



Australian Government
Department of Agriculture

Use of ePing for improving incoming notifications workflows The case of Australia



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The Presentation

- How the system was set up
- How the system works
- Communication flows (WTO members, enquiry point, private sector)
- Adding Value
- Constraints
- Capacity Building
- Using ePing

Australia



23.3 million
people

7,692 thousand
sq km

Free from many
pest and animal
diseases

Export over two
thirds of
agriculture

How the system was set up

- Australia joined the WTO in 1995 (from being a member of the GATT) and signed onto the SPS agreement.
- Put the two functions of the National Notification Authority and the Enquiry Point together in an 'SPS contact point' in the Department of Agriculture.
- Established procedures for the enquiry point and invited stakeholders to receive our distribution of other members' notifications.
- Sent our first notification in July 1995 (and since then 351)

Responsibilities:

SPS

National Notification Authority
National Enquiry Point
(contact point)

TBT

National Notification Authority
National Enquiry Point

Department:

Australian Department of
Agriculture and Water Resources

Australian Department of
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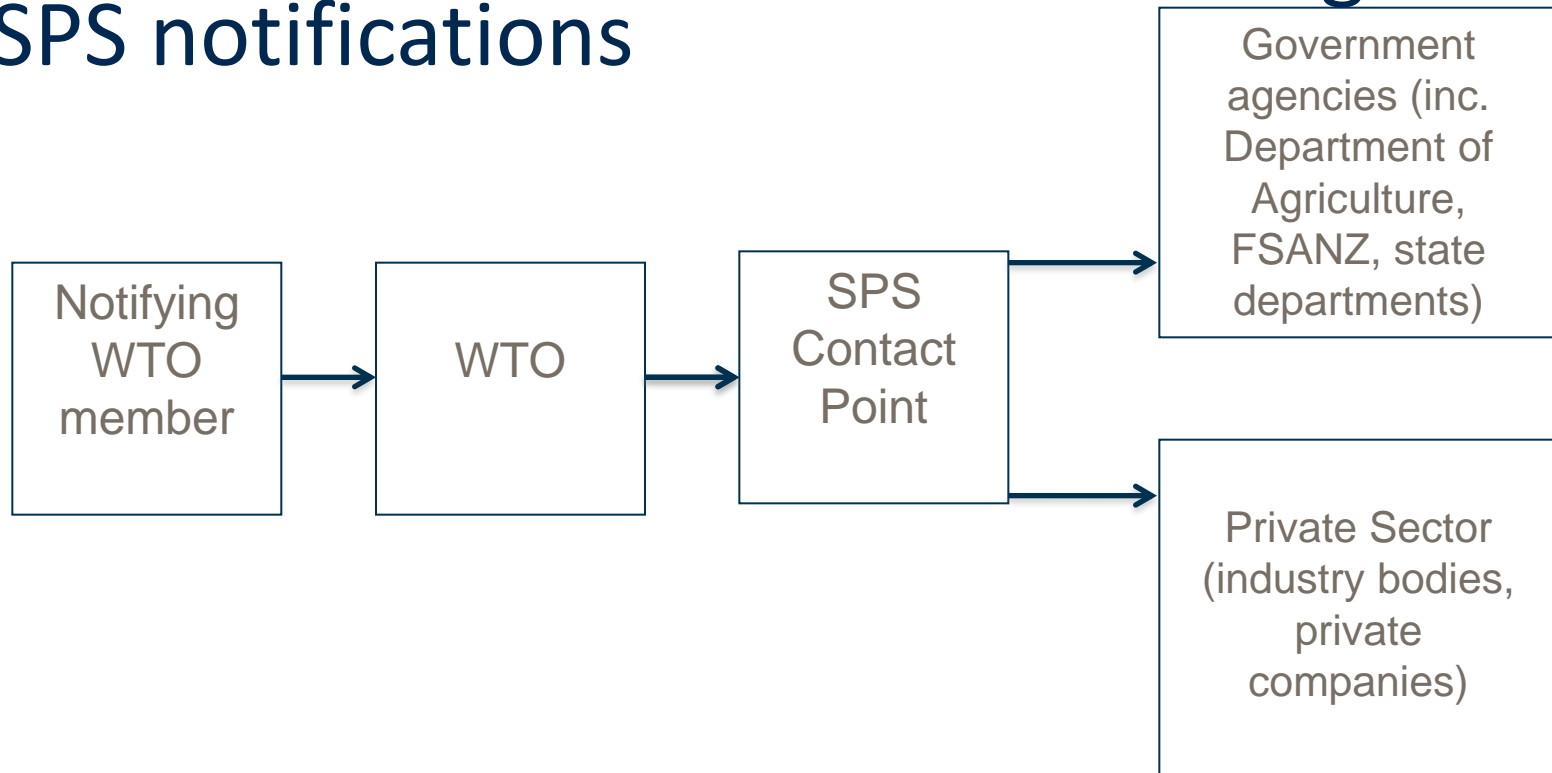
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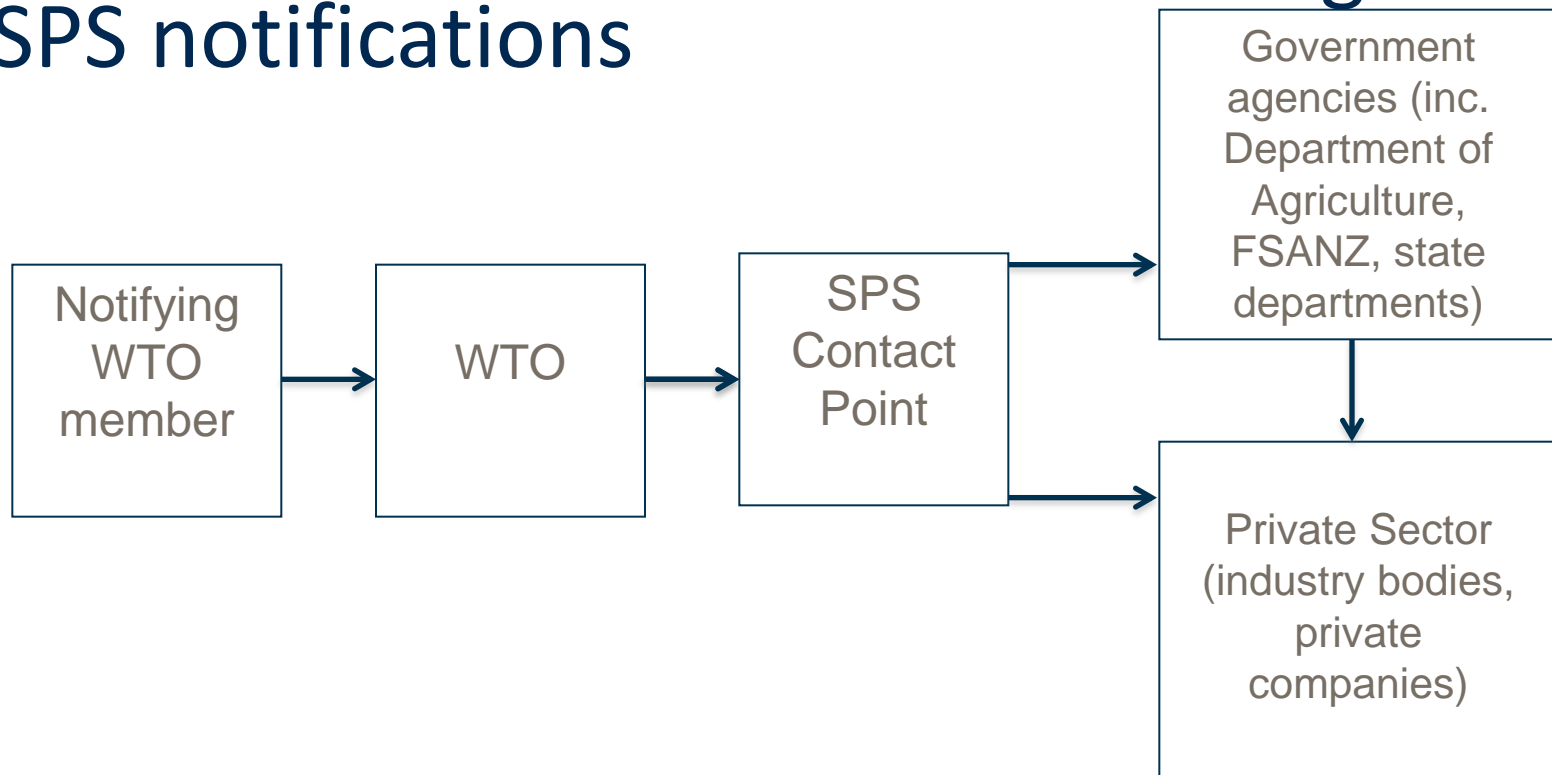
Communication flows - Distributing SPS notifications



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The World Trade Organization (WTO) has circulated Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) notifications for information or comment.

