

Setting OELs

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- Summary:
 - Historical perspective & Development
 - Current process
 - Next Code of Practice (CoP)
 - Future



Historical Perspective

- 15th Century Dust Clouds
- 1883 - OEL – CO – Gruber
- 1930 - USSR – 12 Substances
- 1931 - Zernik's Schädliche Gase
- 1946 – ACGIH 148 MACs –TLVs
- 1949 – Patty Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology (Vol. II)



Historical Perspective

- 1985 – UK EH40
- 1994 – Code of Practice for the Safety Health and Welfare (Chemical Agents) Regulations, 1994.
- CoP to be updated biennially.



Regulation Update

- Chemical Agents Regulations, 2001
- Transposing:
 - 98/24/EC - CA Directive
 - 2000/39/EC – 1st list of IOELVs
- Carcinogen Regulations, 2001



EU Dimension

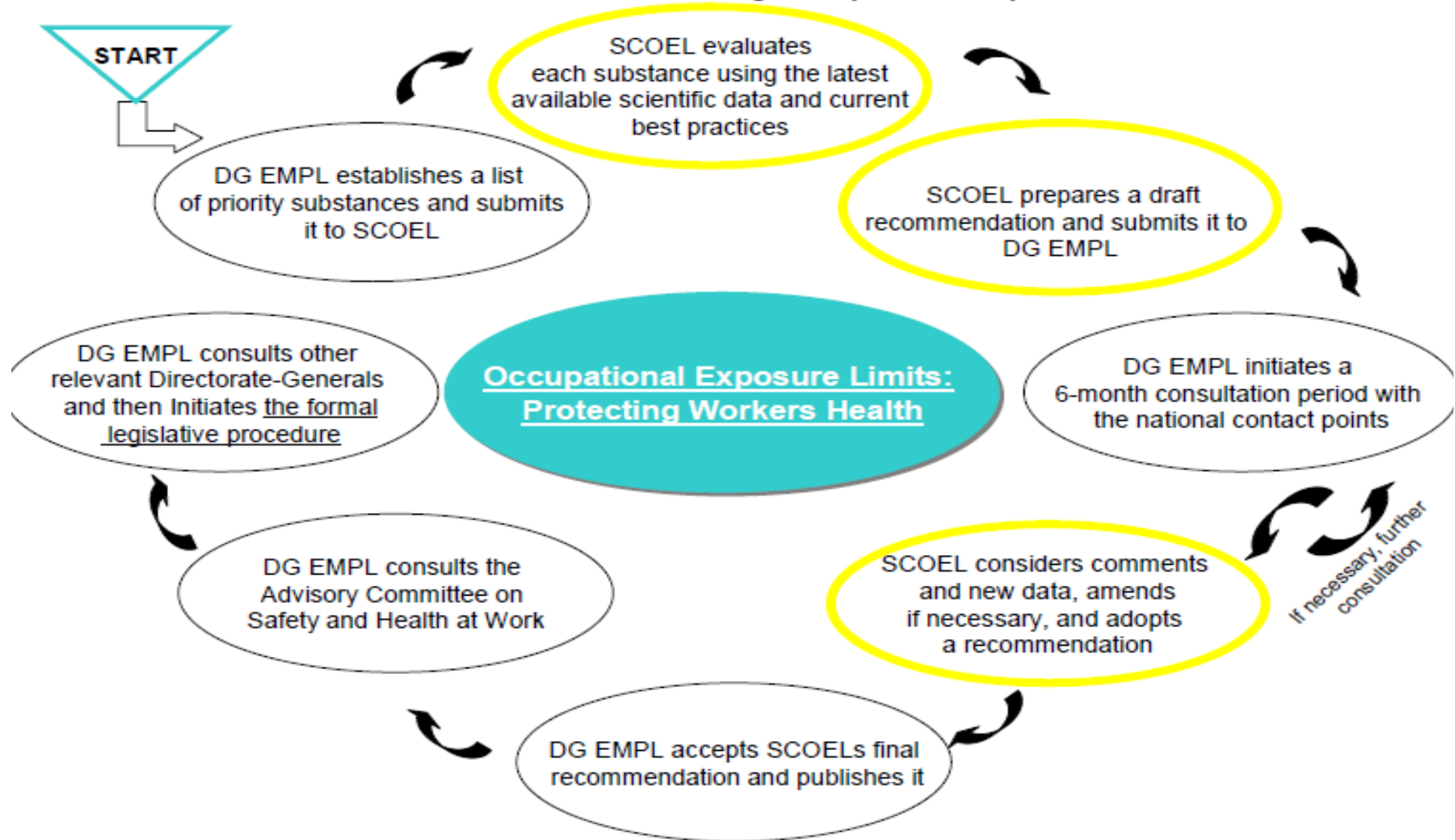
- Objectives:
 - Prevent/limit exposure
 - Protect exposed workers
- Setting OELVs part of strategy
- Set up SCOEL



