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CASE STUDIES – ENQUIRY POINTS / NATIONAL NOTIFICATION AUTHORITIES

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Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection

E.4 ➔ EC SPS Enquiry Point and Notification Authority



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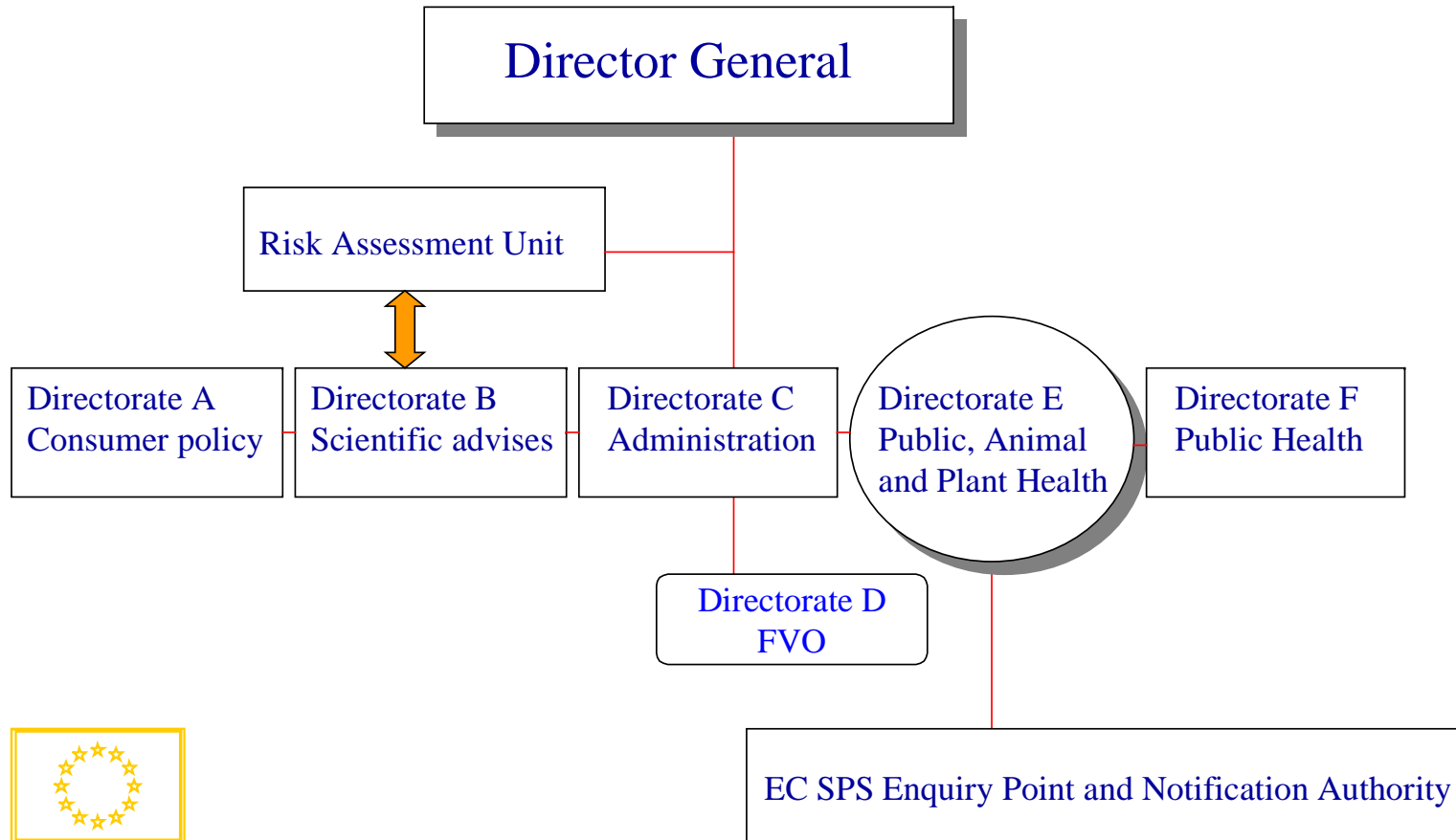
Executive body of the European Community

Input of MS through working group and
established Committees

XXIII Directorate Generals
Offices and Agencies
(e.g.: Trade, Enterprises, HCP, AGRI, EMEA)



Directorate General Health and Consumer Protection (HCP)