Click on the hyperlinks in the table to open the notifications:

EN = English ES = Spanish FR = French

Notifying Country	Notification Symbol	Link	Title / summary	Comments due / Notification type
Australia	G/SPS/N/AUS/351	EN	Biosecurity advice notifying stakeholders of the commencement of a review of import conditions for fresh ginger from Fiji . Advice notice includes details of the terms of reference for conduct of the review.	19/12/2014
European Union	G/SPS/N/EU/106/Corr.1	EN	Maximum residue levels for amidosulfuron, fenhexamid, kresoxim-methyl, thiacloprid and trifloxystrobin in or Cereals, foodstuffs of animal origin and certain products of plant origin, including fruit and vegetables.	NA - Correction to link
Japan	G/SPS/N/JPN/377	EN	Amendment to the Enforcement Ordinance of the Food Sanitation Law and the Standards and Specifications for Foods and Food Additives . Authorization of Canthaxanthin as food additives and establishment of standards and specifications.	
Mexico	G/SPS/N/MEX/271	ES	Currently in Spanish: Requisitos fitosanitarios para la importación de bulbos de Eucomis spp., originarios y procedentes de Estados Unidos de América Google Translate: Phytosanitary requirements for	17/01/2015

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regeneration			<p>restriction on import or products from Canada</p> <p>mentioned in point 3 due to the detection of prohibited and harmful substances in 2014 including ractopamine findings. Products include: pork by-products; edible flours of meat or meat by-products; pork fat; prepared pork products</p>	Emergency Measure
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Obtaining the full text of a notification: the full text is usually provided through a link on the notification. If no link is included, or if the full text is not available in English, please let us know by reply email.

Obtaining a notification in English: for notifications which are initially released in French or Spanish, the WTO provides an English version within two weeks. To check if the English version is available, wait one-two weeks, and copy the notification symbol into the [notification search](#), the search provides the notification in available languages. In the meantime you can use a translator like [Google Translate](#).

Making comment: if you feel a notification warrants an official comment from the Australian Government, please let us know by reply email. We require your comments one week before the due date.

Requiring an extension: an extension can be requested and should be sought early with supporting justification, if you require an extension please let us know by reply email.

Looking for further information on the WTO SPS agreement: visit www.agriculture.gov.au/market-access-trade/spa

