



5th IP Case Law Conference

29 - 30 April 2024

**STRIVING FOR PREDICTABILITY: 10 YEARS OF
EUIPO GUIDELINES**

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History

2003-2013



June 2014



Manual



Guidelines

Guidelines

The EUIPO's current trade mark and design practice is reflected in a series of Guidelines for Examination that are intended to help both our users and our staff in charge of the various procedures.



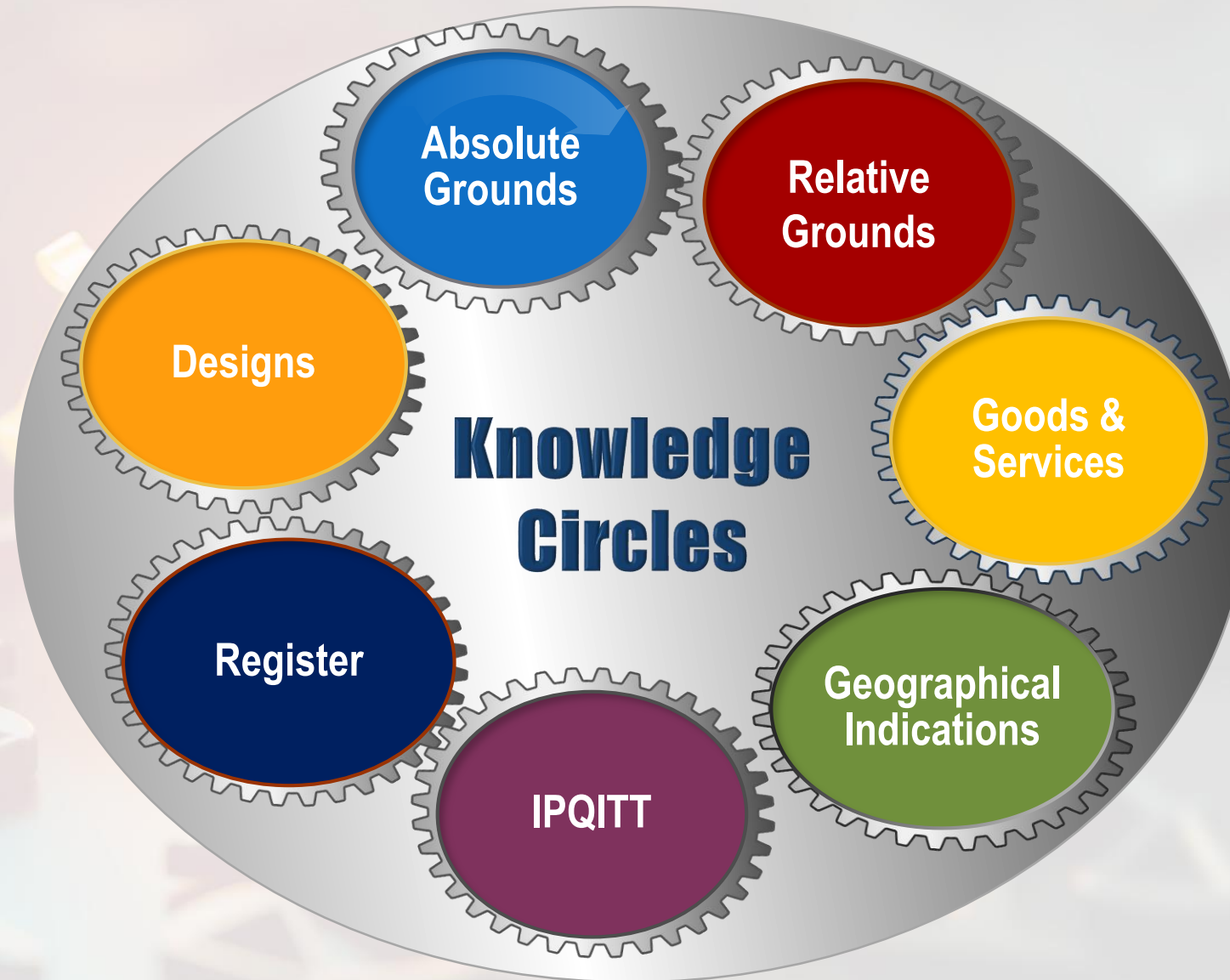
Trade mark guidelines

