



Administrative simplification and regulatory quality:
The experience of the private sector

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# Regulation, 1990-2000 (I)

#### Deregulation and privatisation

- > Releasing assets; improving consumer choice
- > Attracting investment into network utilities
- Technological change: logistics and telecommunications

#### The public interest

- Oversight institutions matter
- Agencies and questions of design, sequencing
- > The technical-political relation



## Regulation, 1990-2000 (II)

#### The first set of crises:

- > Korea
- Japan
- Mexico
- UK, Scandinavia
- Resilience; flexibility; non-inflationary growth; integrated markets

#### The OECD:

- > 1995 Checklist
- > 1997 Recommendations
- > The reviews begin
- Leadership is critical



## Regulation since 2000

- Markets need more, not less regulation
- The competitiveness agenda avoiding the race to the bottom
- Legal clarity, economic criteria
- Target sectors where change will do the most good but opposition can be strong
- > The regulatory stock and the red tape agenda

#### The OECD:

- ➤ 20 Reviews 2005 Guiding Principles
- APEC-OECD Integrated Checklist (2005)
- Co-operation in the Middle East and North Africa
- Regulatory Policy Committee created (2009)
- Indicators (1998, 2003, 2008): progress in form, but in practice?
- The challenge of a horizontal approach



## Regulation after 2010 (I)

- Lessons of experience
  - Adopt a user focus
  - Mainstream good regulatory policy
  - Capacity-building in line ministries
  - > Multi-level issues for coherence, results
- The Crisis of 2008
  - Regulatory gaps regulatory certainty
  - Regulations as the policy instrument in era of fiscal constraint
  - Low public trust means more, not less, regulation



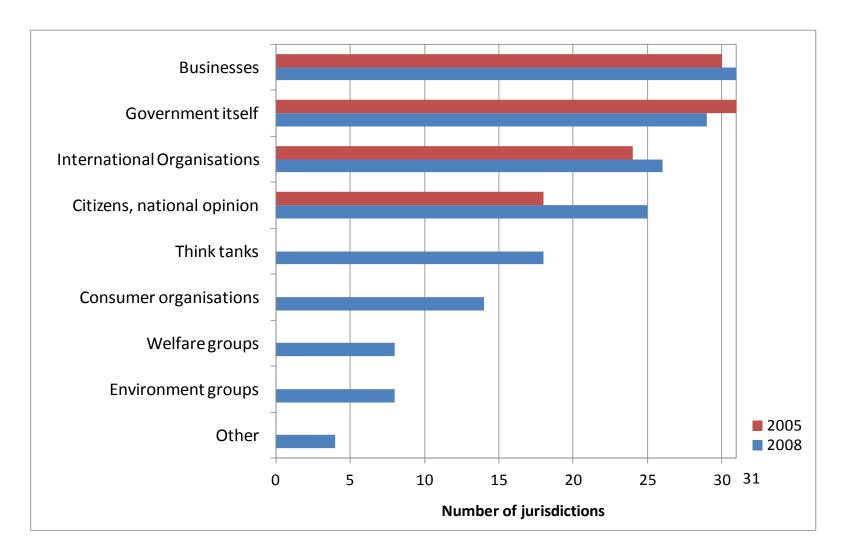
## Regulation after 2010 (II)

### Challenges

- ➤ International regulatory co-operation
- Assessing costs and benefits of regulation (ex-ante, ex-post)
- Alternatives to regulation
- ➤ Evidence-based decision-making RIA, policy coherence, risk management
- Communicating the benefits of reform