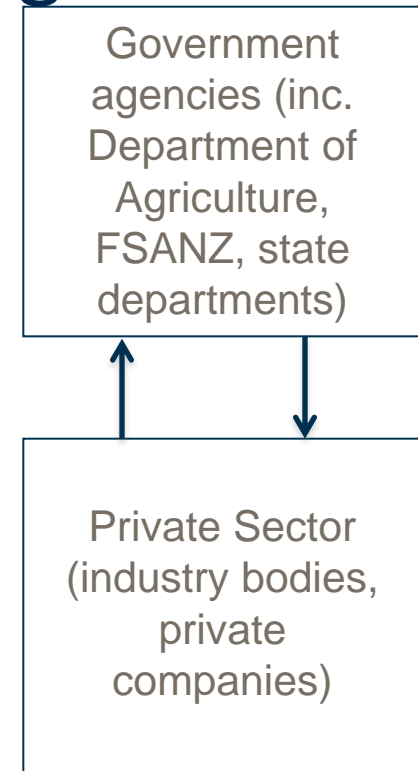
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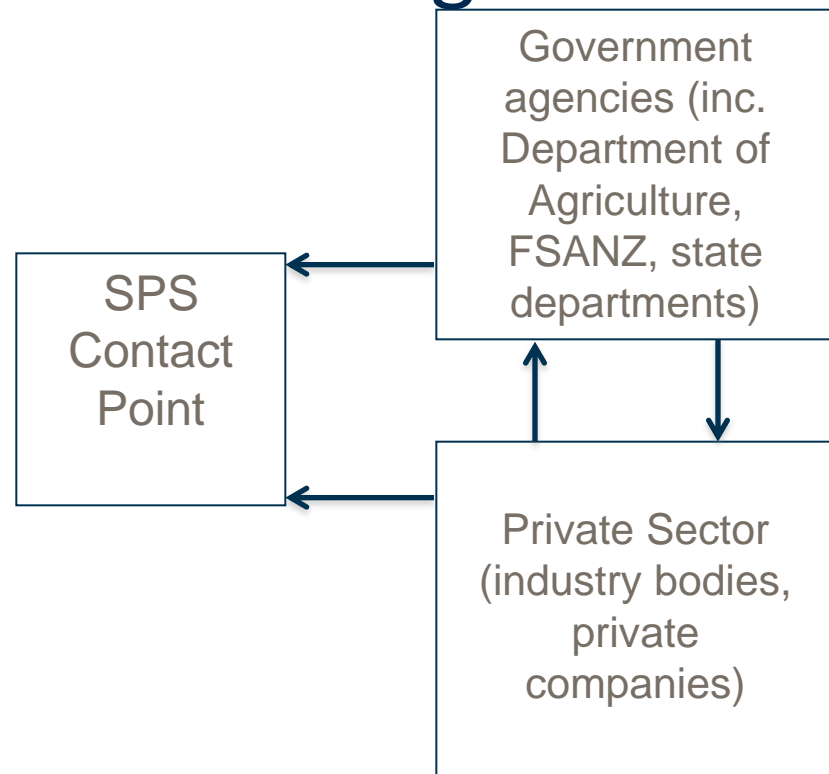
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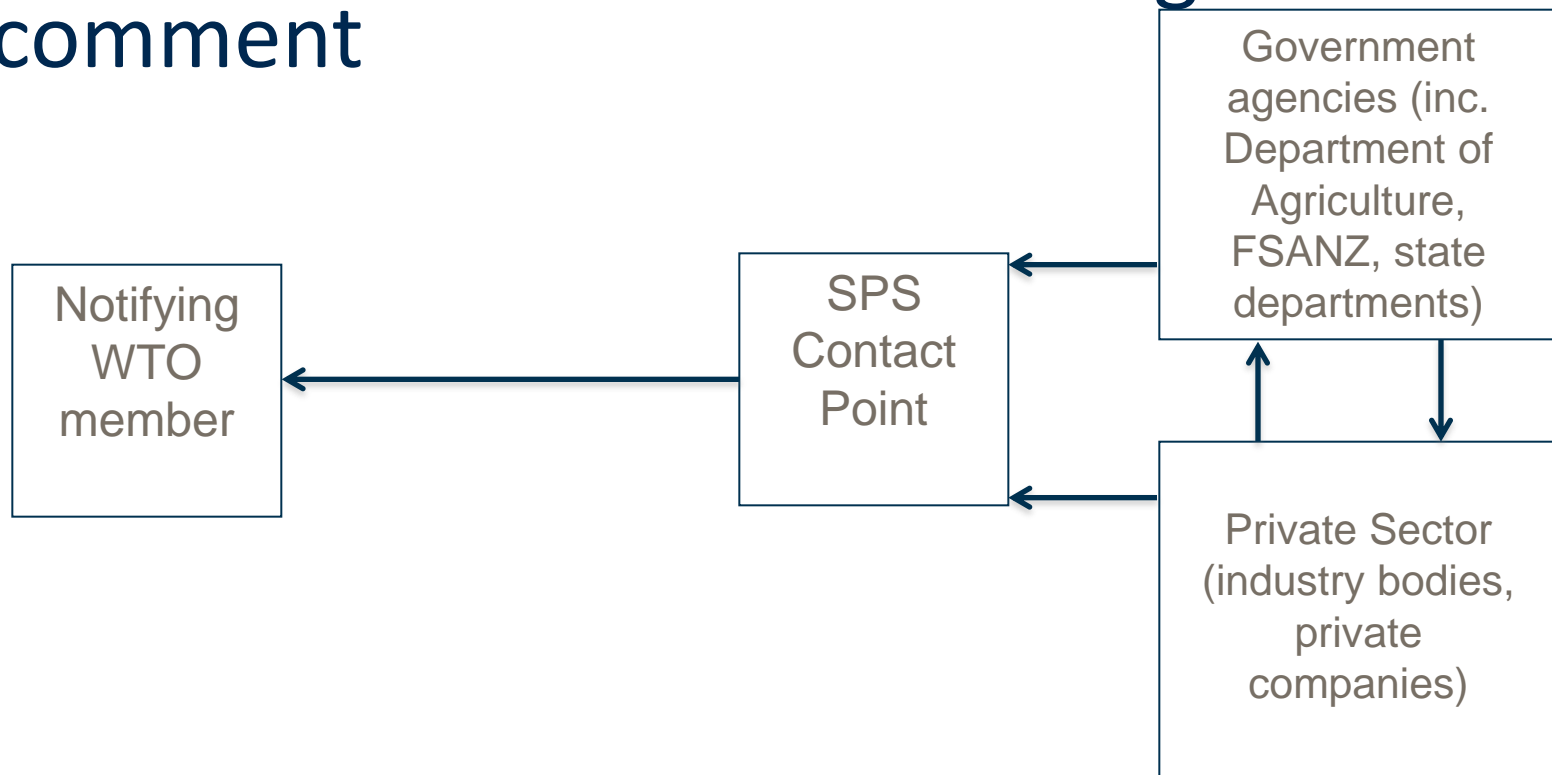
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Adding Value

