



The Working Mechanisms of China on TBT Transparency

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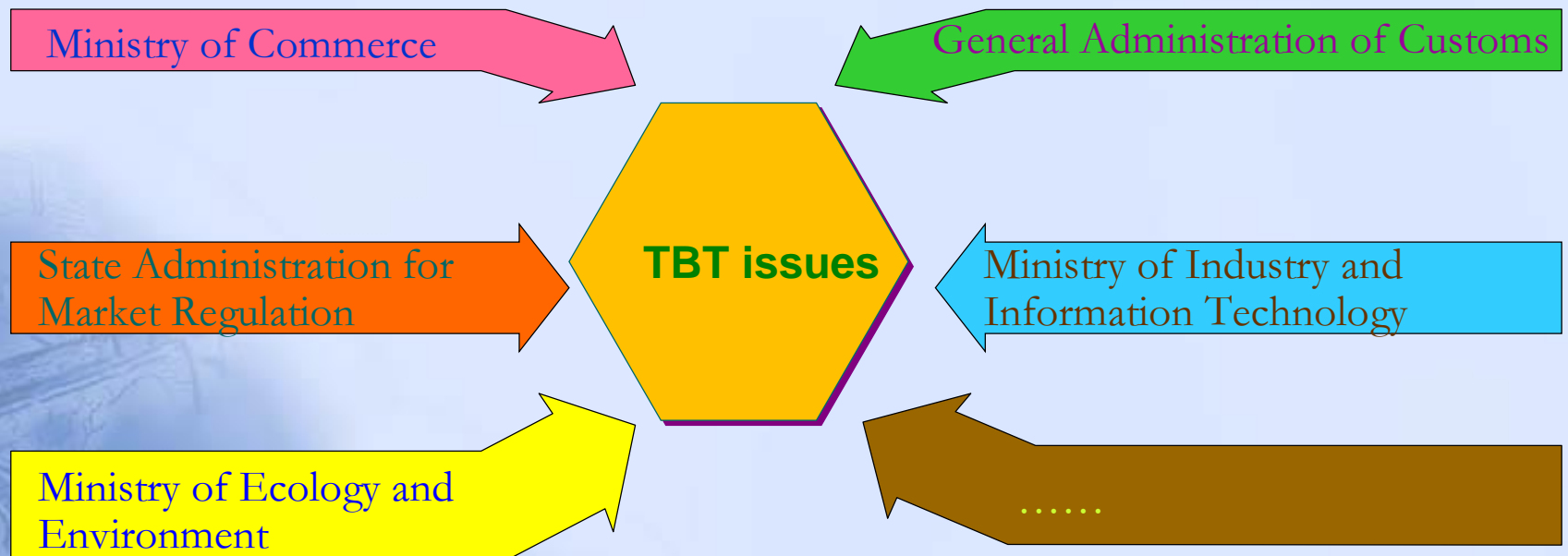
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1. TBT System of China

Government authorities involved



1. TBT System of China



National Enquiry Point

Established in General Administration of Customs to coordinate the notification, enquiry and comment issues domestically

The Notification Authority

Established in the Ministry of Commerce to manage notification-related affairs and submit notifications

2. Notifying TBT Measures of China

**What
to
notify**

**Laws and regulations at
national level**

**Decrees and rules at
ministerial level**

**National compulsory
standards**

2. Notifying TBT Measures of China

How to notify

Drafting of a new TBT measure - the competent authority

Deciding whether to notify or not - the competent authority

Filling out the notification form in both English and Chinese - the competent authority