SCOEL Committee

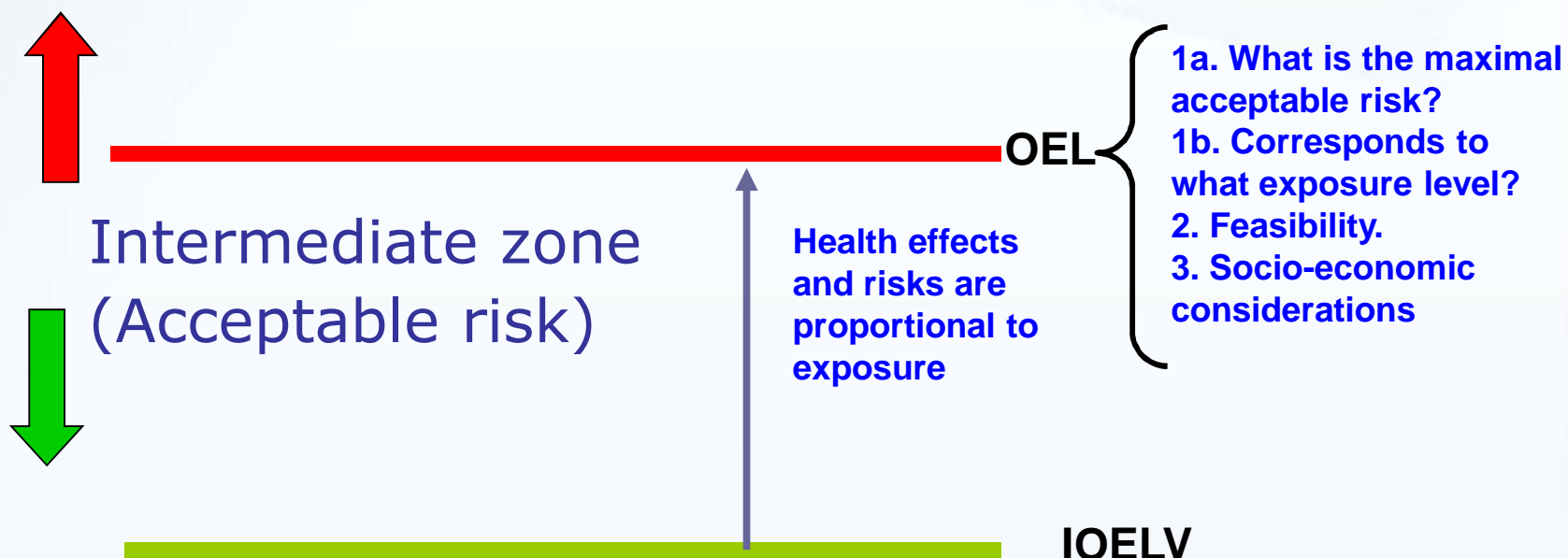
- Commission Decision 95/320/EC
- 21 Members
- Proposed by EU member states
- Appointed by the Commission.
- Scientists:
 - chemistry,
 - toxicology,
 - epidemiology,
 - occupational medicine
 - occupational hygiene
- Independent experts

