



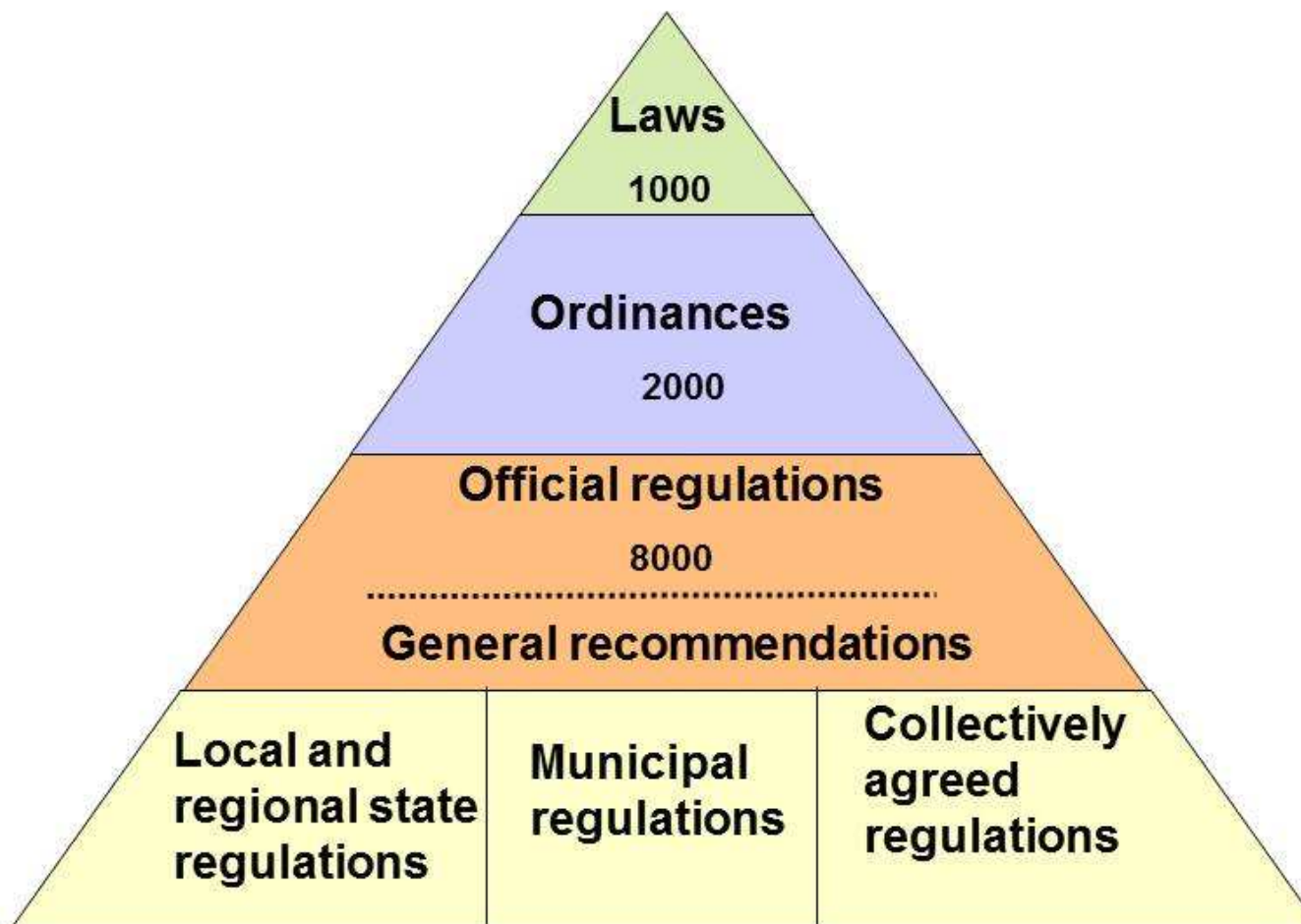
Regelrådet

Swedish Better Regulation Council



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The Swedish Regulatory Pyramid



The Swedish Better Regulation Council - Mandate

- To review proposed regulations affecting the working conditions, competitiveness or other conditions of businesses.
- To assess the quality of the impact assessments
- To follow the Better Regulation agenda and provide advice that can promote cost-conscious and effective regulation, no veto
- To assist committees of inquiry in their work on Impact assessments
- The Council is an independent advisory body, established in 2009

Supplementary Terms of Reference

- The Council's review should be limited to substantial changes
- The Council shall further
 - prioritise the support to the committees of inquiry
 - assist committees of inquiry in their work on Impact assessments
 - assist regulators in reviewing the Impact Assessments on proposals from the EU if requested
 - publish examples of good impact assessments on our website