Provide **summaries of notifications** in a table with comments deadline

Provide **Google translations** of notification titles

Send **requests for full texts** and translations to notifying member

Liaise with other countries for translations

Review (quality control) and send official Australian comments

Other roles

- Coordinate briefing across the department for the WTO Committees on SPS measures and TBTs: specific trade concerns and bilateral meetings in the margins
- Attend consultative committees on emergency plant and animals pests and diseases
- Prepare and coordinate input into other agricultural matters in the WTO (e.g. domestic support and subsidies)

Constraints

Notifications are not filtered by commodity or country

Comment period (usually 60 days)

Foreign language notifications and full texts

Response time on Australia's comments

Capacity building to other enquiry points

Presentations and training: Overseas workshops and visiting delegations

SPS enquiry point mentoring programme: Ukraine and Mauritius

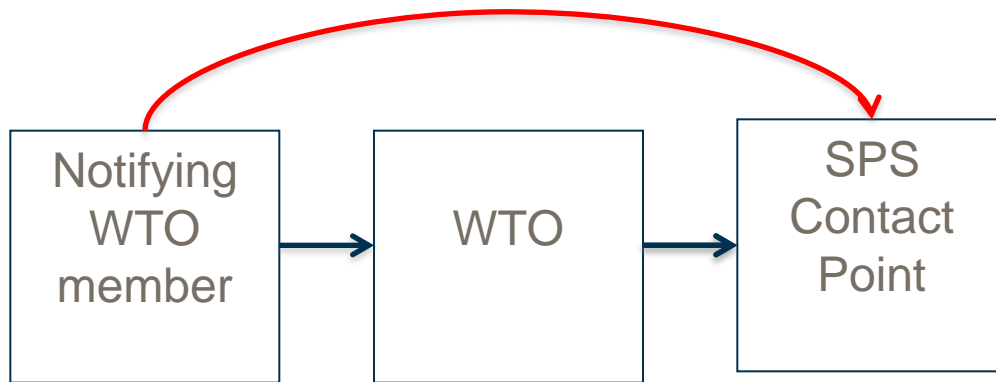
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Use of ePing