SCOEL's involvement in setting Occupational Exposure Limits



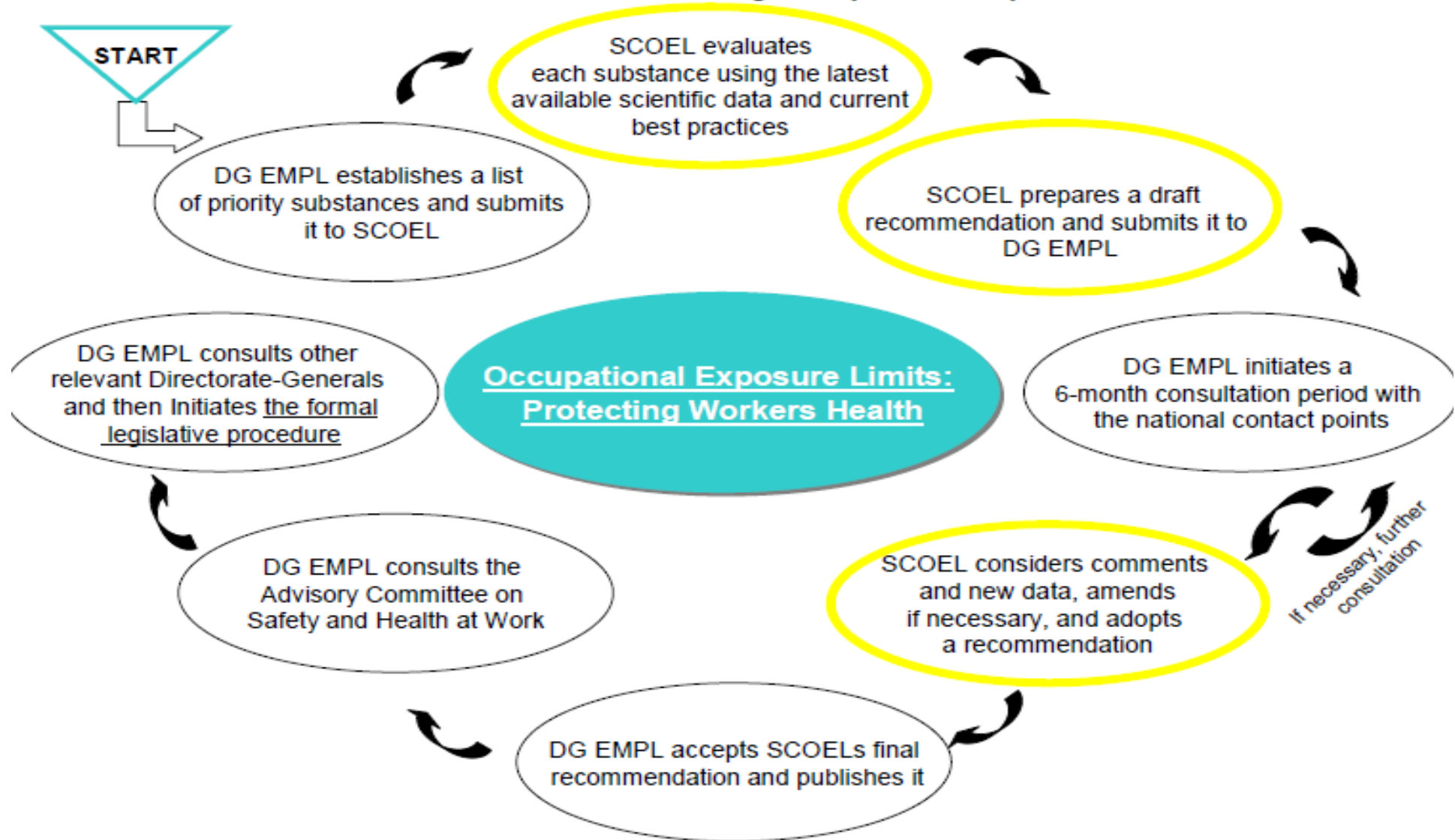


Banned zone (non-acceptable risk)