Submitting the notification and full text to the Enquiry Point

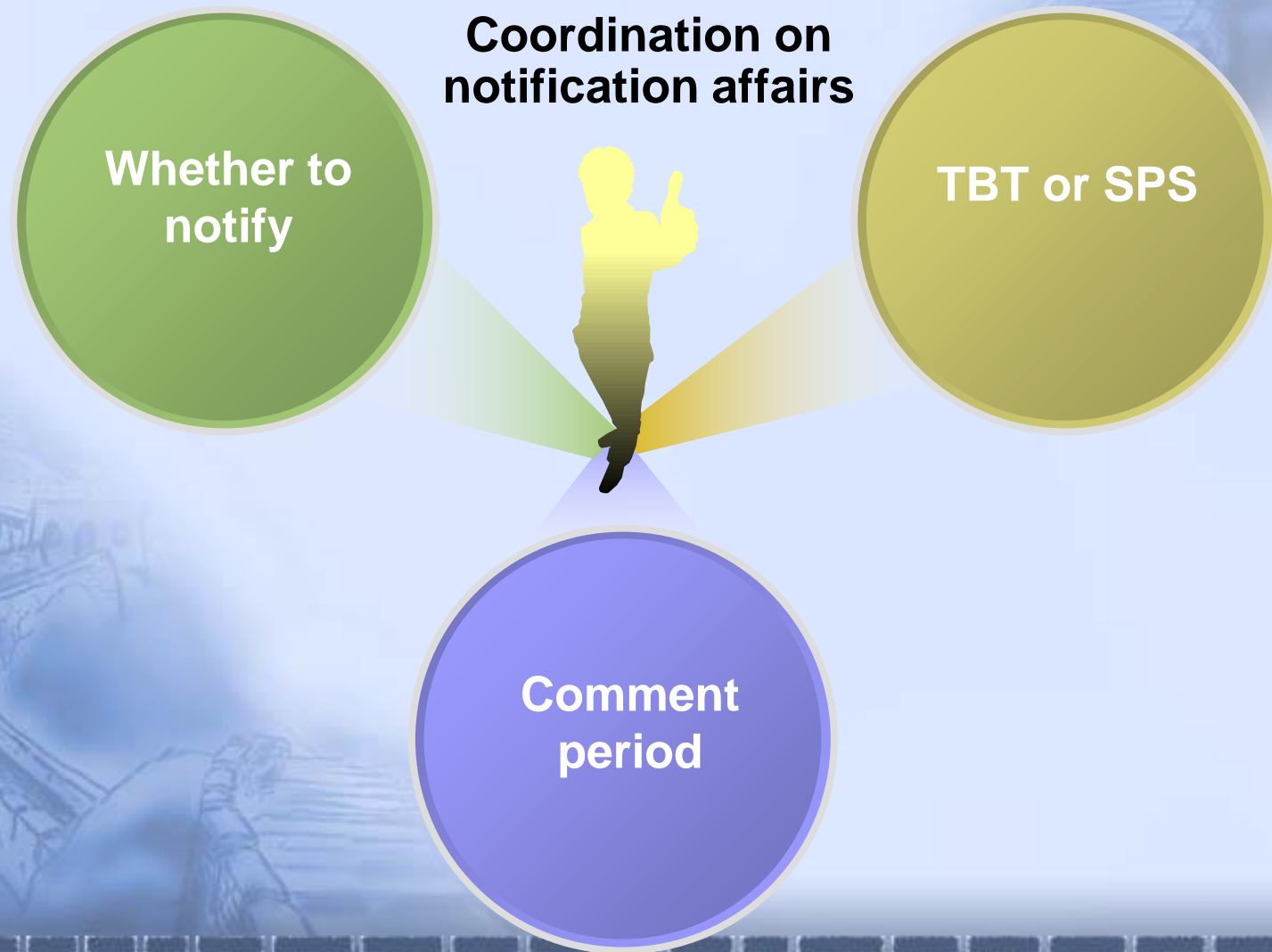
Reviewing the notification – the Enquiry Point

Submitting to the Notification Authority

Submitting to WTO - through the Permanent Mission of China in Geneva

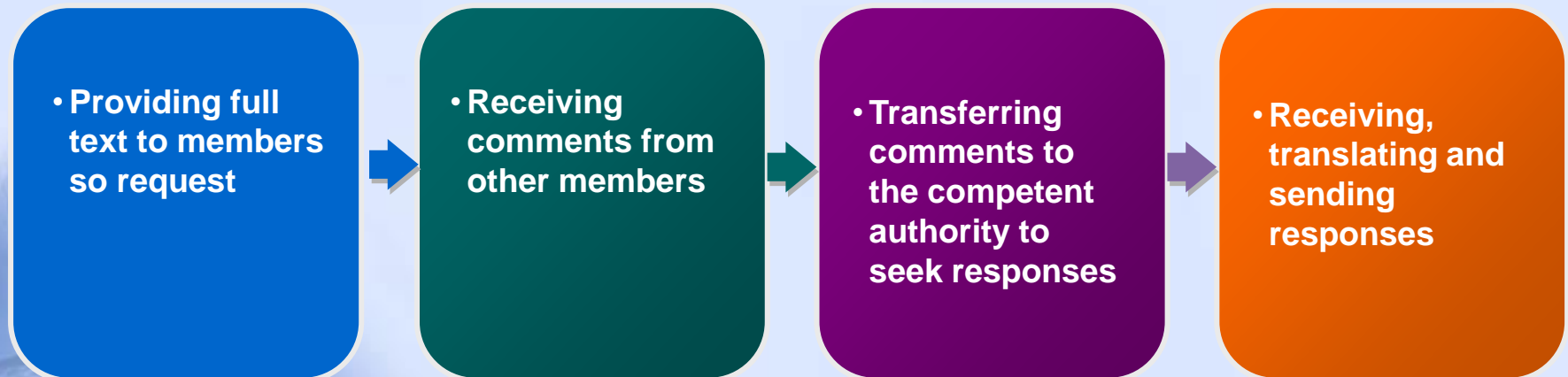
Using WTO online notification submitting system