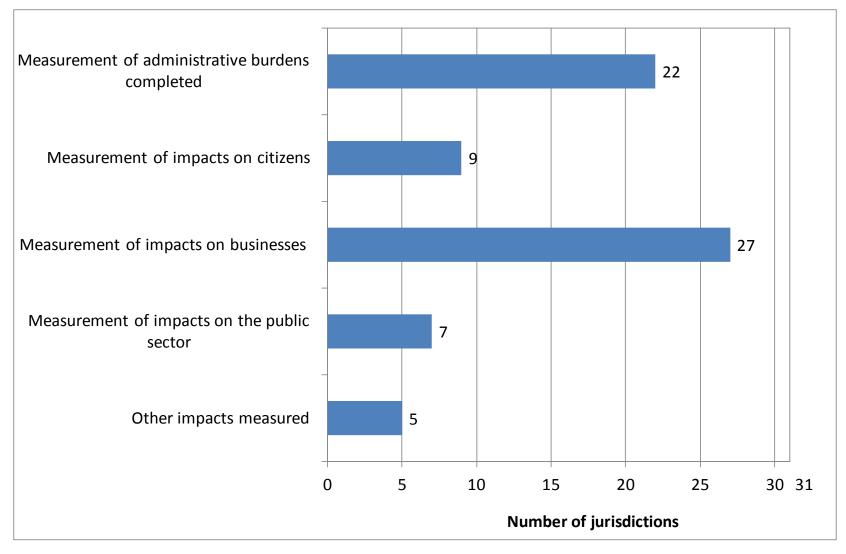
# Drivers for reform 2005 and 2008



Source: Question 1 ci),cii),ciii),civ),cv),cvi),cvii), cviii), cix), cx) 2008 OECD Indicators Questionnaire.



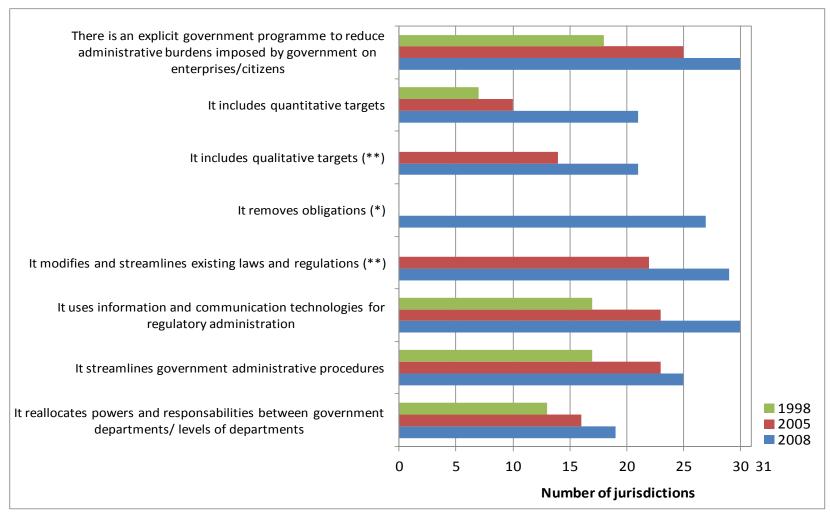
# Measurement of administrative burdens and groups targeted, 2008



Notes: Data presented for the 30 OECD member countries and the European Union. Source: OECD Regulatory Management Systems' Indicators Survey 2008, www.oecd.org/regreform/indicators.



# Reducing administrative burdens 1998, 2005 and 2008



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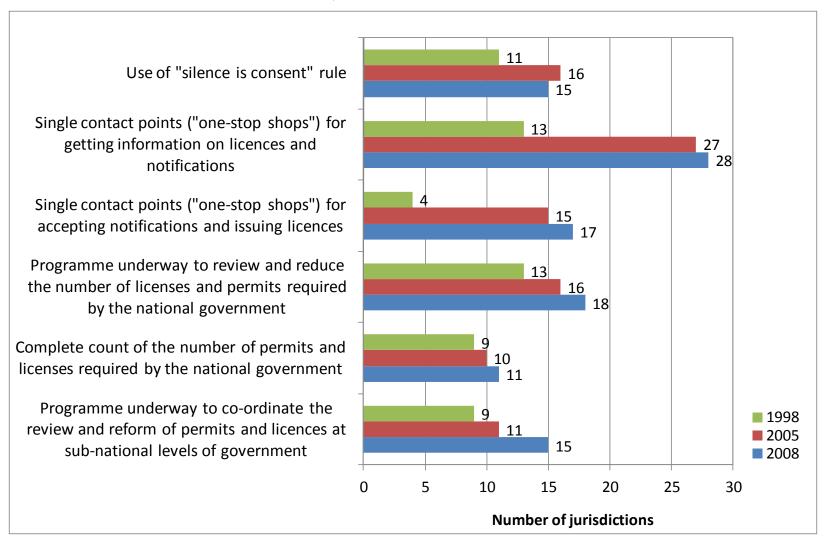
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## **Business Licences and Permits**