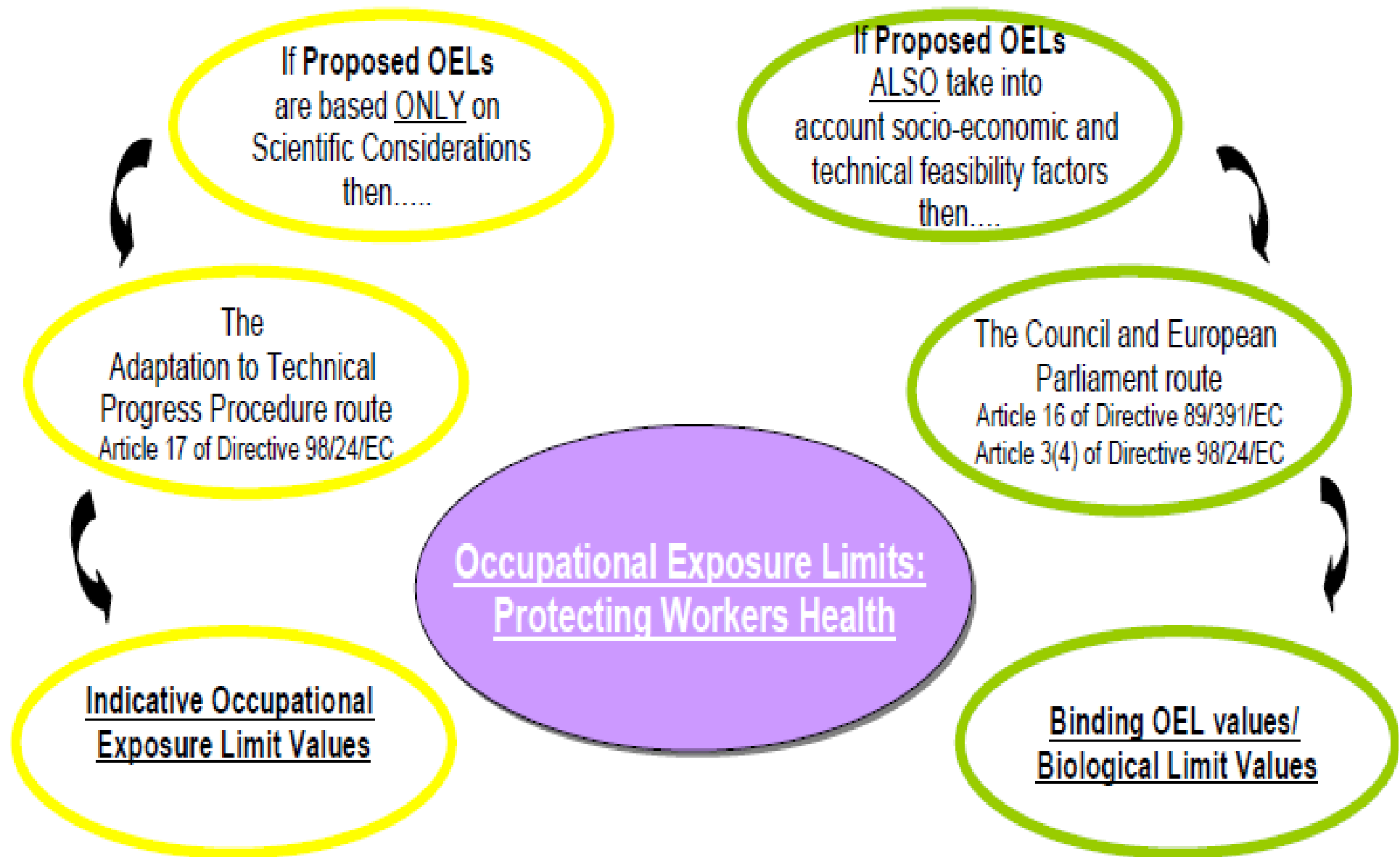