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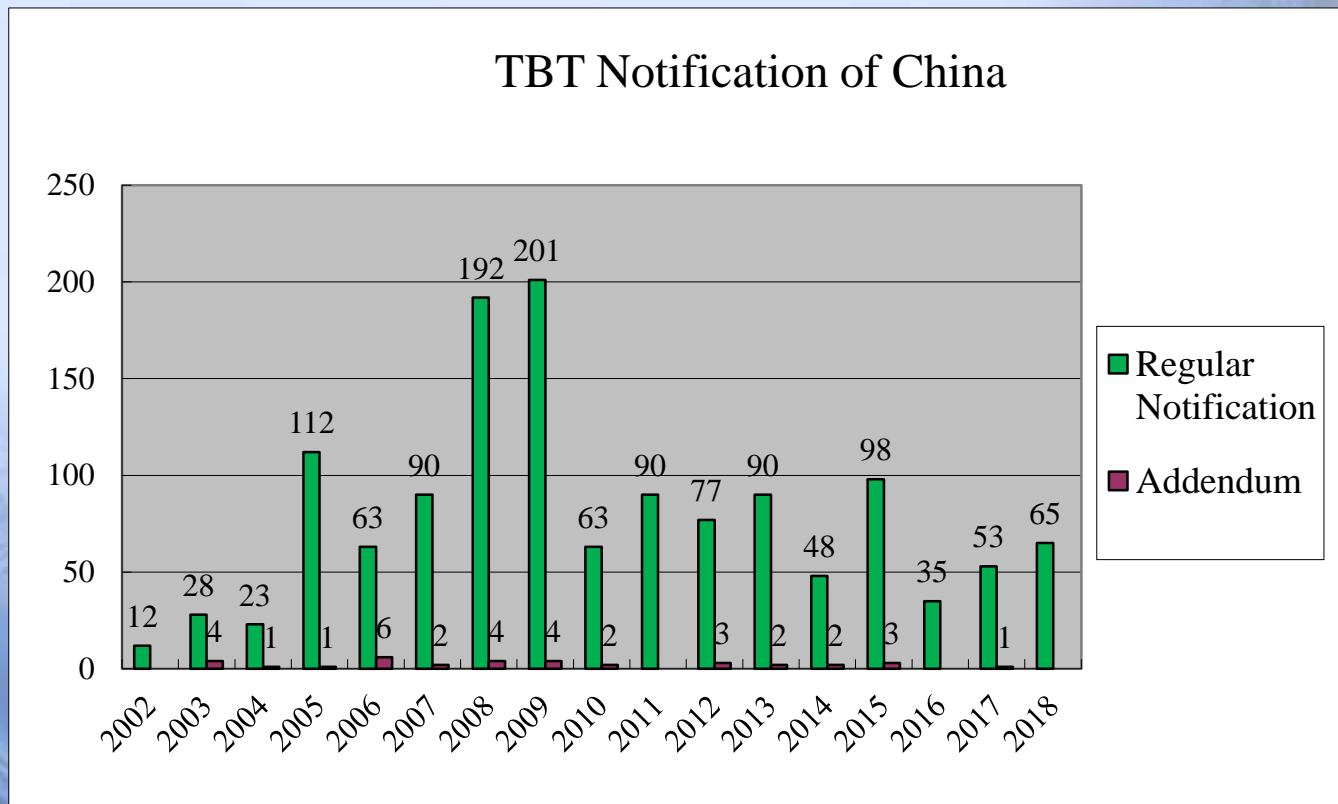
After notifying, TBT Enquiry Point has the responsibility of:



