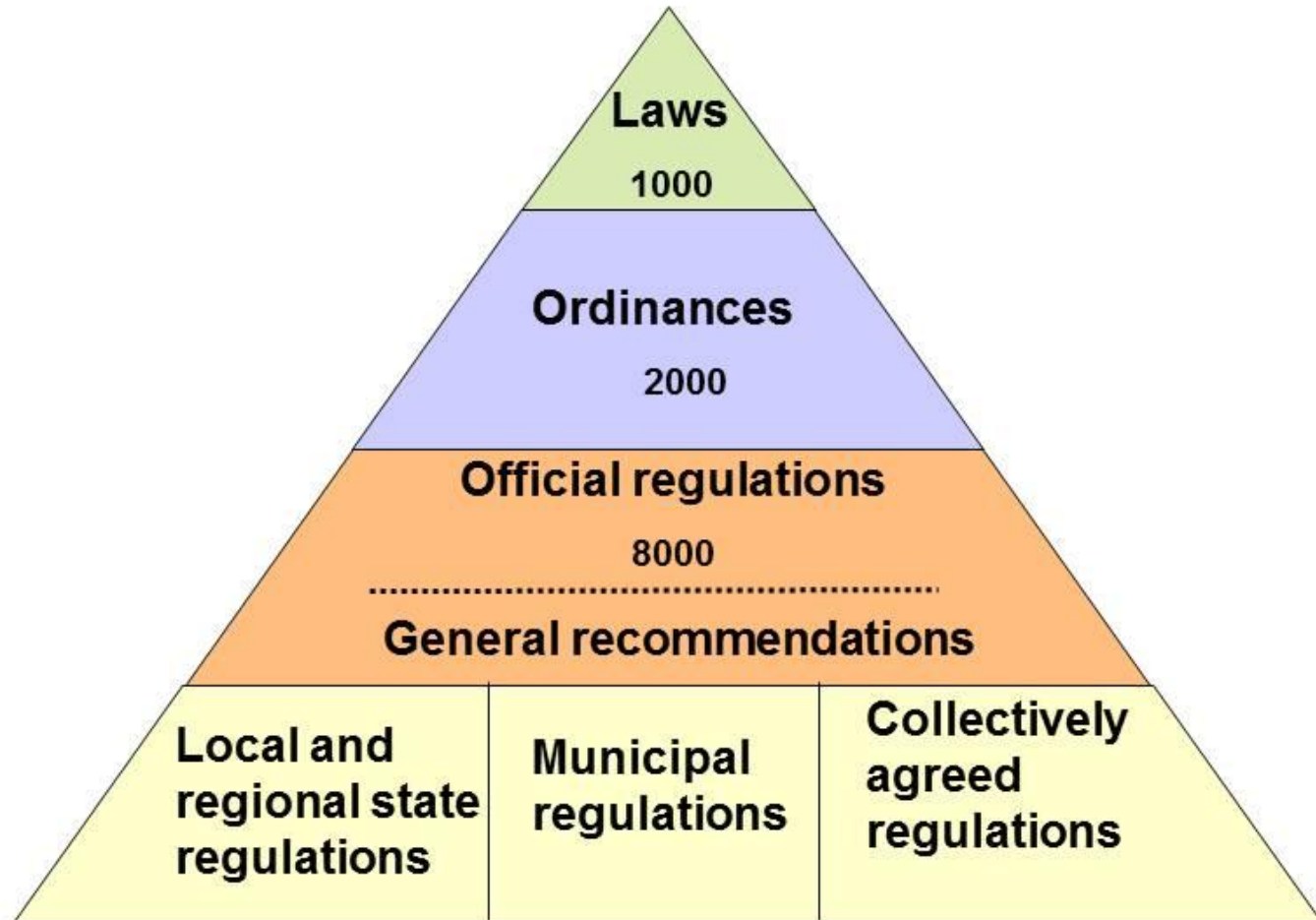


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Swedish Better Regulation Council

