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# **Principles of Management**



## **Basic reading**

The presentation has been prepared based on the book



#### What Is Control?

#### Control

- the process of monitoring activities to ensure that they are being accomplished as planned and of correcting significant deviations
- control systems are judged in terms of how well they facilitate goal achievement
- market control emphasizes the use of external market mechanisms to establish standards of performance
  - useful where products and services are distinct
  - useful where marketplace competition is considerable
  - divisions turned into profit centers and judged by the percentage of total corporate profits each contributes

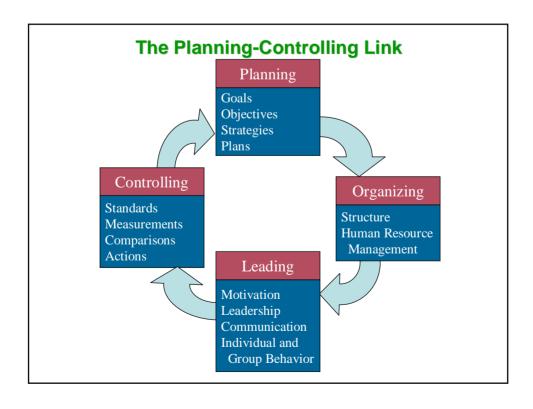
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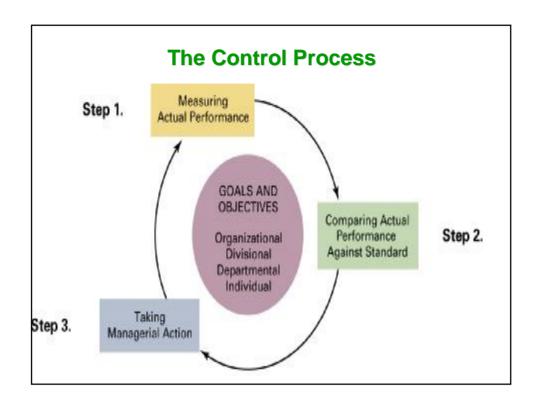
#### Control

- bureaucratic control emphasizes organizational authority
  - relies on administrative rules, procedures, and policies
  - depends on standardization of activities, well-defined job descriptions, and other administrative mechanisms
- clan control behavior regulated by shared values, traditions, and other aspects of organizational culture
  - dependent on individual and group to identify expected behaviors and performance measures
  - found where teams are common and technology changes often

#### Why Is Control Important?

- Control is the Final Link in the Management Process
  - provides the critical link back to planning
  - only way managers know whether organizational goals are being met
- Permits Delegation of Authority
  - fear that employees will do something wrong for which the manager will be held responsible
  - provides information and feedback on employee performance





#### **The Control Process**

- Background
  - controlling is a three-step process
  - assumes that performance standards already exist
    - specific goals are created in the planning process
- Measuring
  - How We Measure
    - personal observation permits intensive coverage
      - Management By Walking Around (MBWA)
      - drawbacks subject to personal biases
        - » consumes a great deal of time
        - » suffers from obtrusiveness

#### **The Control Process (cont.)**

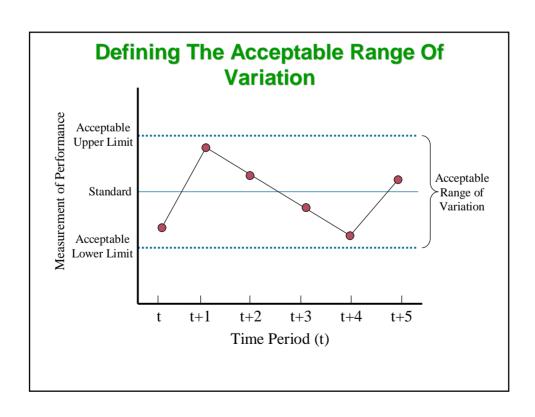
- Measuring (cont.)
  - How We Measure (cont.)
    - statistical reports numerical data are easy to visualize and effective for showing relationships
      - drawbacks not all operations can be measured
        - » important subjective factors may be ignored
    - oral reports includes meetings, telephone calls
      - may be best way to control work in a virtual environment
      - technology permits creation of written record from oral report
      - drawbacks filtering of information

### **The Control Process (cont.)**

- How We Measure (cont.)
  - written reports often more comprehensive and concise than oral reports
    - usually easy to file and retrieve
  - comprehensive control efforts should use all four approaches

## **The Control Process (cont.)**

- Comparing
  - determines the degree of variation between actual performance and standard
  - acceptable range of variation deviations that exceed this range become significant



# Sales Performance Figures For July, Eastern States Distributors

#### **Brand**

Heineken Molson Irish Amber Victoria Bitter Labatt's Corona Amstel Light Dos Equis Tecate Total cases

# Standard\* 1,075

4,300

# Actual\* 913 634

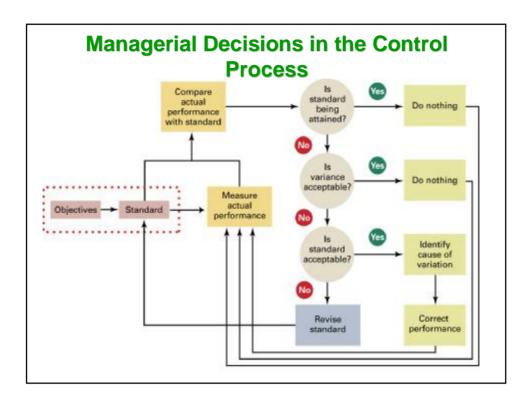
# Over (under)\*

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## The Control Process (cont.)

- Taking Managerial Action
  - Correct Actual Performance action taken when the performance variation is unsatisfactory
    - *immediate corrective action* corrects problems at once to get performance back on track
    - basic corrective action identifies reason for performance variation
      - corrects the source of variation
  - Revise the Standard variance results from an unrealistic standard
    - standard, not performance, needs correction
    - troublesome to revise the standard downward

<sup>\*</sup> hundreds of cases



### **Types Of Control**

- Feedforward Control
  - -prevents anticipated problems
  - -most desirable type of control
  - requires timely and accurate information that often is difficult to get
- Concurrent Control
  - -takes place while activity is in progress
  - -corrects problem before it becomes too costly
  - -best-known form is direct supervision

#### **Types of Control (cont.)**

- Feedback Control
  - -takes place after the activity is done
  - problems may already have caused damage or waste
  - -the most popular type of control
    - feedback may be only viable form of control available
  - -feedback has two advantages
    - provides meaningful information on the effectiveness of planning
    - can enhance employee motivation