2. Notifying TBT Measures of China

- By the end of 2018, 1375 TBT notifications, including:
 - 1340 notifications on new TBT measures, and
 - 35 addendum notifications

2. Notifying TBT Measures of China



3. Handling Notifications from Other Members

Working procedures

Receiving and translating notifications - Enquiry Point

Selecting notifications to comment - Enquiry Point

Distributing notifications to relevant authorities – mainly by e-mail

TBT Notification Newsletter – including all notifications, published every month

Notifications and their Chinese translation also available on the website of Technical Measures of China

Encourage stakeholders to use ePing system

3. Handling Notifications from Other Members

Working procedures (cont. 1)

Studying and making comments on notifications - Expert group established by all Chinese government authorities related to TBT issues

Examining comments - competent authorities

Collecting comments - Enquiry Point

Translating the final comments into English and submitting to the notification Member - Enquiry Point

Coordination: **Important notifications** or **Disagreement on comment**

3. Handling Notifications from Other Members

Working procedures (cont. 2)

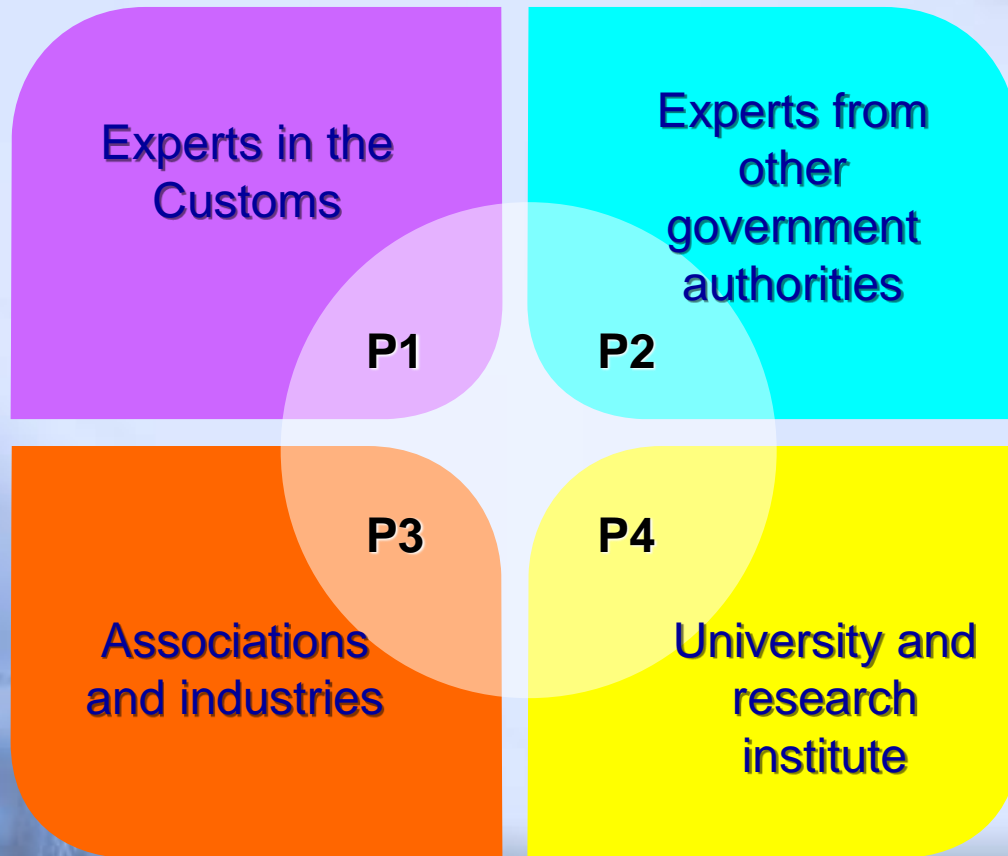
Receiving responses - Enquiry Point

Feedback for reference or further comment

Considering to raise a Specific Trade Concern

3. Handling Notifications from Other Members

Participants of commenting



3. Handling Notifications from Other Members

- Research and comment centers

- Household appliance
- Automobile
- Toy
- Textile
- Fireworks
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4. Dealing with Enquires

- The TBT Enquiry Point is responsible to answer reasonable questions asked by domestic and foreign government authorities, industries and other stakeholders.
- After the Accession, we have received and answered more than 10000 enquiries.

