

The Two-Phased Process Logic of Directives

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AGENDA



Background & Scope of Directive Types



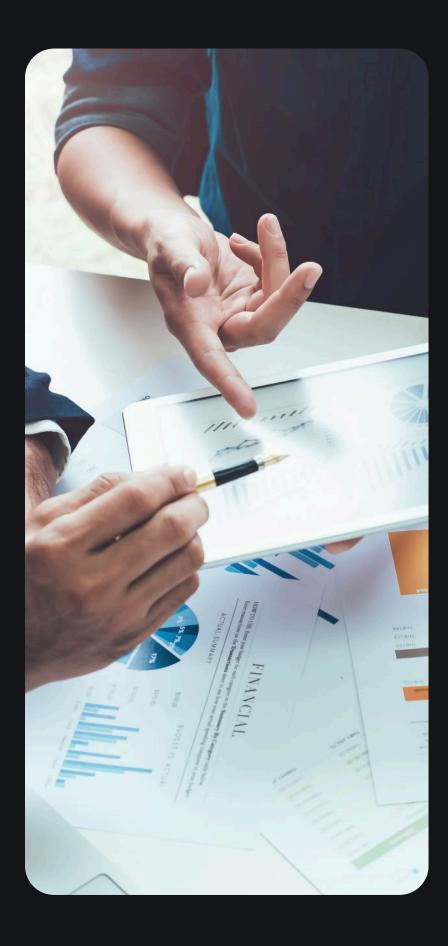
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A Closer Look at Testing Methodologies

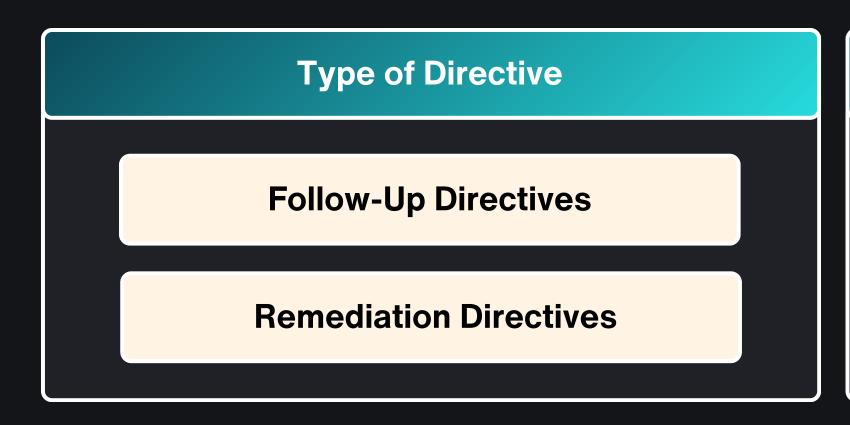


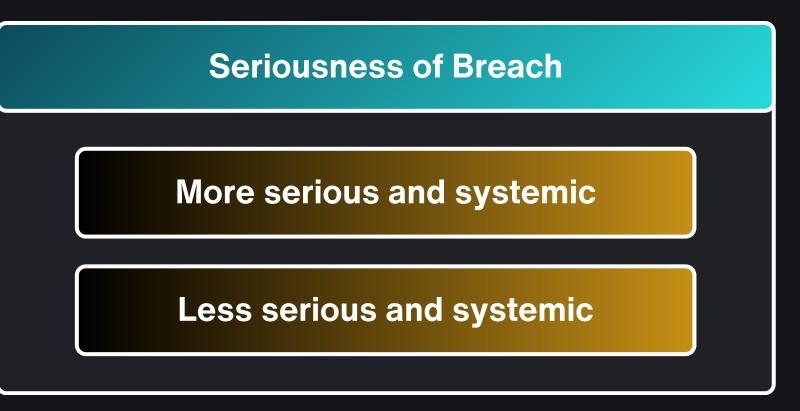
Proactive Integration & Enforcement as a Compliance Partner