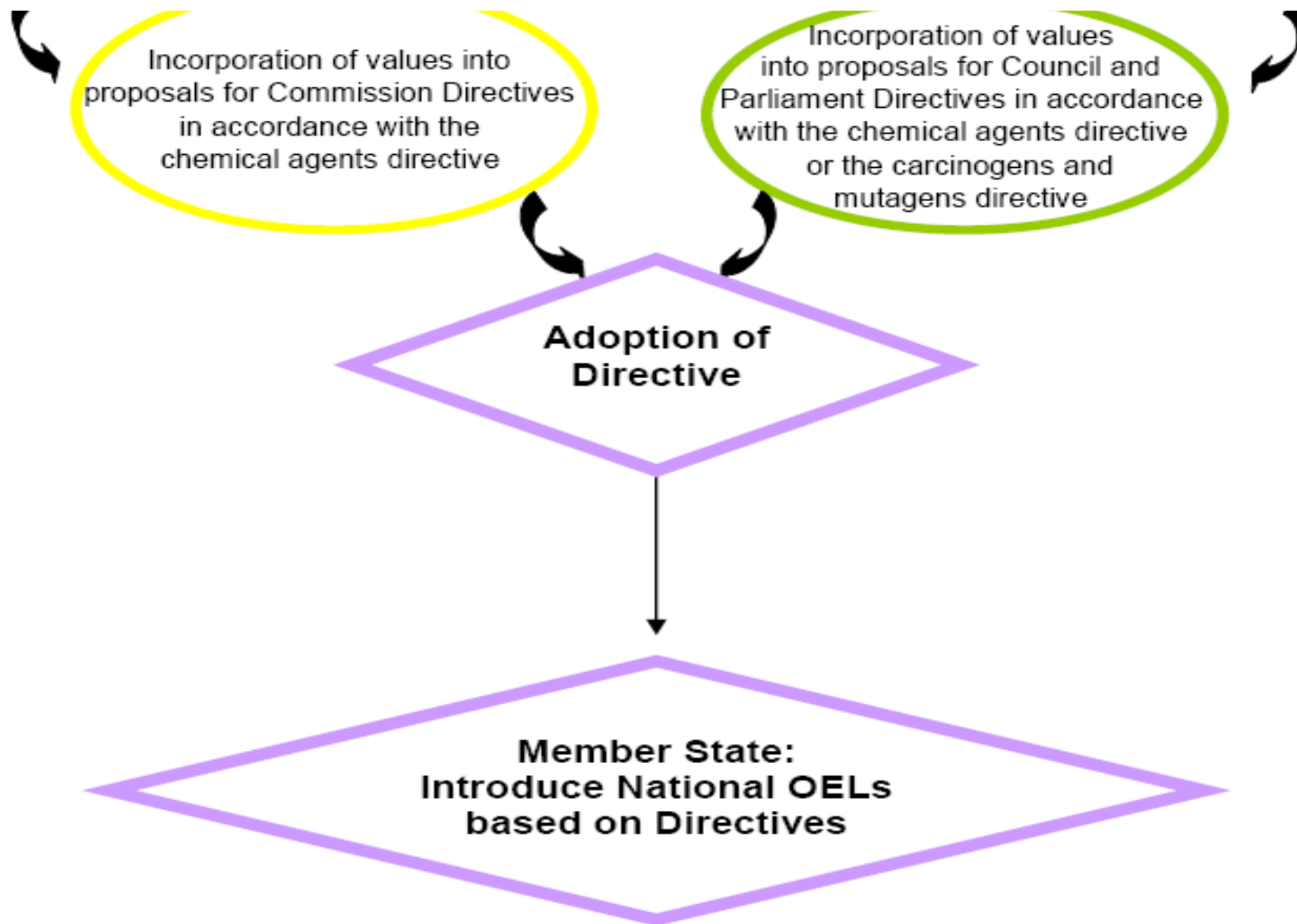
Safe zone (without health effects)