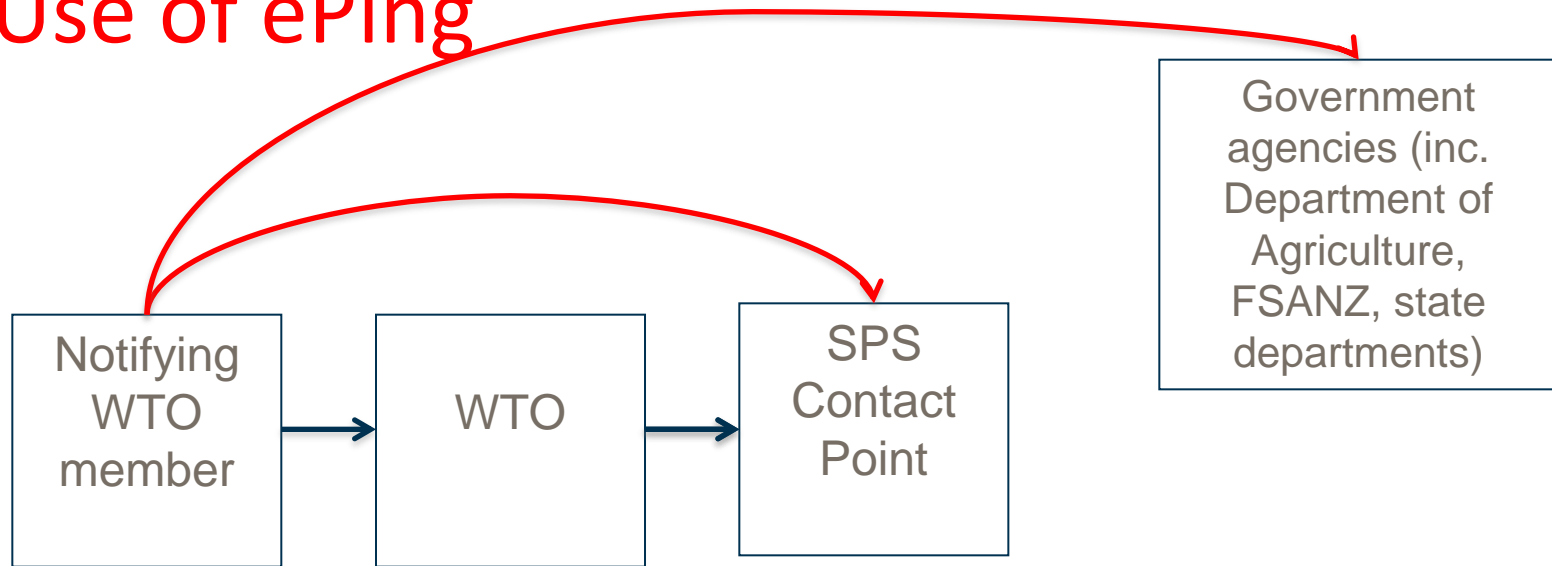
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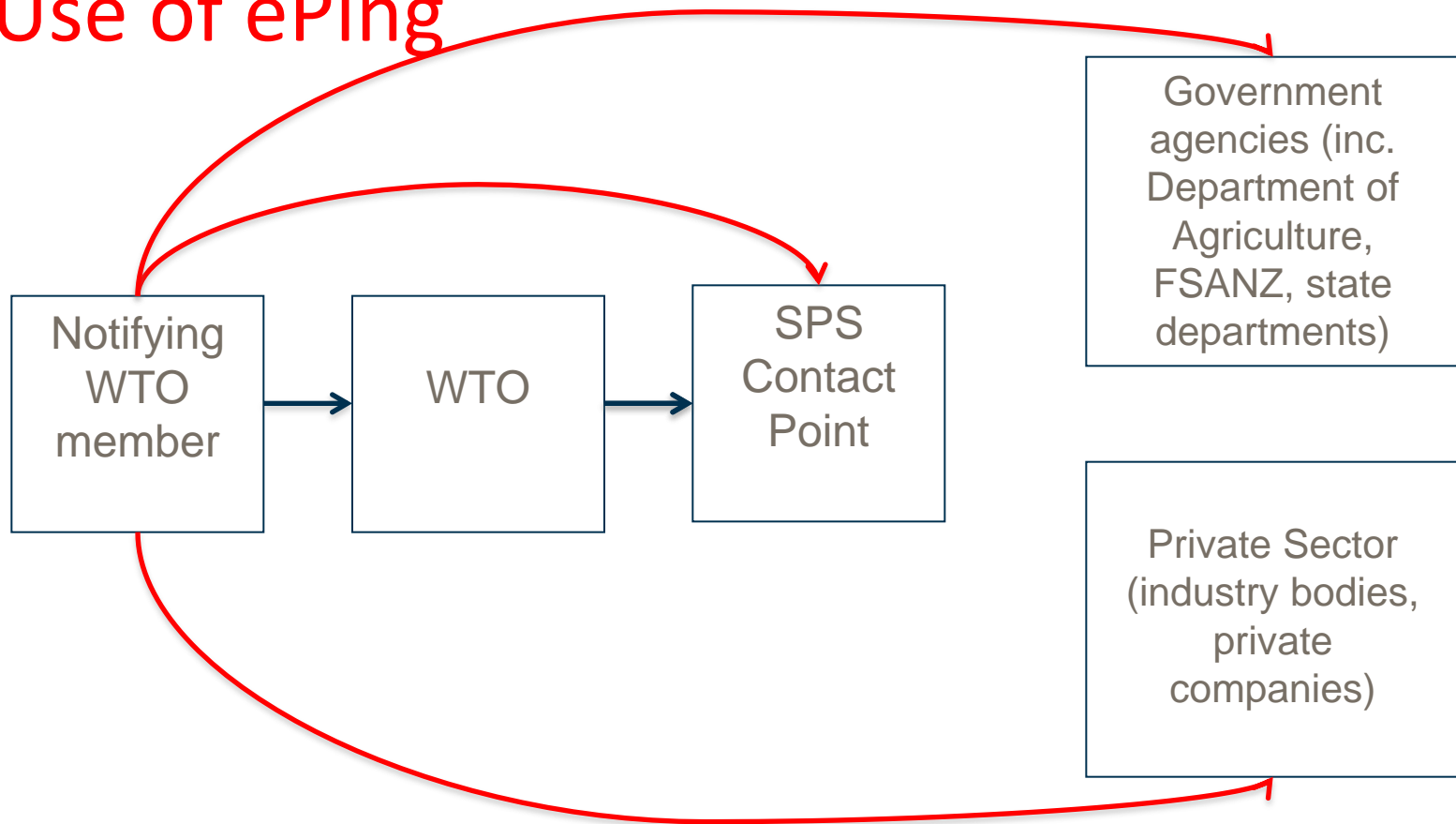
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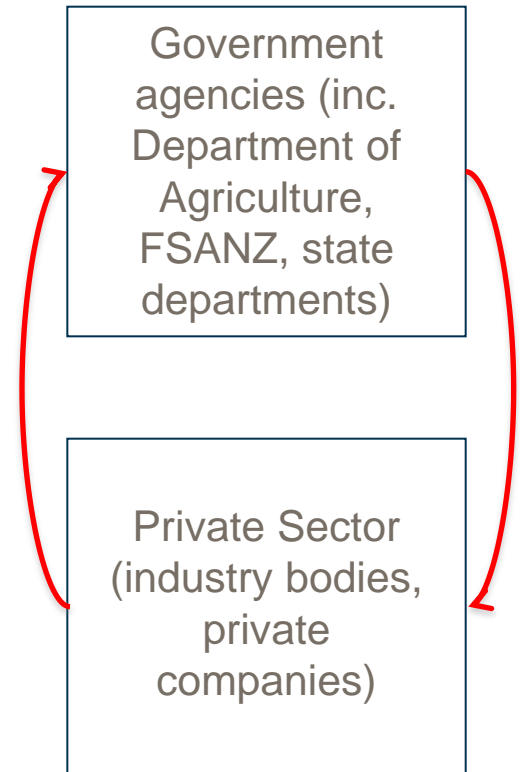
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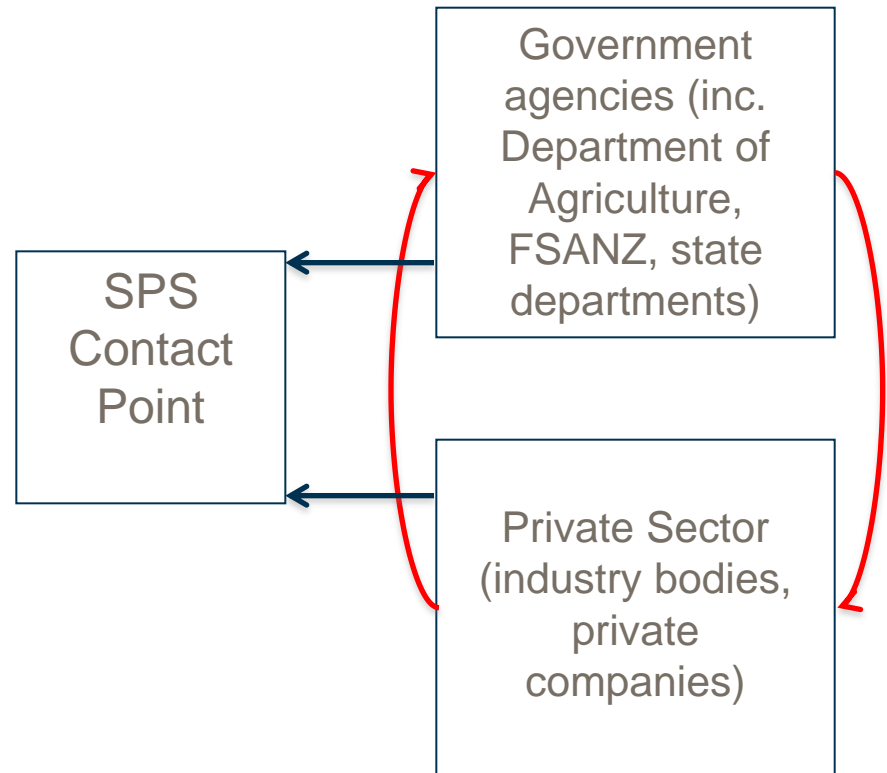
