

# **GAMES CONSOLES SELF-REGULATORY INITIATIVE**

## **INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR REPORT**

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# ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR

# INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR

Intertek was selected as the Independent Inspector to undertake the following main activities:

- **Prepare a Product Compliance Report template** for the submission of information, by the Signatories to demonstrate compliance with the SRI
- Independently **review compliance declaration information submitted** by the Signatories for completeness
- **Report any issues** in relation to submissions **to individual Signatories** in confidence, and review any subsequent resolutions
- **Produce an Annual Compliance Report** for the preceding Reporting Period based upon the submitted information from the Signatories
- **Attend the Steering Committee meetings** to present the Annual Compliance Report
- **Conduct product tests** to report and compare Signatory declarations against product compliance test results

# INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR WORKING WITH THE SIGNATORIES

The Independent Inspector has worked independently but closely with the Signatories.

In addition to the main tasks the Independent Inspector has:

- Produced and agreed a **Dispute Resolution Procedure**
- **Been consulted during the reviewing of the SRI** in order to ensure clarity and understanding between the parties and determine the most efficient manner to report Signatory compliance

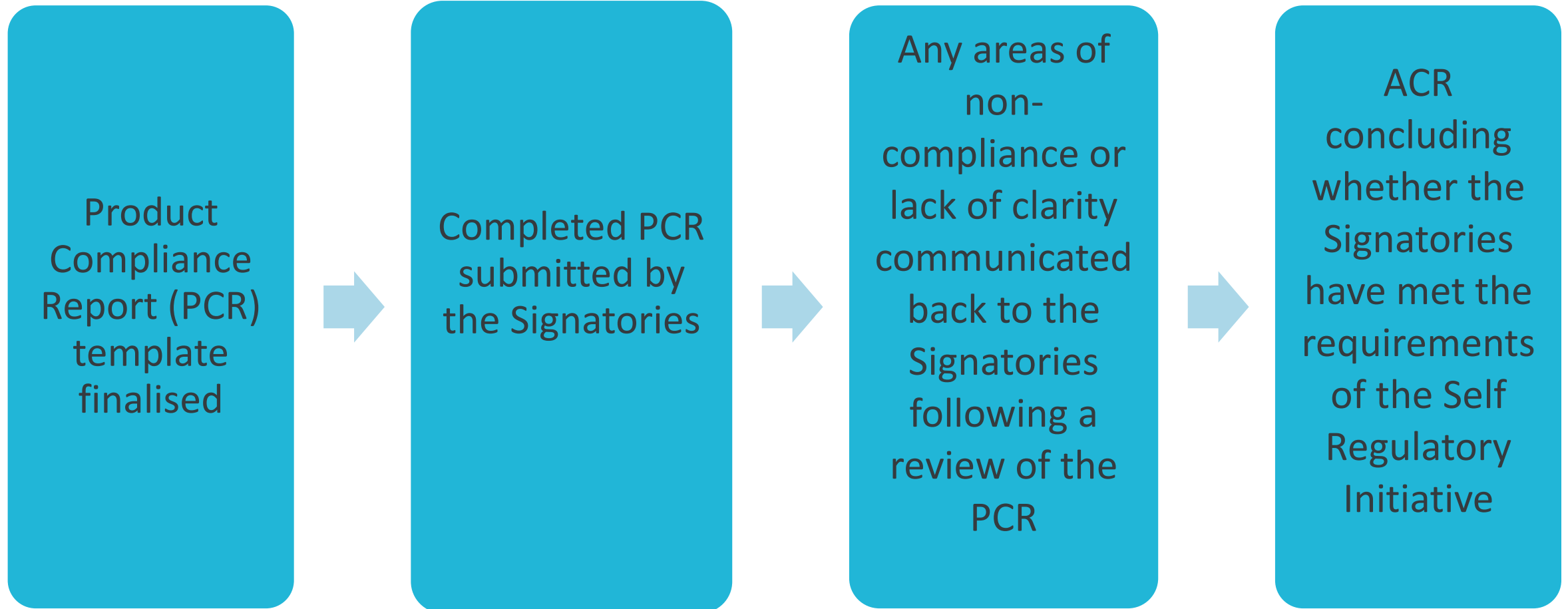
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## COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS AND DATA COLLECTION