BACKGROUND ON DIRECTIVE TYPES OVERVIEW, SCOPE AND TYPE





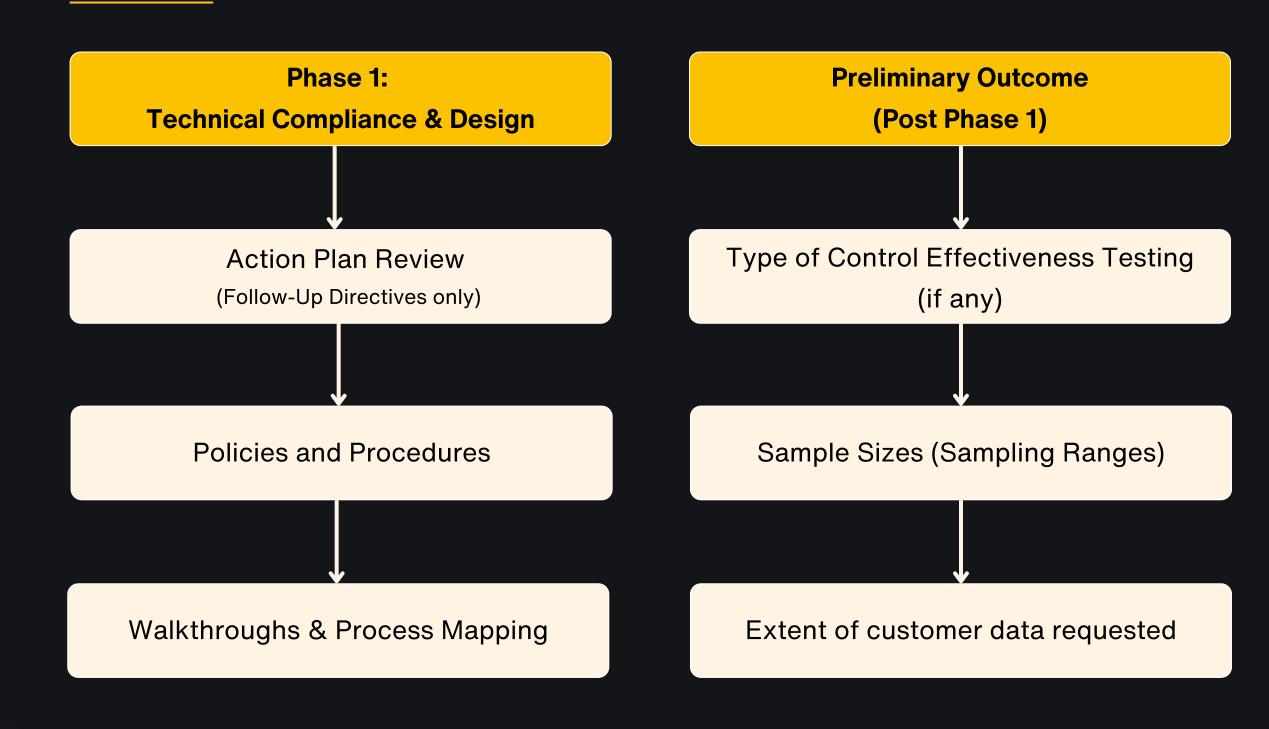


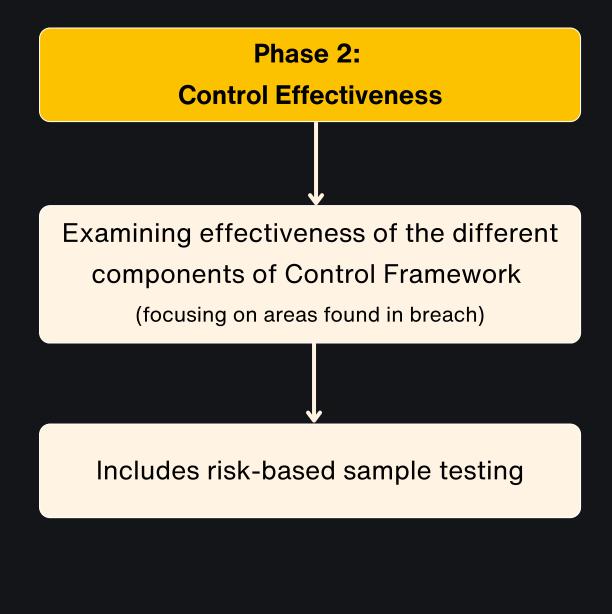
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Remediation Directive	Follow-up Directive
3 – 9 months to adhere to FIAU's request	Up to 10 weeks to provide Action Plan
No Action Plan Required	Action Plan and timeframes for completion are endorsed by the FIAU
One off Meetings	Frequent meetings between FIAU and SP
Minimal requests for information/ documentation	Multiple requests for information/ documentation
Requests for clarifications (if required)	Multiple requests for clarifications
Small sample of files (if required)	Sample of files