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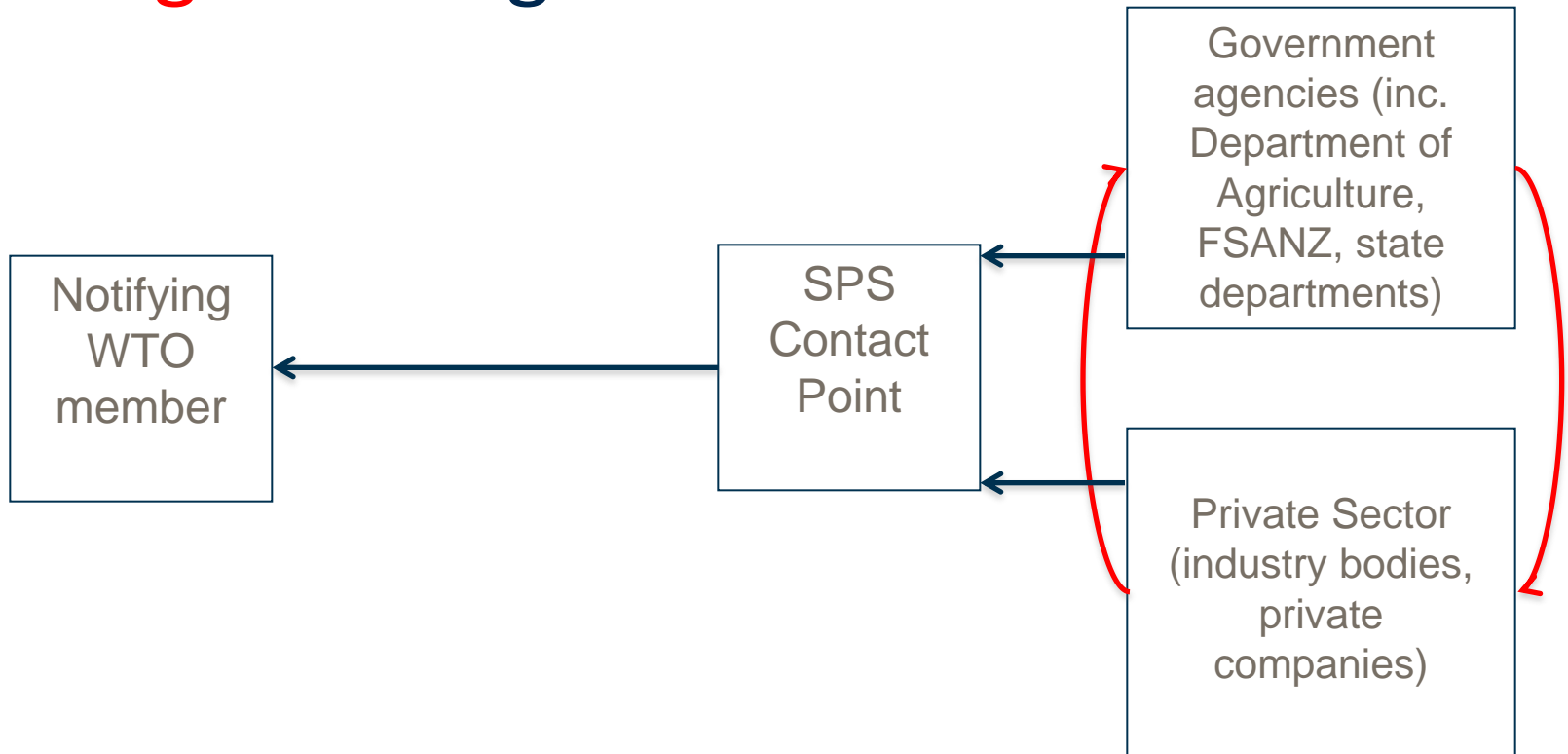
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ePing in Australia

Now – Australian Government

Internal Website - information

Training to Regional/Bilateral affairs

Training to Industry/Product specific areas

ePing in Australia

Later – Training for the Private Sector

Information on external websites

Training to industry bodies

Training to private sector

Cooperation with trading partners

ePing in other countries

Developing enquiry points

Contact lists (interested organisations)

Sharing notifications (government and private sector)

Feedback from the private sector

Thank you

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