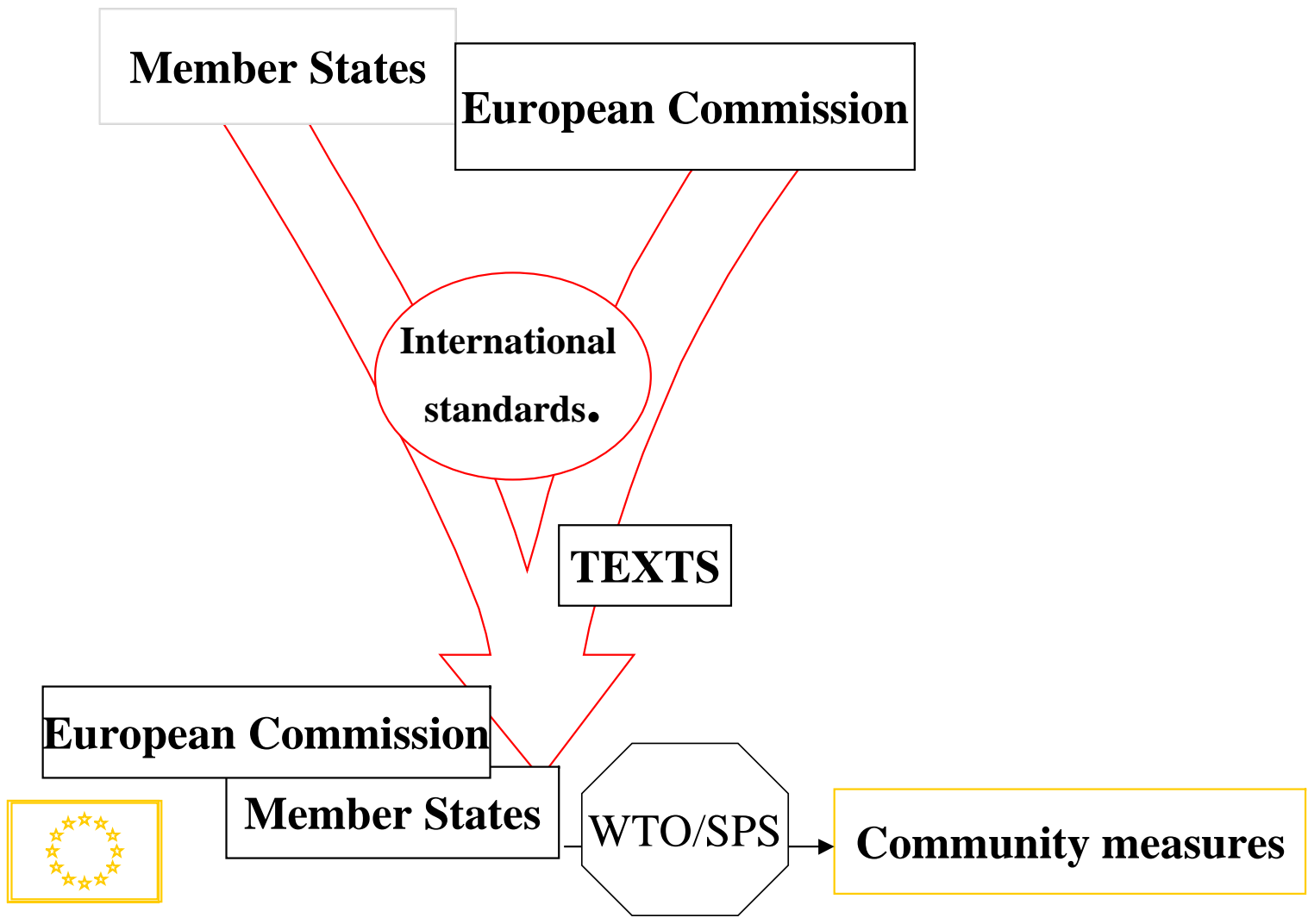


EC SPS Enquiry Point and Notification Authority

Two Commission Officials
(Secretarial support)

- ◆ Preparation of the SPS Committee meetings
- ◆ Preparation of consultations (Article 12, SPS A) and follow up of trade issues
- ◆ Act as Enquiry Point and Notification Authority (Annex B, SPS A)
 - ◆ Notification, co-ordination, exchange of information and documentation etc.
- ◆ Link with EU Member States' National Enquiry Points and Notification Authorities





Community Legislation

Scientific data
Risk assessment
International standards



Notification of Community Legislation

Agreement on EC proposal

Proposal notified to the SPS S

Information and/or comments
to the EC SPS EP/NA

EC assess comments /request
for information

Replies after consultation with
EU Member States



Notification of EU Member State's legislation

Draft measures and notification format to the EC

EC assess compatibility with EC laws and SPS A criteria for notification

Proposals notified to the SPS S with indication of the relevant MS

Comments/request for information to the National Authority

MS to assess comments/request for information

MS to inform the EC EP of conclusion/adopted measures



Notification of other WTO Member's draft measures

Notification formats retrieved
from the WTO web site

Texts systematically requested

Notification formats and texts circulated
within the EC

EC and MS comments sent to the EC EP

Comments assessed and forwarded
to the relevant WTO Member



How to improve ?

Establishment of web sites and internet links

Texts on the web

@mail