TESTING AND THE PROCESS LOGIC







PHASE 1 - TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE & DESIGN

Action Plan*

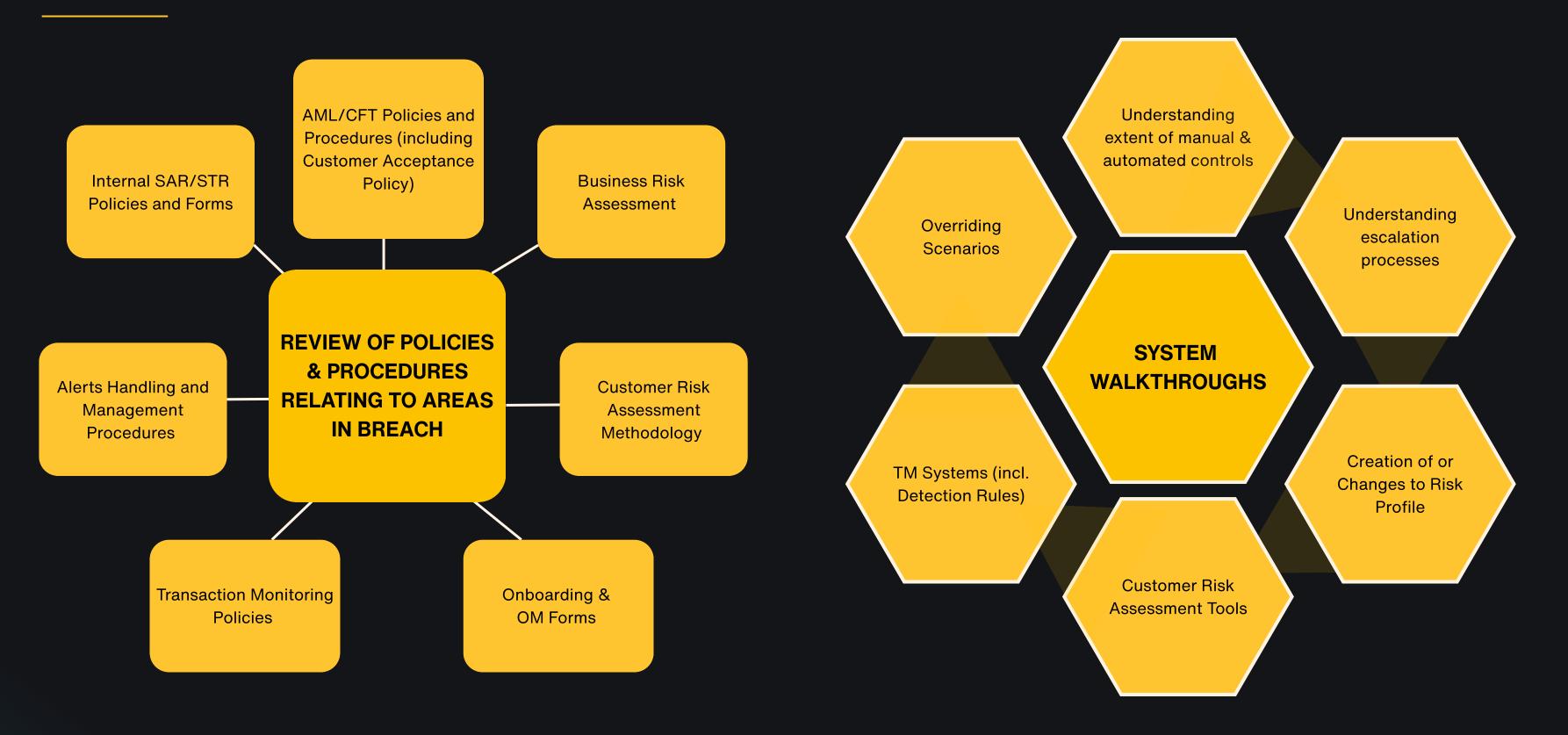
- Planned / Completed Remedial Actions on all Breaches
- Clarity & Concision
- Timelines
- Action Point Owners
- Supporting Documentation