Guidelines for examination of European Union trade marks



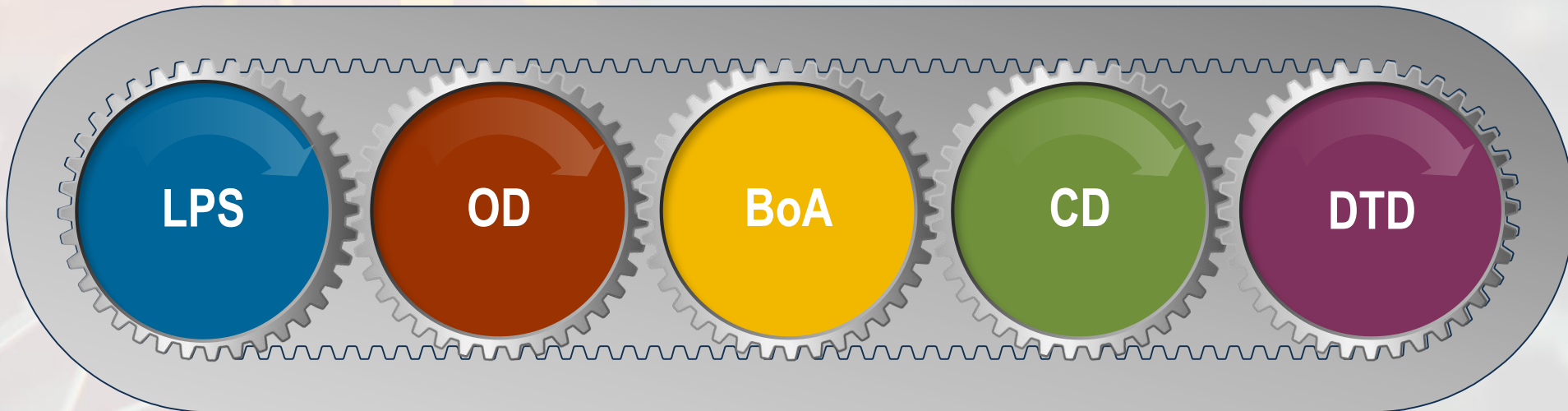
Design guidelines

Guidelines for examination of registered Community designs



IP Knowledge Circles

Fostering collaboration across Departments



Sources of Practice

Law

CJEU
Case Law

BoA
Decisions

BoA
Consistency
Reports

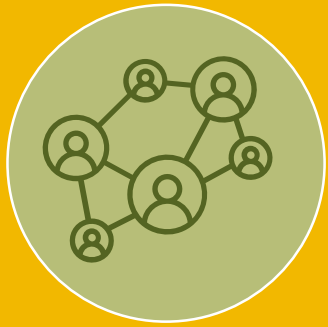
EIPN
Common
Practices

Customer
Feedback

Quality
Controls

Examiner
Queries

Collaboration with the Boards of Appeal [BoA]