5. Difficulties faced

Translation

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Large amount – notifications and full texts

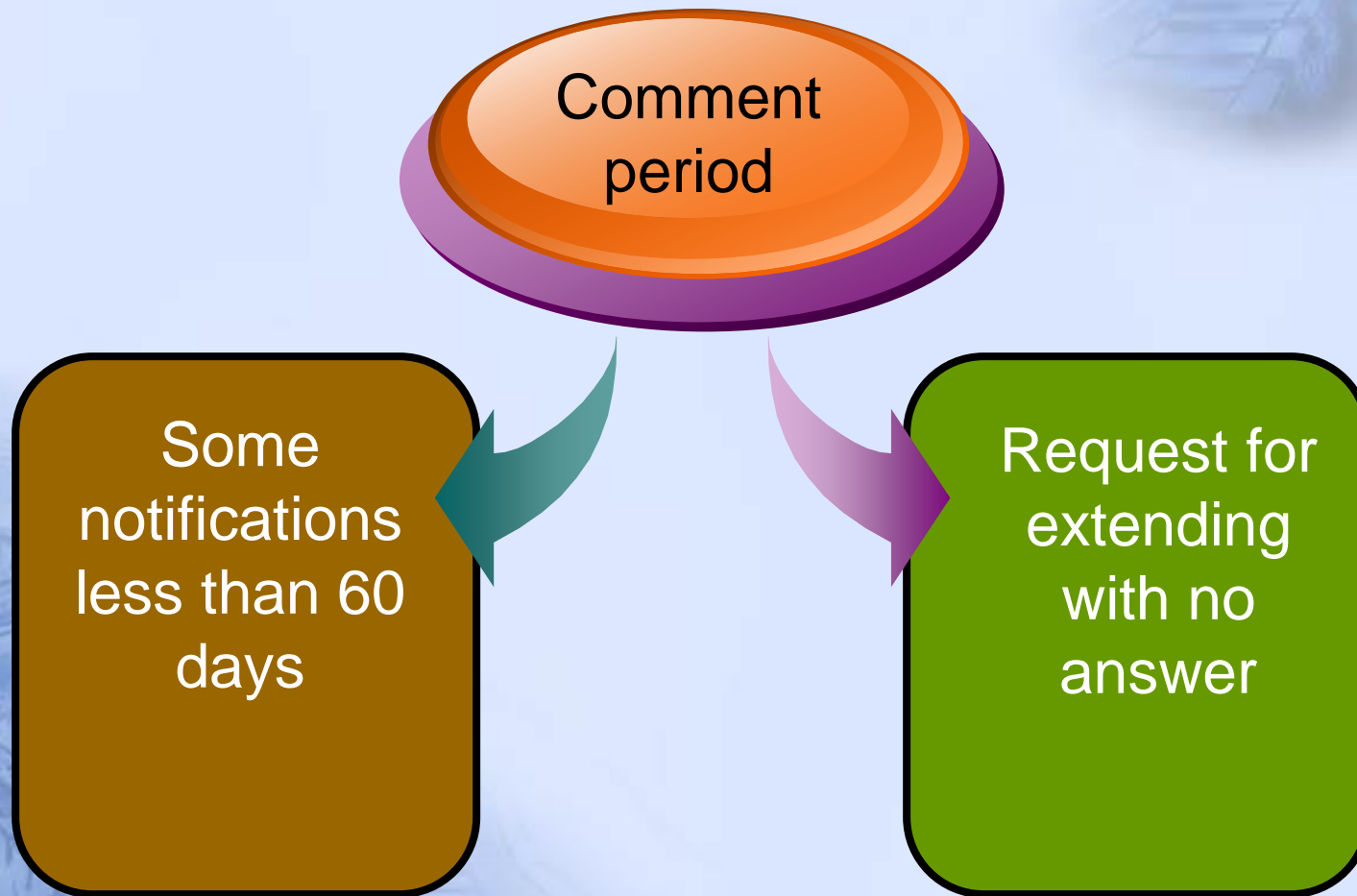
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Costly for both money and time