^{*}Follow-Up Directive only

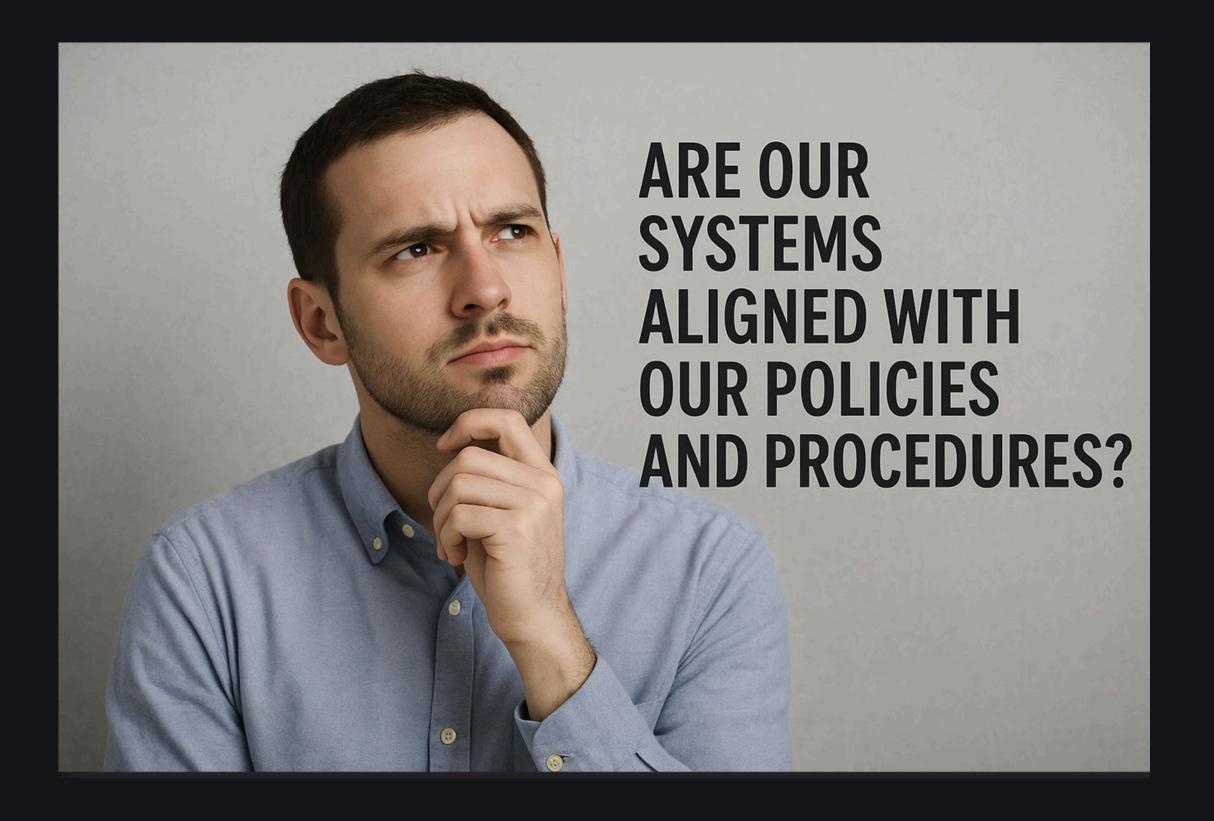


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