Source: SAF

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

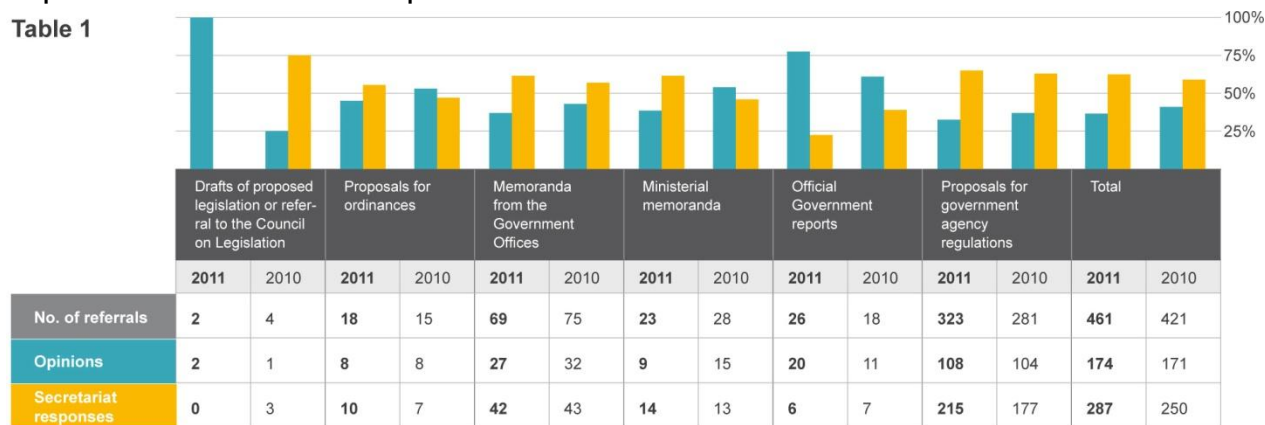
➤ Organisation

- ✔ Four members
- ✔ Four alternate members
- ✔ A secretariat

Operations by numbers 2011

Opinion or secretariat response

Table 1



➤ Approval or objection



➤ 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 |

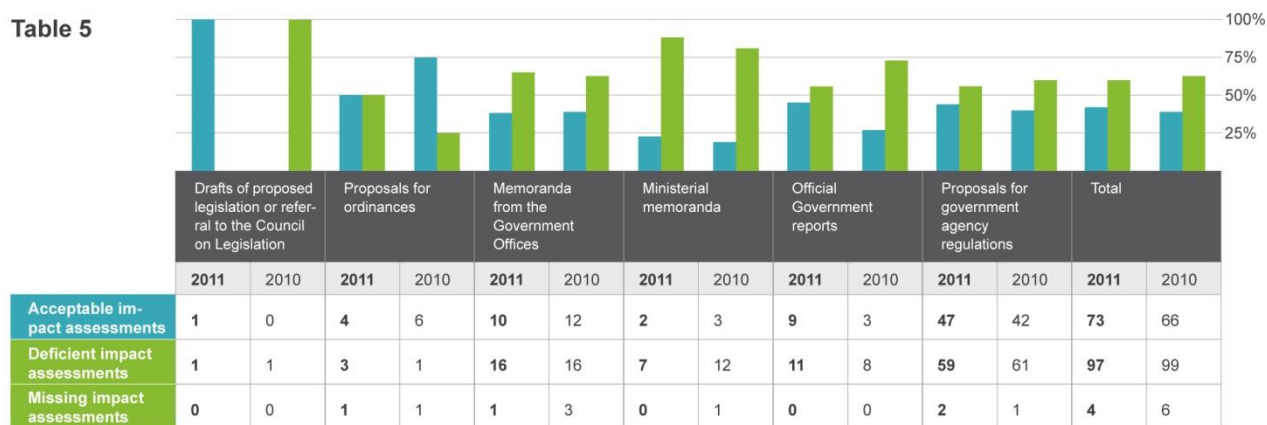
Approvals/objections per government agency

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 |
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| 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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