**KC
Participation**



**Collaboration
with BoA
Litigation Unit**



**BoA
Consistency
Reports**



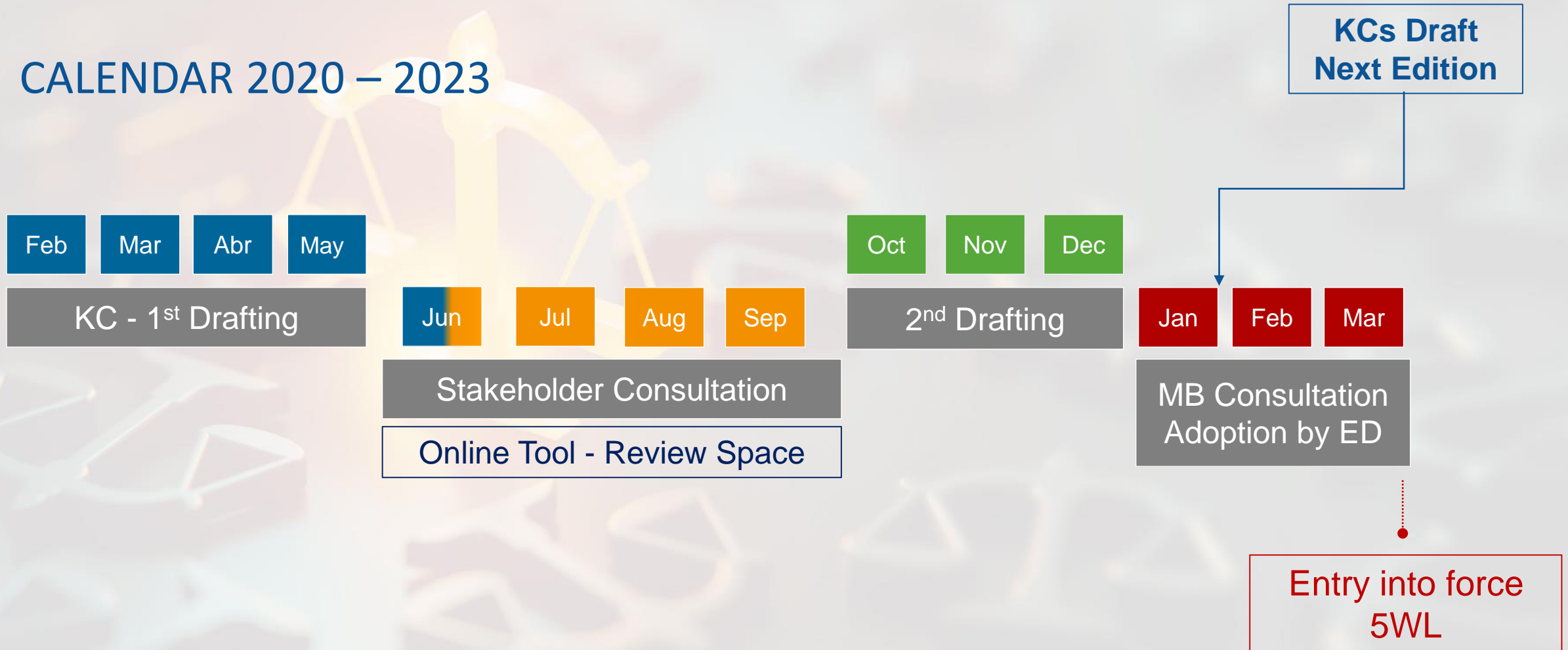
**ED Questions
to the
Grand Board**

Art. 157 EUTMR & 29 DR



Revision Cycle

CALENDAR 2020 – 2023



Stakeholder Consultation

2013-2023

3.200

Comments

**EU
Institutions**

**User
Groups**

**GI
Producers**

**National
Offices**

Academia

Function and Purpose

ED Decision ADM-21-24
Integral Quality Framework

Guidelines

Unique Source of Office Practice

GOAL

Legal Compliance

- Legal Obligation
- Efficiency Gains
- Improved Timeliness
- Compliant IT Tools