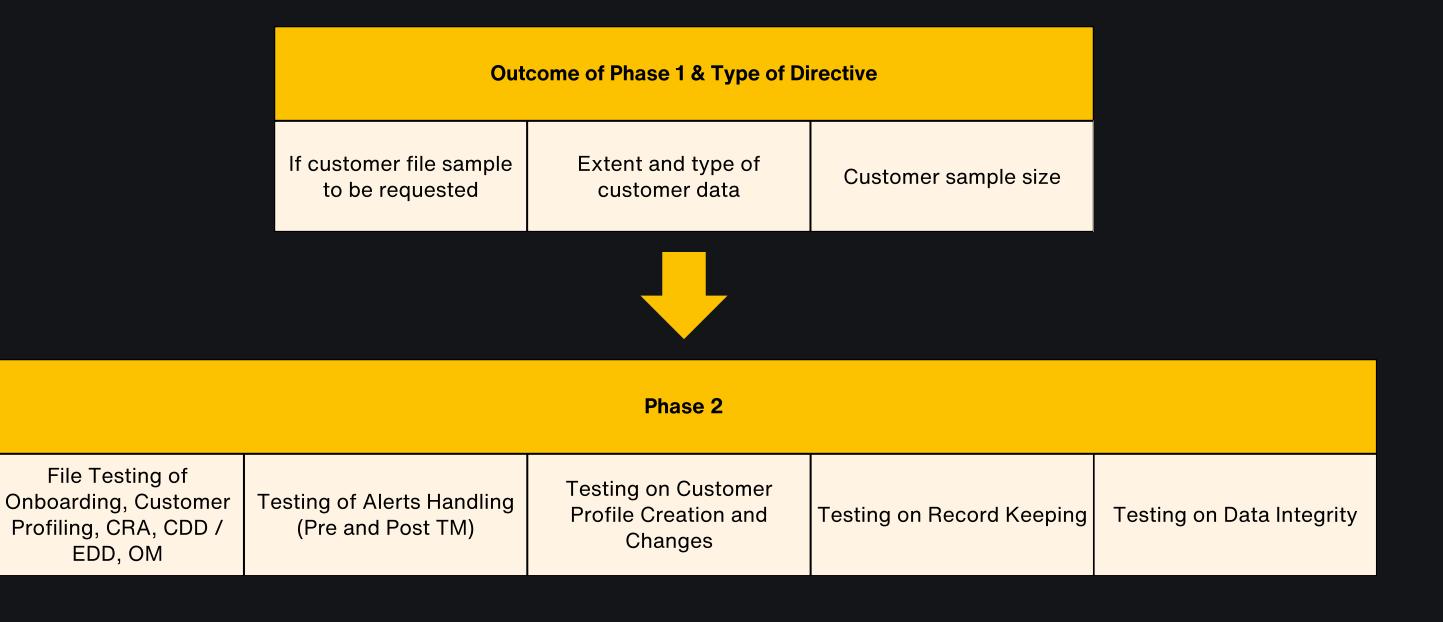


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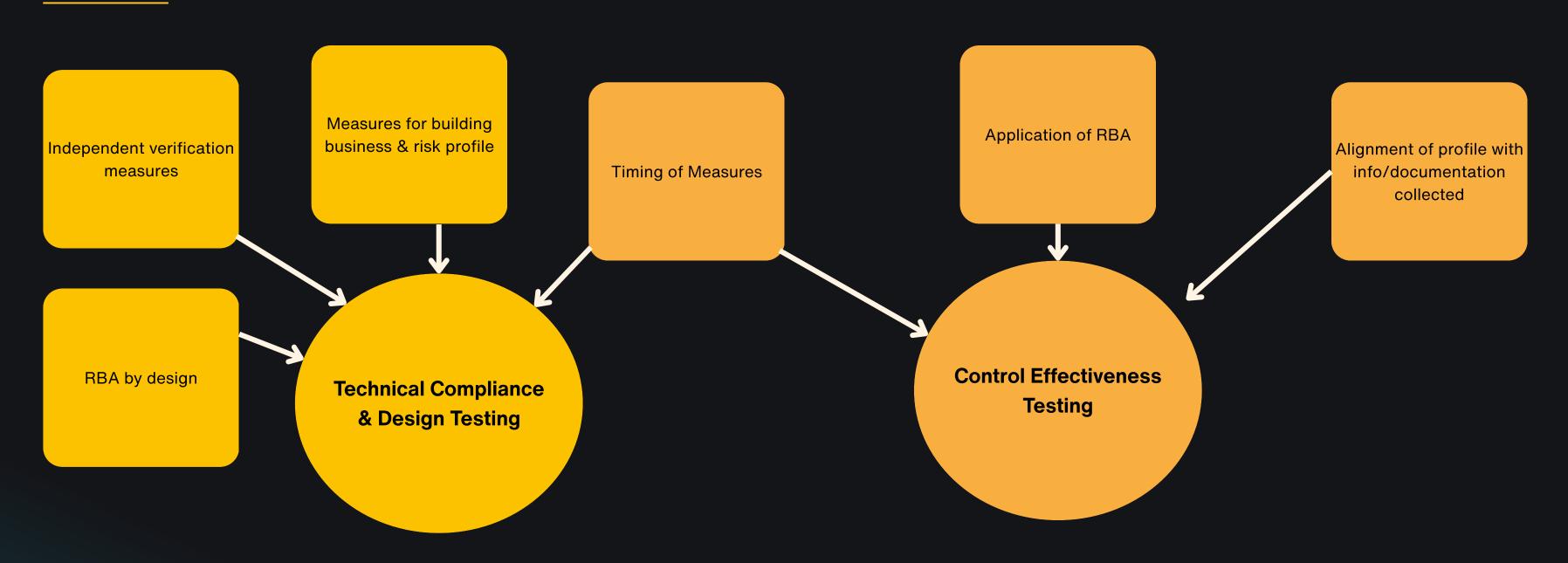


