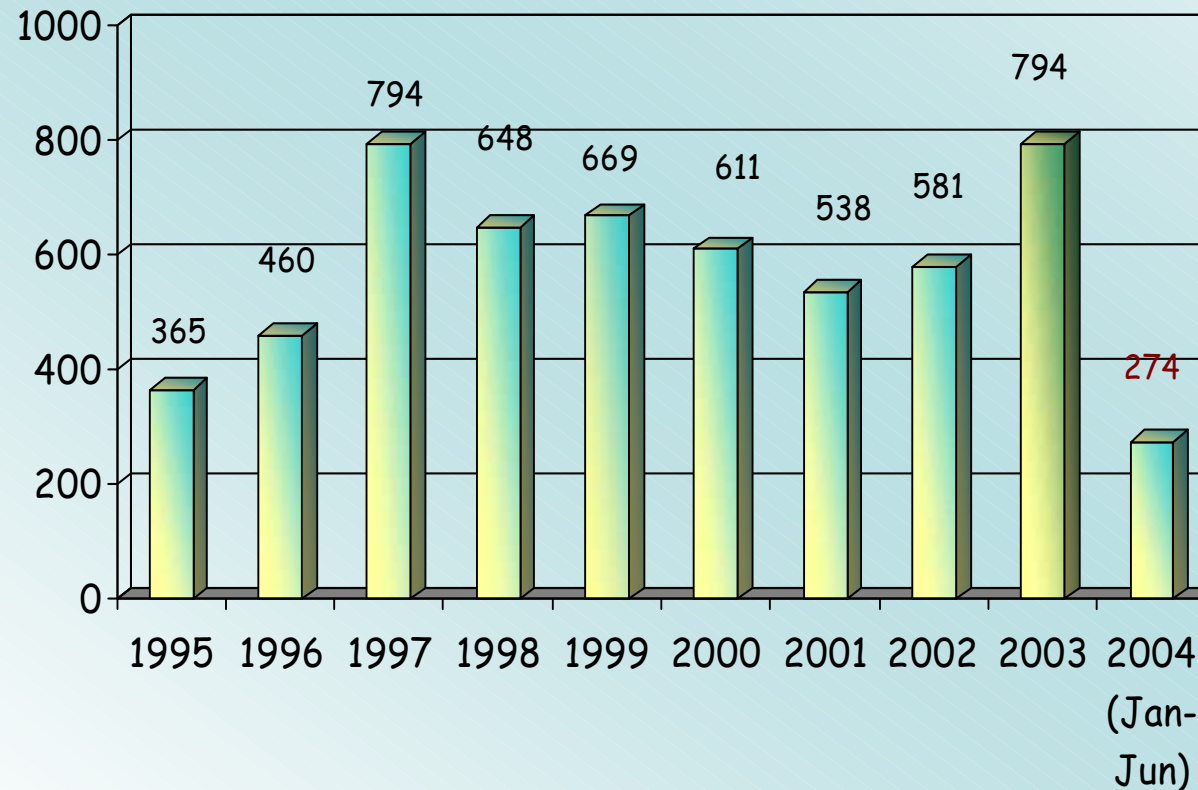
The same process is followed



Notifications issued: some figures

January-June 2004: 274 **new** notifications

333 including corrigenda, addenda, revisions

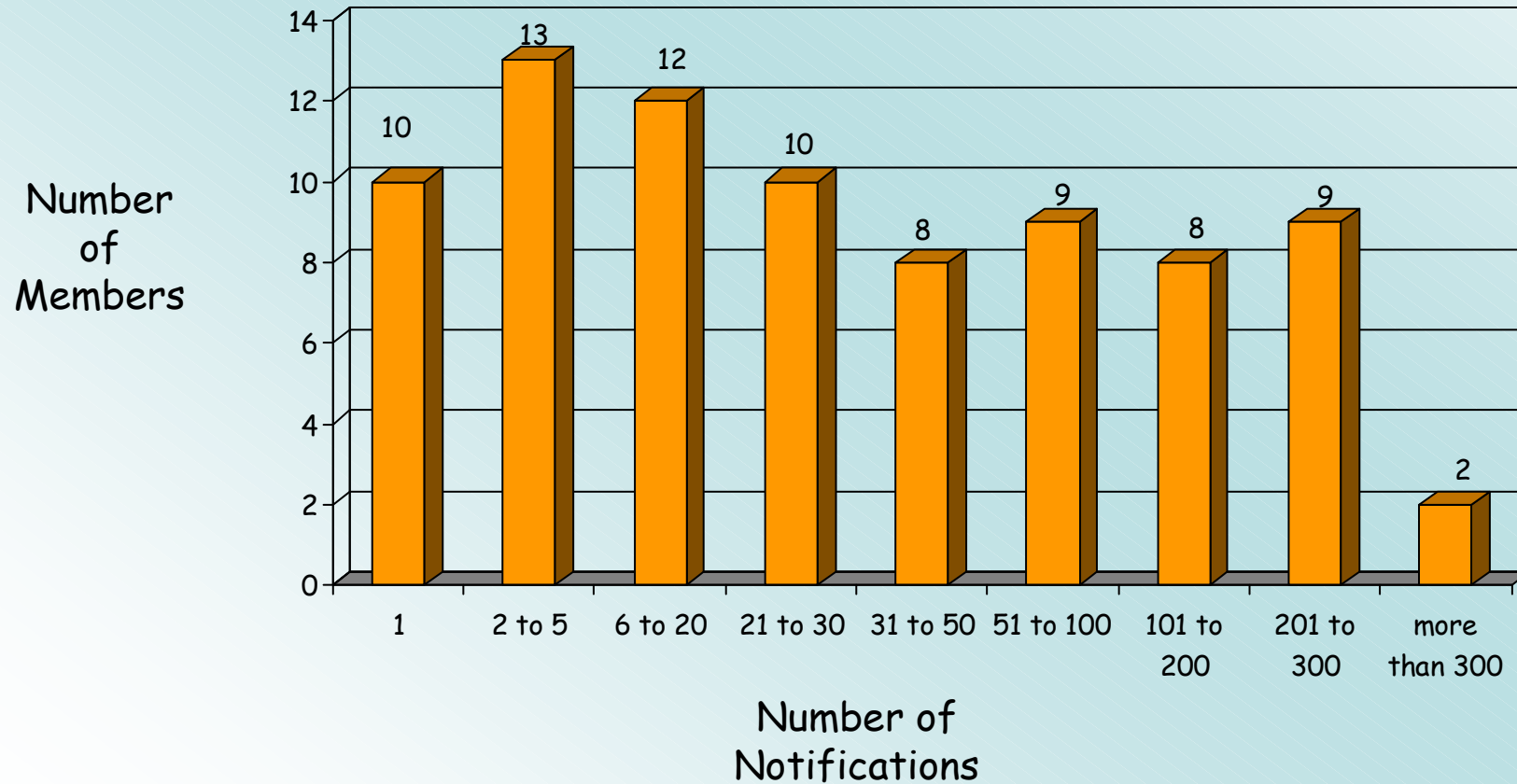


1995- June 2004: **5734 new** notifications circulated



Number of notifications submitted per Member

1995 to 30 June 2004





Notifications issued - where do they go?



→ Circulated to Missions in Geneva



→ Posted on the WTO website



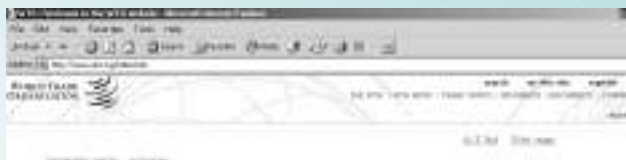
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→ **Electronic circulation of TBT notifications**



Electronic circulation of TBT Notifications

New

- Notifications sent once a week to an automatic mailing list
- Only in the original language in which they were submitted

How to subscribe?



Technical barriers to trade

Technical regulations and product standards may vary from country to country. Having many different regulations and standards makes life difficult for producers and exporters. If regulations are set arbitrarily, they could be used as an excuse for protectionism. The Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade tries to ensure that regulations, standards, testing and certification procedures do not create unnecessary obstacles.

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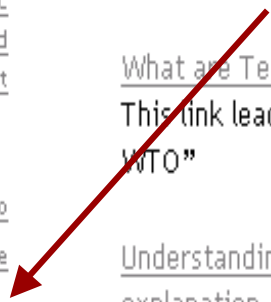
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TBT notifications (week 11-15 October 2004) - Message (HTML)

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Type a question for help

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Sent: Wed 20/10/2004 12:57

To: 'tbt@list.unicc.org'

Cc:

Subject: TBT notifications (week 11-15 October 2004)

Attachments: CZE94.doc (51 KB); CZE93.doc (51 KB); USA83C1.doc (51 KB); MEX100A1.doc (48 KB)

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Thank you for your attention

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