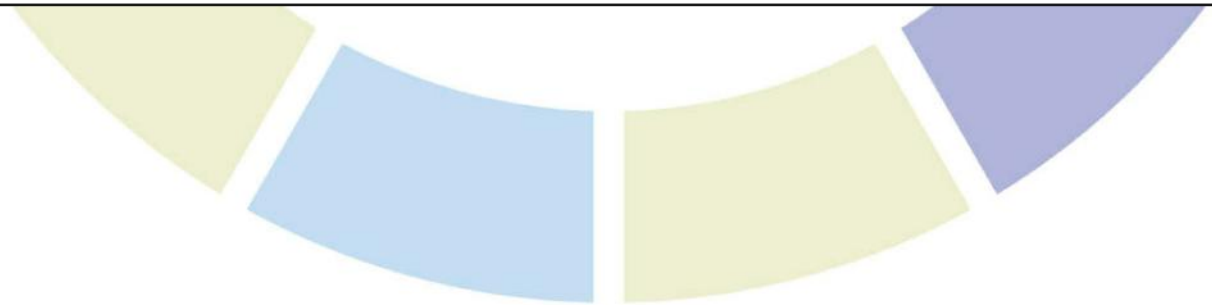




The different economic operators and their involvement in the safety process

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Today's in-store situation

A store may gather tens of thousands of products...

- Of several brands
 - *...Including our own-brand products*
- From various suppliers
 - *...from big companies to SMEs*
- Covered by different liability frameworks

...distributors' responsibility implies that we must

- Act with due care before making available a product
- Pass on information on product risks,
- Keep and provide information to trace the products
- Cooperate with producers and competent authorities to avoid risks or to take corrective actions

...obligations and responsibilities currently aligned with the New Legal Framework (NLF)

Improving product safety (I)

Strong and clear responsibilities for economic operators

- Recognition of a proportionate role for each economic operator
- Authorised representatives can draw/keep technical documentation
- Clear checklist of the labels for distributors to verify the presence
- Risk assessment (Health and safety versus public interests)

Improving product safety (II)

Better cooperation in supply chain

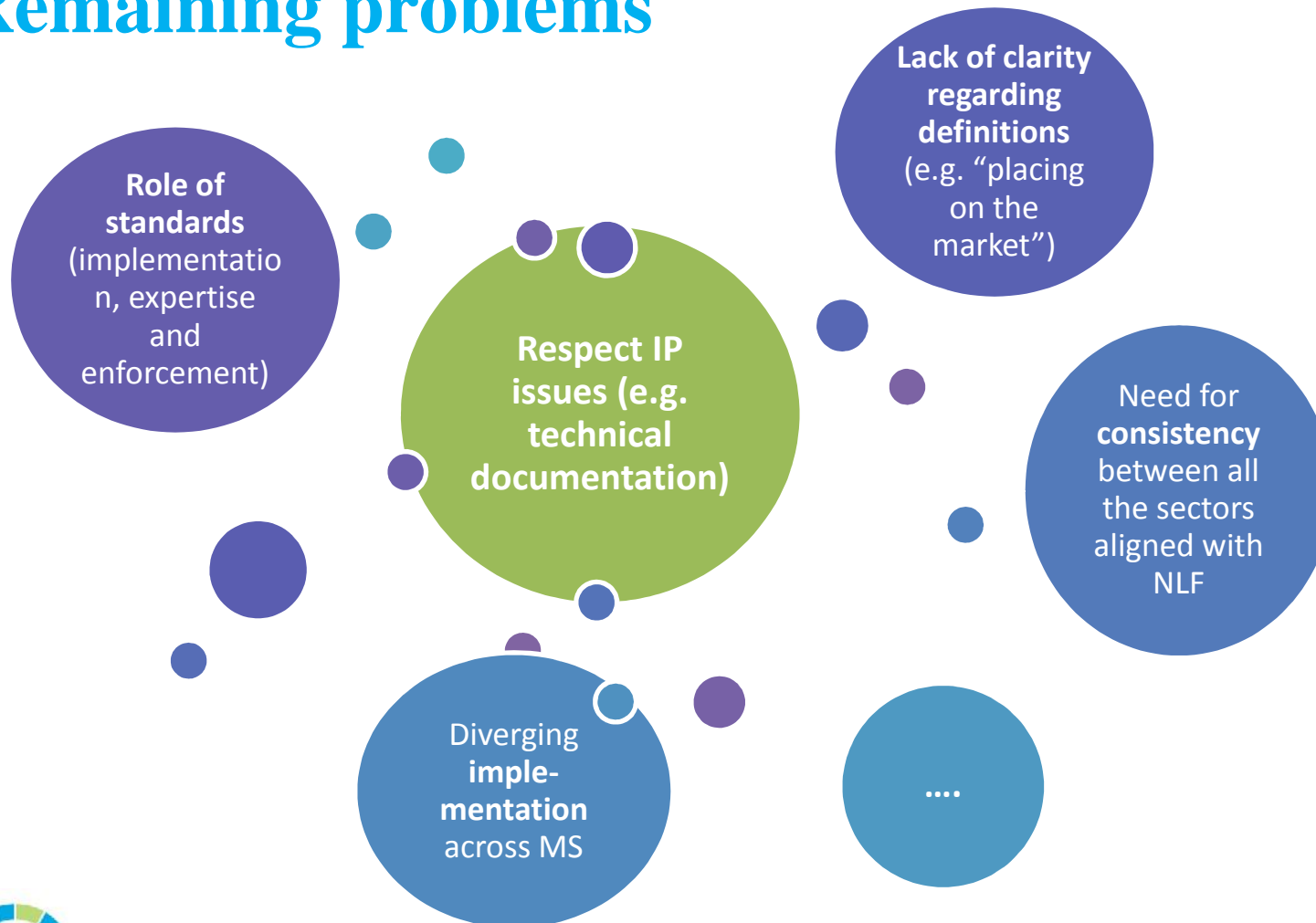
- Better application of mutual recognition principle (e.g. test reports)
- Communication throughout the supply chain about risk-monitoring
- Involvement business stakeholders in EMSF

Improving product safety (III)

More streamlined system for more efficiency

- Reasonable deadlines for MSAs and customs
- Isolated cases
- Digital communication
- Language

Remaining problems



Thank you for your attention

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