PHASE 2 - CONTROL EFFECTIVENESS TESTING



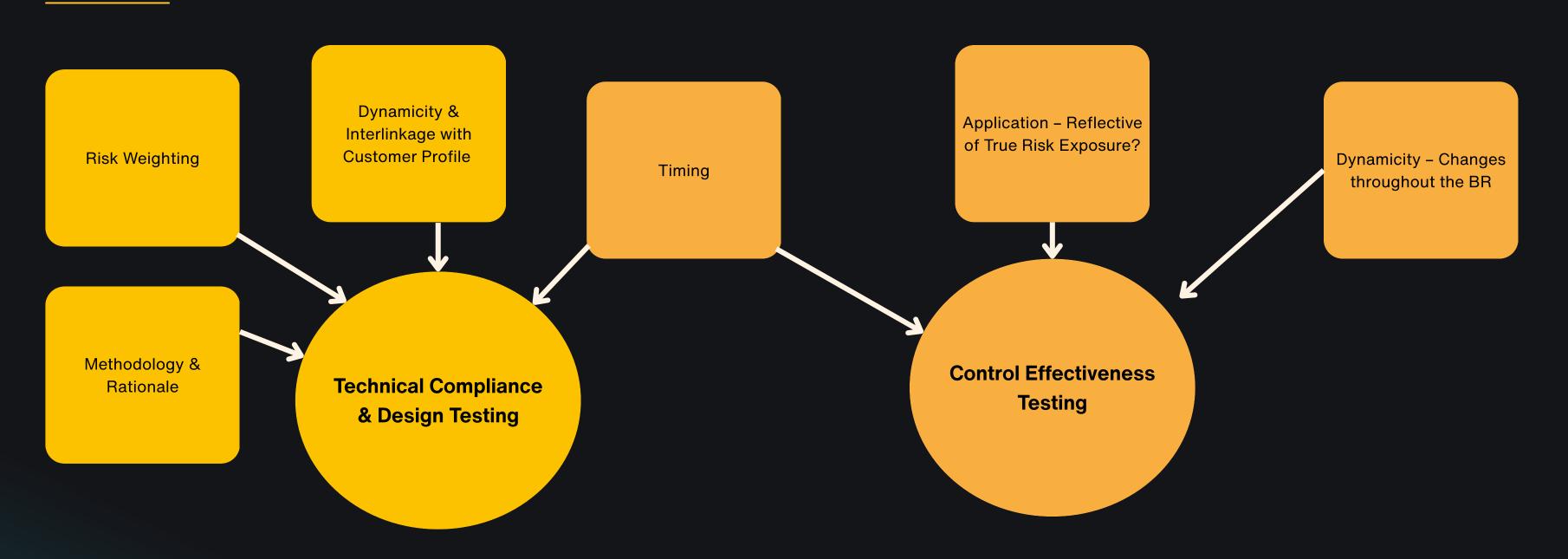


TESTING EXAMPLES: CDD (ID&V AND CUSTOMER PROFILING)