2006 A new Government – a new action plan

- ✓ A marked positive change in the daily life of a company
- ✓ A 25 percent net target of ad burdens until 2010
- ✓ All business legislation measured
- ✓ Establishment of a Better Regulation Council
- ✓ A new ordinance on Impact Assessments

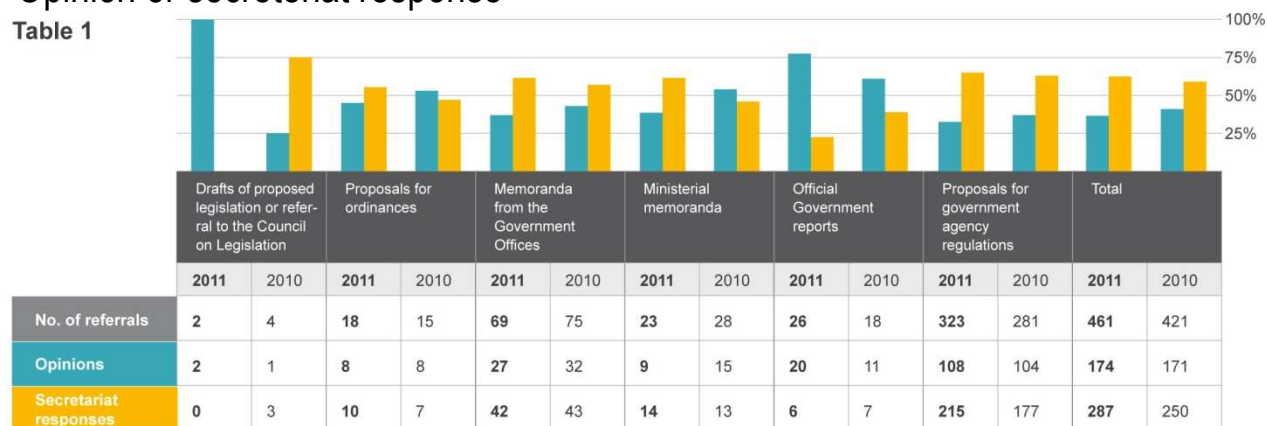
➤ Organisation

- ✓ Four members
- ✓ Four alternate members
- ✓ A secretariat

Operations by numbers 2011

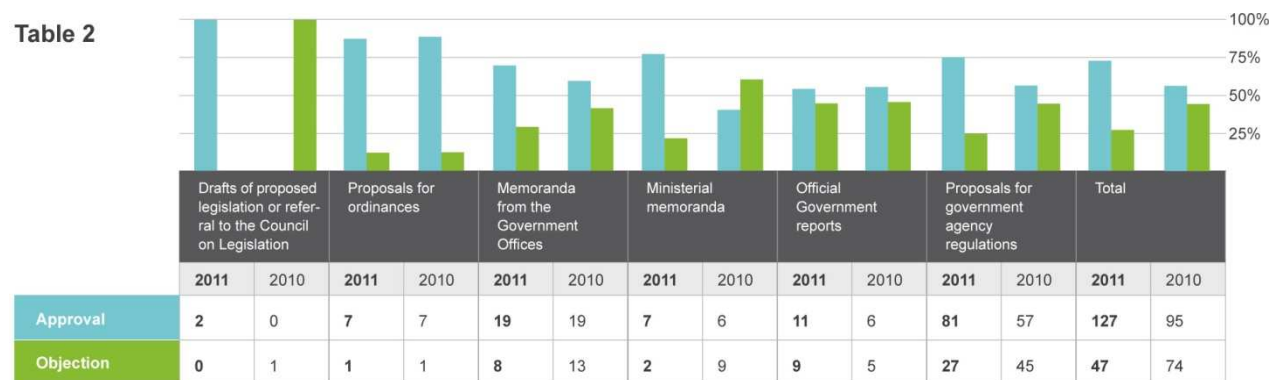
Opinion or secretariat response

Table 1



➤ Approval or objection

Table 2



➤ Approvals/Objections per ministry

Table 3

Ministry	Inside the Government Offices		Outside the Government Offices		Total
	Approval	Objection	Approval	Objection	
The Ministry of Employment	0	0	2	0	2
The Ministry of Finance	9	1	3	2	15
The Ministry of Agriculture	1	0	0	0	1
The Ministry of Justice	4	0	5	1	10
The Ministry of Culture	0	0	1	0	1
The Ministry of Rural Affairs	1	0	1	1	3
The Ministry of the Environment	2	2	0	1	5
The Ministry of Enterprise, Energy, and Communications	9	4	4	2	19
The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs	1	0	2	1	4
The Ministry of Education	1	2	0	3	6
Total	28	9	18	11	66