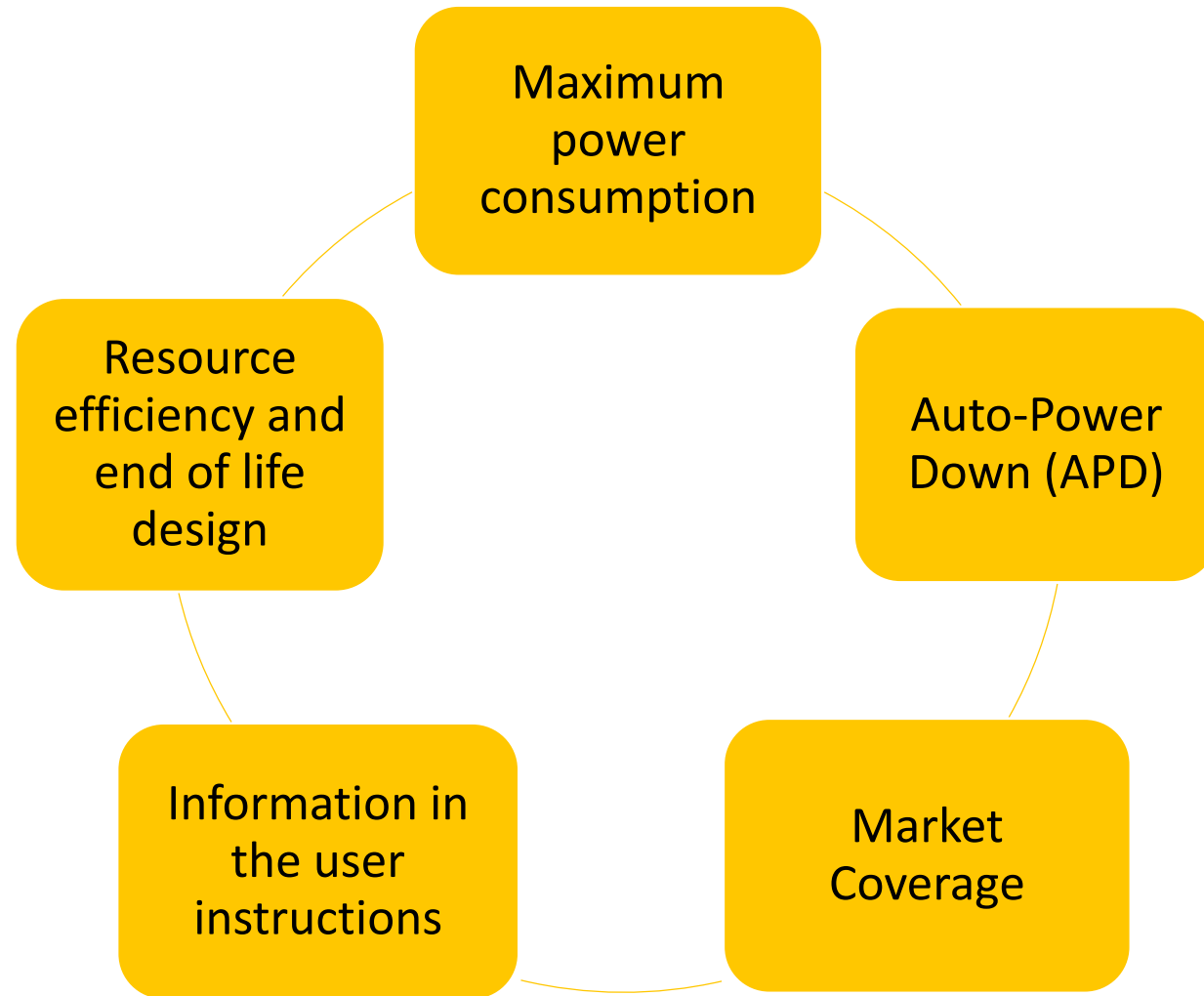


# ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT TIMELINE

The Independent Inspector is responsible for compiling a publically available Annual Compliance Report (ACR)



# SRI SPECIFIES KEY REQUIREMENTS – COVERED BY THE PCR





# COMPLIANCE WITH THE SRI



## Signatories must achieve the following:

- Demonstrate that the SRI covers 80% of all the games consoles sold in the EU for the preceding Reporting Period
- Ensure that the Product Compliance Reports for all games consoles are complete
- Ensure that Product Compliance Reports for all games consoles are submitted to the Independent Inspector on time
- Ensure that no more than 10% of products within the scope of the SRI, from an individual Signatory, fail to comply with the requirements in the SRI

# ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORTING

The Annual Compliance Report records whether the Signatories comply with the SRI in terms of supplying information to the Independent Inspector including:

- Self declared product performance, resource efficiency and consumer information
- Market share data regarding the percentage of products within the scope of the SRI

The ACR does not report the specific product performance data against the requirements such as power caps, unless an individual product investigation has taken place during the Reporting Period

- Signatories publish the Product Compliance Reports at the same time as the ACR is published

# DATA COLLECTION

## Template for data collection

Since the adoption of the Games Console Self Regulatory Initiative two Reporting Periods have been completed and reported upon by the Independent Inspector:

- January 2015 – December 2015
- January 2016 – December 2016

For each, the process of collecting and communicating product declarations has been reviewed and slightly modified

The Product Compliance Report template, based upon the SRI had some minor changes:

- To remove unnecessary data collection and reporting
- Clarity on recording the location of the resource efficiency and energy use information to consumers

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## COMPLIANCE REVIEW

# SIGNATORIES



For both Reporting Periods, the Signatories were the three manufacturers that:

- Instigated and developed the Games Console SRI
- Produce all the games console models that fall into the scope of the SRI

Microsoft  
Corporation

Nintendo Co. Ltd

Sony Interactive  
Entertainment Inc.

They represent 100% of the EU market - accounting for around 9.8 million units sold in 2016



# REPORTING 2015 AND 2016 (1)

All the Signatories were compliant for the following areas:

## Signatory Requirement

**SRI covers 80%** of the games consoles sold in the EU for the preceding period

- Signatories represent 100% of EU market

**Product Compliance Reports** for all games consoles **submitted on time**

- All reports received by 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Product Compliance Reports** for all games consoles are **complete**

- Reports for all games consoles received and completed

**No more than 10%** of products, within the scope of the SRI, from an individual Signatory **fail to comply** with the requirements in the SRI

- All, in scope, games consoles from all Signatories comply

## REPORTING 2015 AND 2016 (2)



All the Signatories declared compliance for the following areas for both Reporting Periods:

- Maximum **Power Consumption** targets (including Tier 2 from January 2016 as appropriate)
- **Auto-Power Down (APD)**
- **Market Coverage**
- **Non-energy commitments:** resource efficiency and end-of-life design requirements
- **Further Information:** including energy and non-energy related information in the user instructions



## REPORTING 2015 AND 2016 (3)

The three Signatory manufacturers and games consoles covered by, and complying with the SRI:

Manufacturer	Games Console 2015	Games Console 2016
Microsoft	Xbox 360	Xbox 360
Microsoft	Xbox One	Xbox One
Microsoft		Xbox OneS
Nintendo	Wii U	Wii U
Sony	PlayStation 3	PlayStation 3
Sony	PlayStation 4	PlayStation 4
Sony		PlayStation 4 Pro



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## **PROGRESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

# PROGRESS MADE - DATA COLLECTION AND REVIEWS

The creation of the Product Compliance Report template in a spreadsheet allowed:

- For consistent formats across a range of consoles
- Flexibility for formatting modifications
- Submissions from one Signatory in one document
- Easy referencing across games consoles and between Signatories
- Efficient publishing format and printing

Areas addressed:

- Formatting issues, with space to put declarations regarding information to consumers
- Access to the consumer information using online links provided in the PCR
- Data transfer issues when presenting previous console information into a revised template

# INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR FEEDBACK TO SIGNATORIES

## Compliance communication between the Independent Inspector and Signatories

The Independent Inspector produces written individual compliance reports following submission of PCR:

- Specifies any areas requiring clarification or specifies full compliance
- Subsequent resolutions documented to individual Signatories in same manner
- Ensures fully traceable documentation of communications

# COOPERATION AND REVISIONS

Following each Annual Compliance Report, recommendations provided by the Independent Inspector have been thoroughly considered

- From format of the PCR → efficient completion of the PCR

The Independent Inspector has been consulted in relation to the SRI revisions:

- Regarding integration of EC SRI guidelines
- Time line changes
- Availability of an online PCR template
- Use of previously submitted PCR for subsequent reporting periods

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