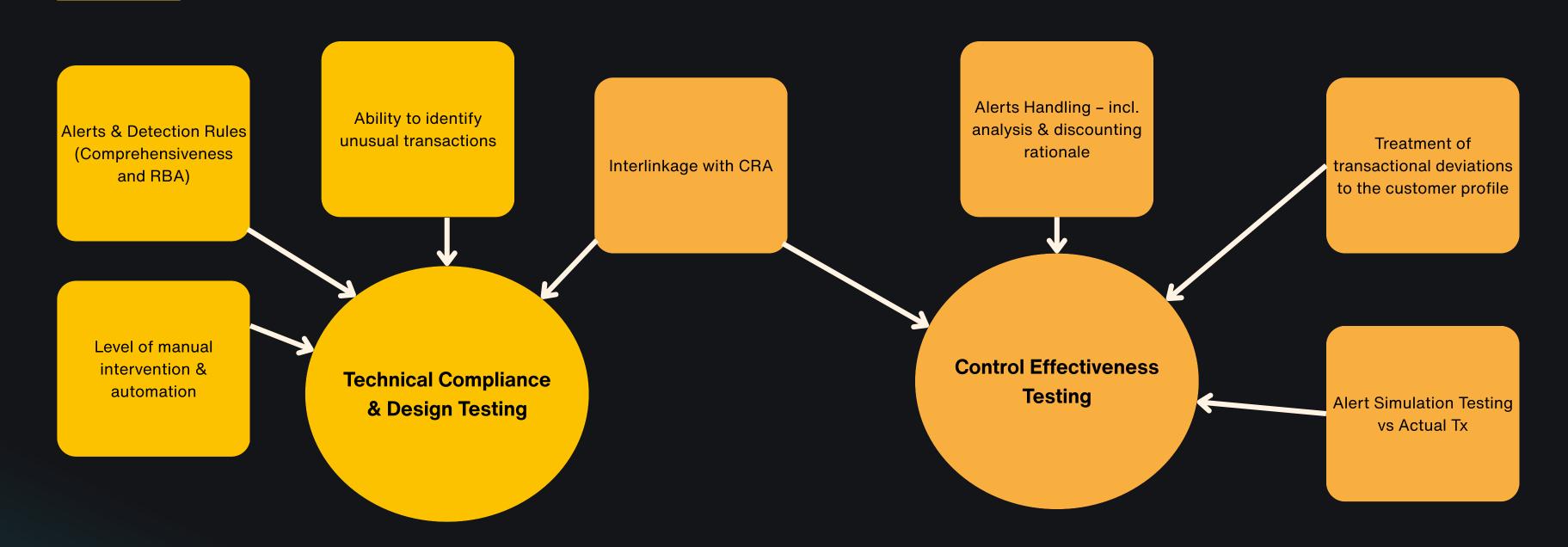


TESTING EXAMPLES: CRA



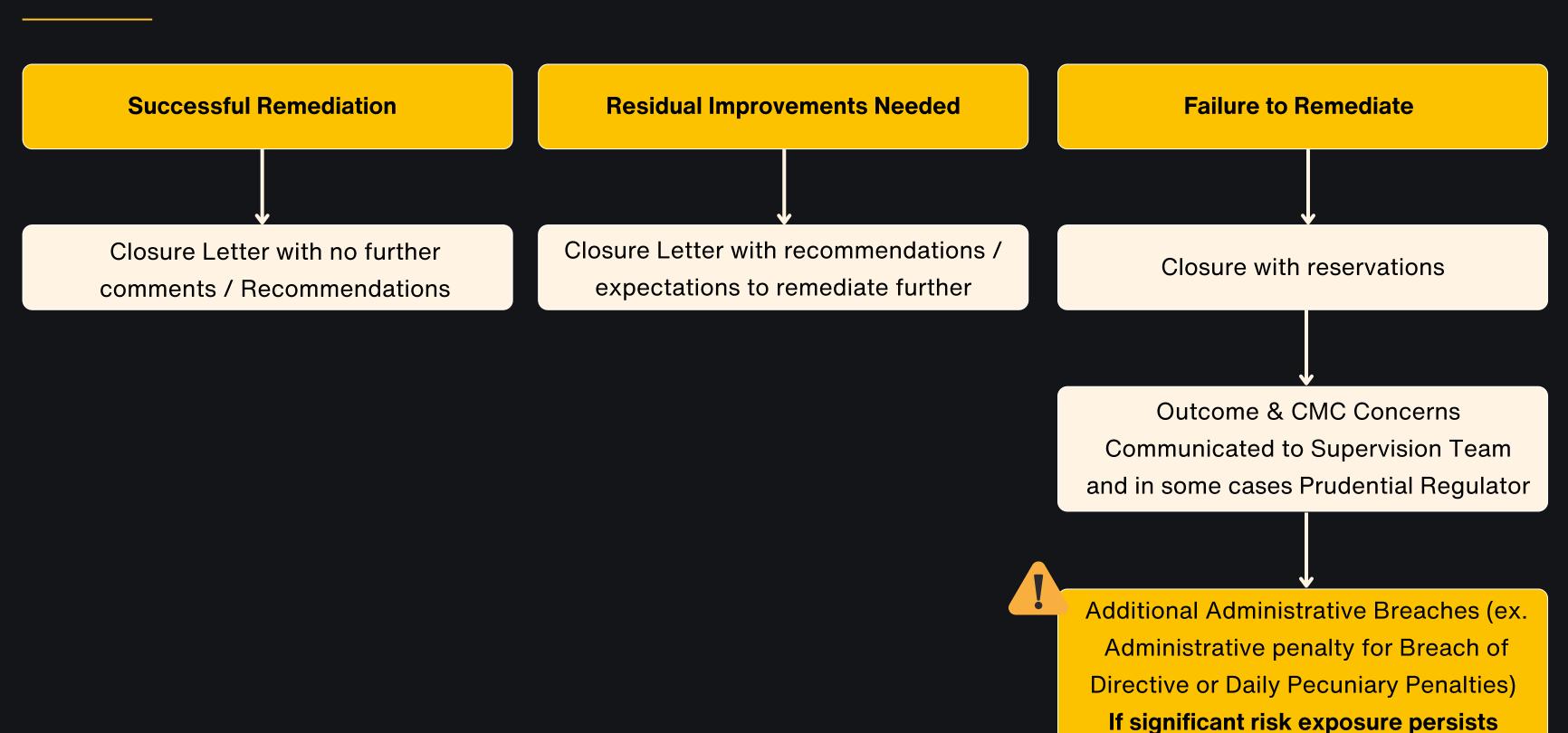


TESTING EXAMPLES: TRANSACTION MONITORING





CONCLUSION OF DIRECTIVES





PROACTIVE INTEGRATION OF THE PROCESS LOGIC

Opportunities following this Session



Internal Control Enhancements



Risk Assessment & Risk Management



Compliance Management



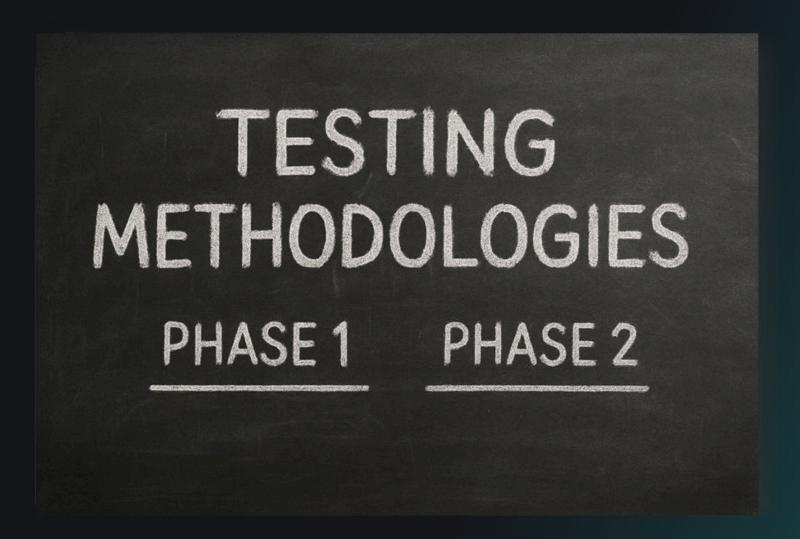
Proactive Remediation



Lessons Learnt



Integration of AML/CFT in Audit Cycle



Do not wait to be subject to a Directive to get your house in order. Think Proactively!



ENFORCEMENT AS A COMPLIANCE PARTNER



Enforcement is not about the past - it's about the future.



Directives: Not a verdict, but a blueprint for change.



Proactive engagement leads to better results.



The reputational cost of inaction is significant.



Thankyou!