✓ KPI - Confirmation Rate

Predictability

- Better Quality Applications
- Lower Objection Rates

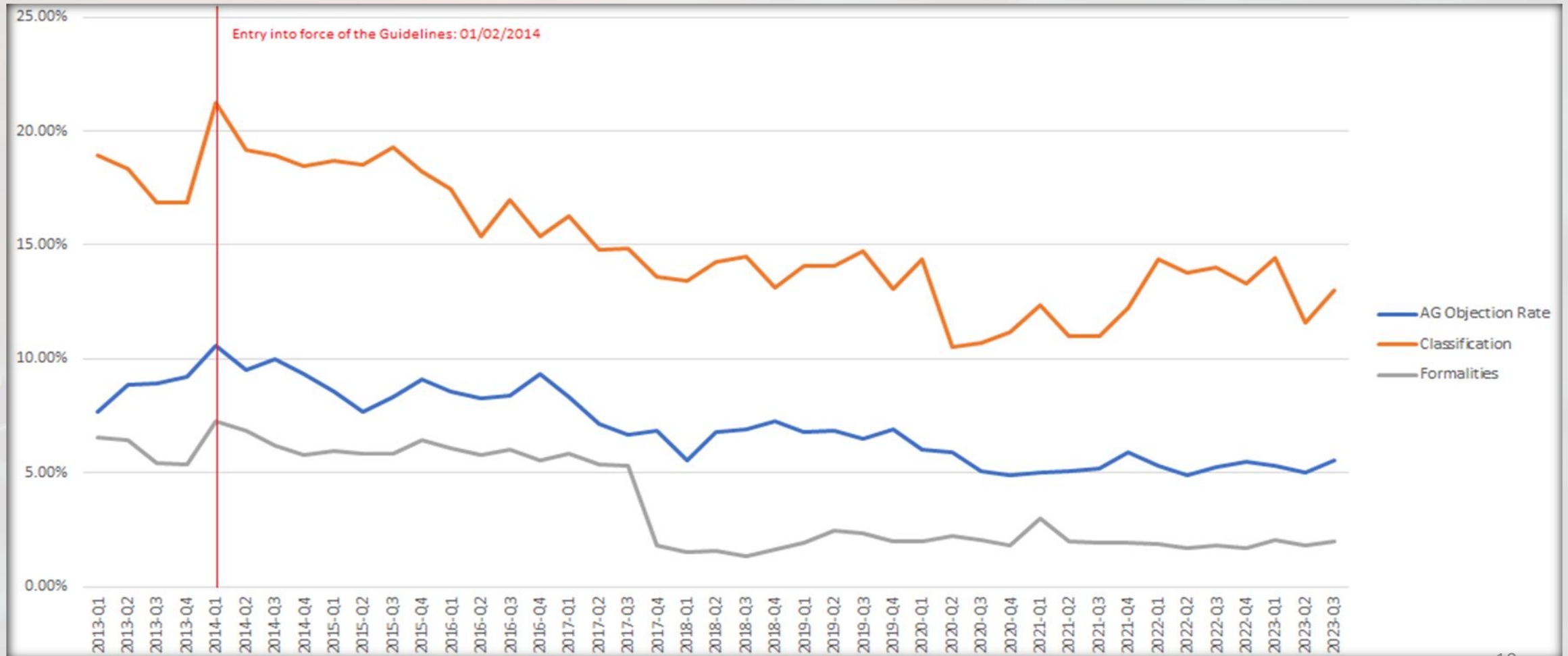
✓ KPI - Customer Feedback

Coherence Consistency

- Product Stability
- Between Instances
- Convergence with NIPOs

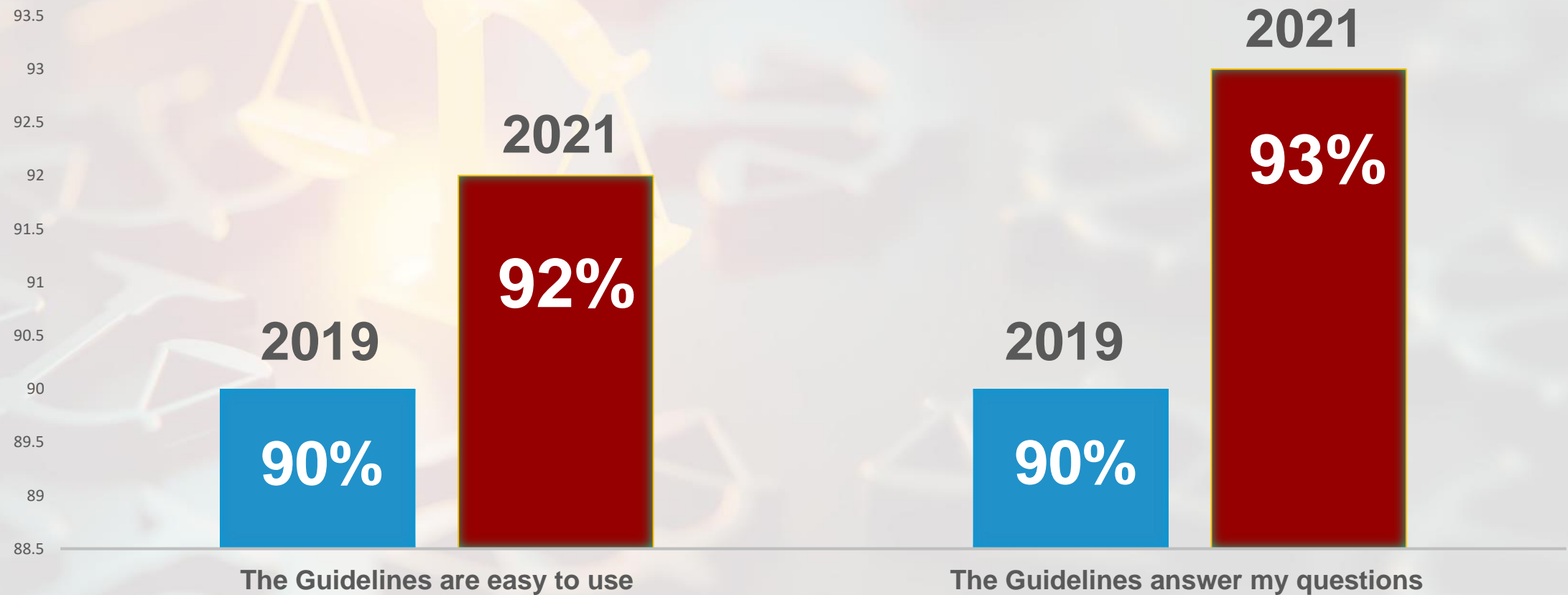
✓ KPI - Quality Controls
✓ BoA Consistency Reports

Impact on Objection Rates



Customer Satisfaction

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the Office Guidelines?



Future Outlook



2025
2026

New Design Guidelines



New GI Guidelines

+ Alignment with SP2030



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