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The Formal Legislative Procedure for developing EU OELs







Updating the OELVs

- Biennial Review
- Review data in Schedule 3
- Transposing EU lists



Current Code of Practice

- August 2007 CoP
- Update -Early 2010 (awaiting approval)
- Notification of Publication



Chemical Agents CoP

"Gives practicable guidance as to the observance of Regulations 4(1)(e), 4(5)(d), 6(1)(c)(d) and (e) and 9(1)(b) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Chemical Agents) Regulations, 2001, S.I. 619 of 2001"



Chemical Agents CoP

- Occupational Exposure Limits (OELV)
Long term/short term
or both
~ 700 Chemical Agents.



Structure of CoP

- Foreword & Introduction
- Definitions, Glossary & Calculations
- Schedule 1 - applicable values.
- Schedule 2 – current changes
- Schedule 3 – proposed changes
- Schedule 4 – List of CAS Nos.



Update for 2010

- Schedule 3 – proposed changes
 - ~60 substances proposed
 - ~30 substances changed.
- References:
 - ACGIH - TLVs
 - EH40/07
 - EU 1st & 2nd IOELV lists



Schedule 2 Content

- Changed National values:
 - 1 value reduced to 5% - **TDI (SEN)**
 - 6 values reduced to 10-25%
 - 2 values reduced to 40-50%
 - 1 value increased
 - 5 STEL values deleted
 - 12 New entrants



Schedule 3 Content

- 70 Proposed changes
 - 5 To be withdrawn because of insufficient data.
 - Proposed values stated.
- Source:
 - ACGIH TLVs -2009.



Schedule 3 Content (con't)

● 3rd List IOELVs

- 1 value is reduced to 5% - **Sulphuric Acid**
- 3 values are reduced to 20%
- 5 values are reduced to 50%
- 1 value is increased - **Methyl acrylate**
- 1 reduced short term value only
- 2 new entries
- 6 existing values unchanged.



Further Changes

- Foreword & Introduction
- REACH
 - CSA
 - DNEL
 - SDS
- CLP
 - Correlation table of Health Haz. Categories.



Further Changes

Definitions/Glossary

- Removed: OES, MEL
- Added: WEL, BOELV, DNEL
- Amended: Sen , C1/2, M1/2, Repro 1/2 (gender and accuracy)
- 2011 Edition – Biological Exposure Indices



National Consultation

- Technical, Scientific Advisory Committee. (TSAC)
 - Committee: DETE, H.S.A. Board, ICTU, SIPTU, IBEC, DEHLG, PCS, IPCMF, EPA.
- Public Consultation
 1. Schedule 3 – 2 years for comment
 2. During update – 1 month for comment



REACH Dimension

- REACH 'Derived No Effect Level' for substances (DNEL).
- Benchmark not an exposure limit.
- > 10 tonnes/year
- DNEL -Risk Management Measures 'the exposure scenario'.
- Exposure scenarios + RMM - SDS



CHEMICAL AGENTS vs REACH

	CHEM. AGENTS	REACH
QUESTION		
Who must assess the Chemical risk?	Employer	Importer/Manufacturer
Which substances?	All haz. Subs. in workplace	>10 tonnes/annum
Requirement ?	Exposure Control at site.	Exposure Scenarios Risk Management Measures - SDS



Future Developments

- Up-date CoP biennially
- REACH CRA's (DNELS) vs. OELS
- Consultation Process
 - Commission/SCOEL
 - Industry
 - Public

Thank You

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