✓ Approvals/objections per government agency

Table 4

Government agency	Approvals	Objections	Total
Swedish Work Environment Authority	7	0	7
Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning	1	0	1
National Electrical Safety Board	1	1	2
Energy Markets Inspectorate	2	1	3
Swedish Energy Agency	3	0	3
Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority	6	2	8
Swedish Board of Fisheries	1	0	1
Swedish Board of Agriculture	11	1	12
Swedish Chemicals Agency	1	1	2
Swedish Consumer Agency	0	1	1
Swedish National Food Agency	2	0	2
Swedish Medical Products Agency	2	1	3
Swedish Radio and TV Agency	0	1	1
Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency	2	0	2
Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	1	0	1
Swedish Post and Telecom Agency	1	1	2
Supervisory Board of Public Accountants	1	0	1
Swedish National Debt Agency	1	0	1
Swedish National Police Board	0	1	1
Swedish Maritime Administration	2	0	2
Swedish Tax Agency	1	0	1
Swedish Forest Agency	1	0	1
Swedish National Agency for Education	2	4	6
Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare	0	2	2
Statistics Sweden	4	0	4
Swedish Radiation Safety Authority	2	2	4
SWEDAC	1	1	2
Swedish Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency	2	1	3
Swedish Transport Agency	21	6	27
Swedish Customs	2	0	2
	81	27	108

➤ Impact assessments

Table 5



➤ Acceptable/deficient impact assessments per ministry

Table 6

Ministry	Inside the Government Offices		Outside the Government Offices		Total
	Acceptable	Deficient	Acceptable	Deficient	
The Ministry of Employment	0	0	0	2	2
The Ministry of Finance	5	5	3	2	15
The Ministry of Agriculture	1	0	0	0	1
The Ministry of Justice	2	2	3	3	10
The Ministry of Culture	0	0	0	1	1
The Ministry of Rural Affairs	0	1	1	1	3
The Ministry of the Environment	1	3	0	1	5
The Ministry of Enterprise, Energy, and Communications	4	9	2	4	19
The Ministry of Health and Social Affairs	1	0	1	2	4
The Ministry of Education	1	2	1	2	6
	15	22	11	18	66

➤ Acceptable/deficient impact assessments per government agency

Table 7

Government agency	Acceptable	Deficient	Total
Swedish Work Environment Authority	4	3	7
Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning	1	0	1
National Electrical Safety Board	0	2	2
Energy Markets Inspectorate	1	2	3
Swedish Energy Agency	1	2	3
Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority	5	3	8
Swedish Board of Fisheries	0	1	1
Swedish Board of Agriculture	6	6	12
Swedish Chemicals Agency	0	2	2
Swedish Consumer Agency	0	1	1
Swedish National Food Agency	1	1	2
Swedish Medical Products Agency	2	1	3
Swedish Radio and TV Agency	0	1	1
Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency	0	2	2
Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	1	0	1
Swedish Post and Telecom Agency	0	2	2
Supervisory Board of Public Accountants	1	0	1
Swedish National Debt Agency	0	1	1
Swedish National Police Board	0	1	1
Swedish Maritime Administration	1	1	2
Swedish Tax Agency	1	0	1
Swedish Forest Agency	1	0	1
Swedish National Agency for Education	1	5	6
Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare	0	2	2
Statistics Sweden	4	0	4
Swedish Radiation Safety Authority	2	2	4
SWEDAC	0	2	2
Swedish Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency	2	1	3
Swedish Transport Agency	12	15	27
Swedish Customs	0	2	2
	47	61	108

➤ Operations by numbers 2011- a conclusion

- The Council has received 461 submissions including proposals and impact assessments.
- 174 caused an opinion by the Council
- 73% approvals
- 42 % of the impact assessments were considered acceptable

➤ Council Report 2011 - Conclusions

- The need for review is extensive
- Proposals have seldom been reworked
- The work with impact assessments must occur early in the lawmaking process
- The perception is that the quality of the impact assessments has gradually improved
- Some improvement of the quality of proposed legislation but it takes time to change the regulators' attitudes and manners
- Everyone participating in the EU legislative process must call for good impact assessments.
- An independent watchdog at EU level is needed.

Recommendations to the Government Offices and other regulators

Make sure that:

- enough time and resources are set aside for the impact assessment effort
- continual training programmes are conducted in writing good statutes and impact assessments
- the support and advice of the Council in preparing impact assessments is utilised
- the Council's opinions are considered during the lawmaking process
- acceptable impact assessments are prepared during the legislative process at the EU level
- the European Commission's action programme to reduce administrative costs for businesses is renewed
- the EU lawmaking process is subject to independent review
- those who participate in the negotiating phase of EU legal documents keep the possible consequences for Swedish businesses in mind

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