1998, 2005 and 2008



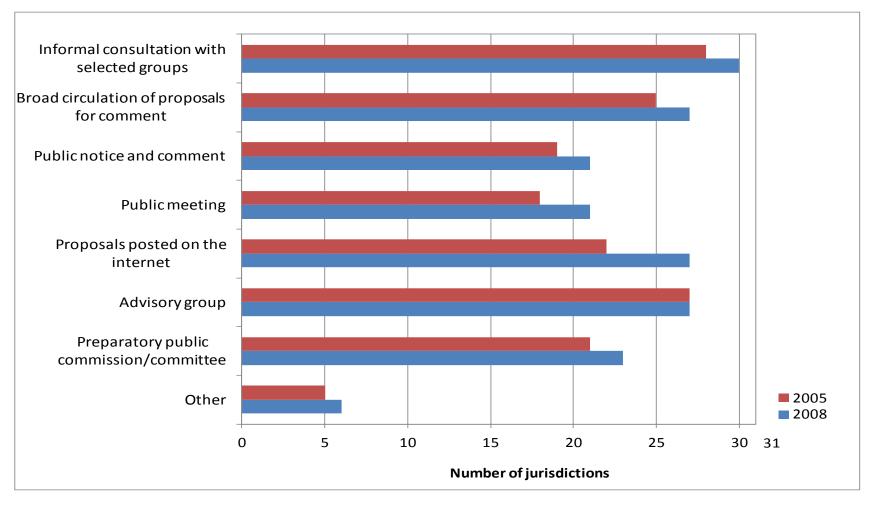
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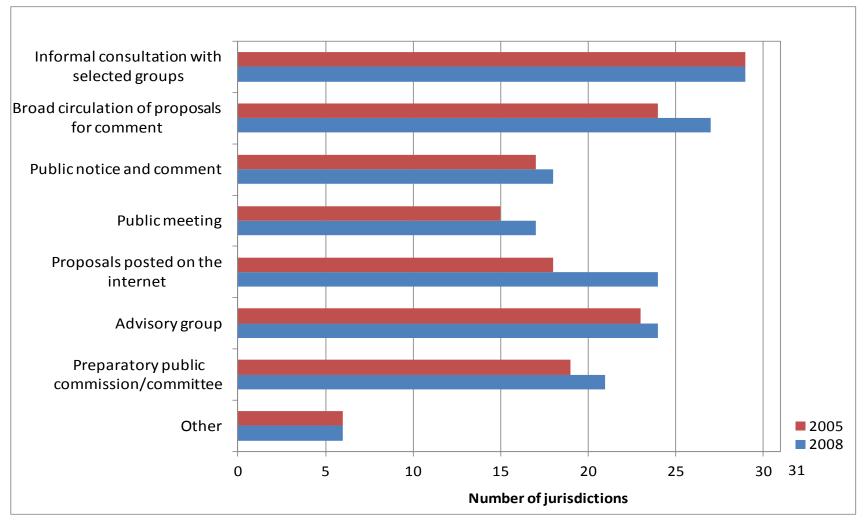


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# Forms of public consultation routinely used at the central government level: Subordinate regulations

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