3

Unpopular languages

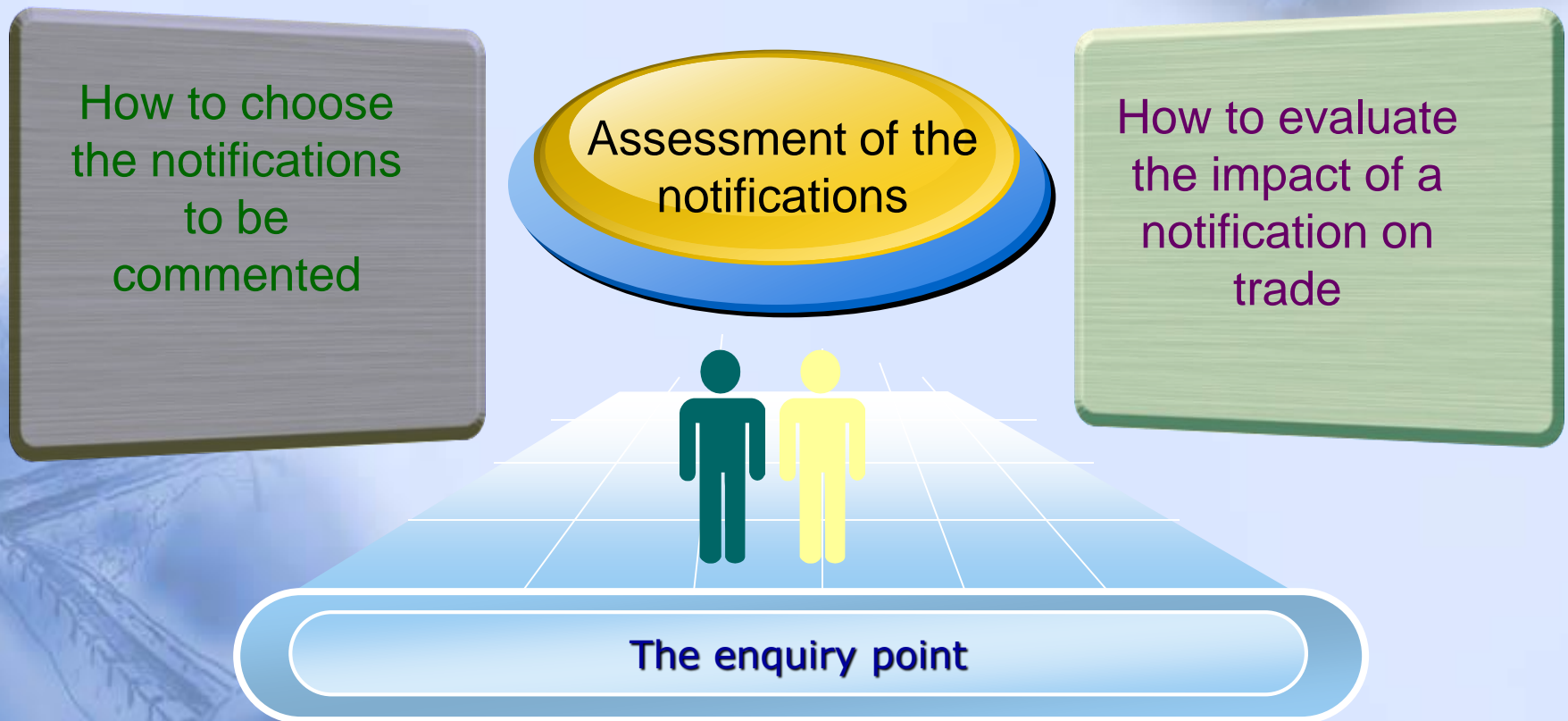
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- The activeness to make comments
 - The awareness of the importance of making comments is not satisfactory. Especially small and medium-sized enterprises should be encouraged to comment.
 - Training of industries should be strengthened.
 - The enquiry point takes the responsibility of leading the stakeholders to comment and provide help.

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Submitting comments

Some
email
addresses
do not
work

Could not
receive
response

The background is a blue-toned illustration of the Great Wall of China. The wall is depicted as a long, winding stone structure with battlements, snaking across rolling hills and mountains. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the wall as it recedes into the distance. The sky is a light, hazy blue. Overlaid on this background is the text 'Thank You' in a large, orange, serif font. The text is centered horizontally and vertically, with the 'T' and 'Y' being particularly large and prominent. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

Thank You