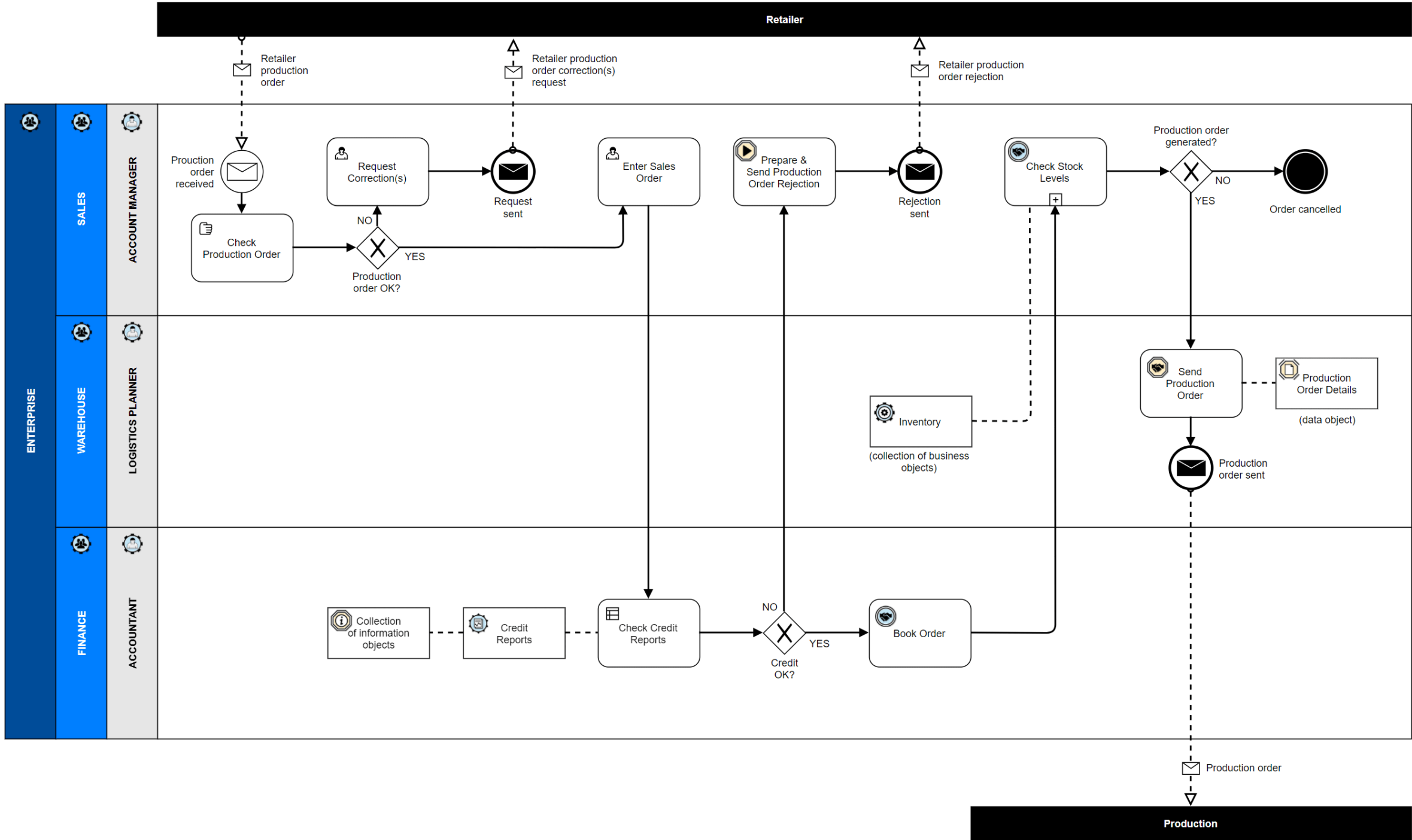
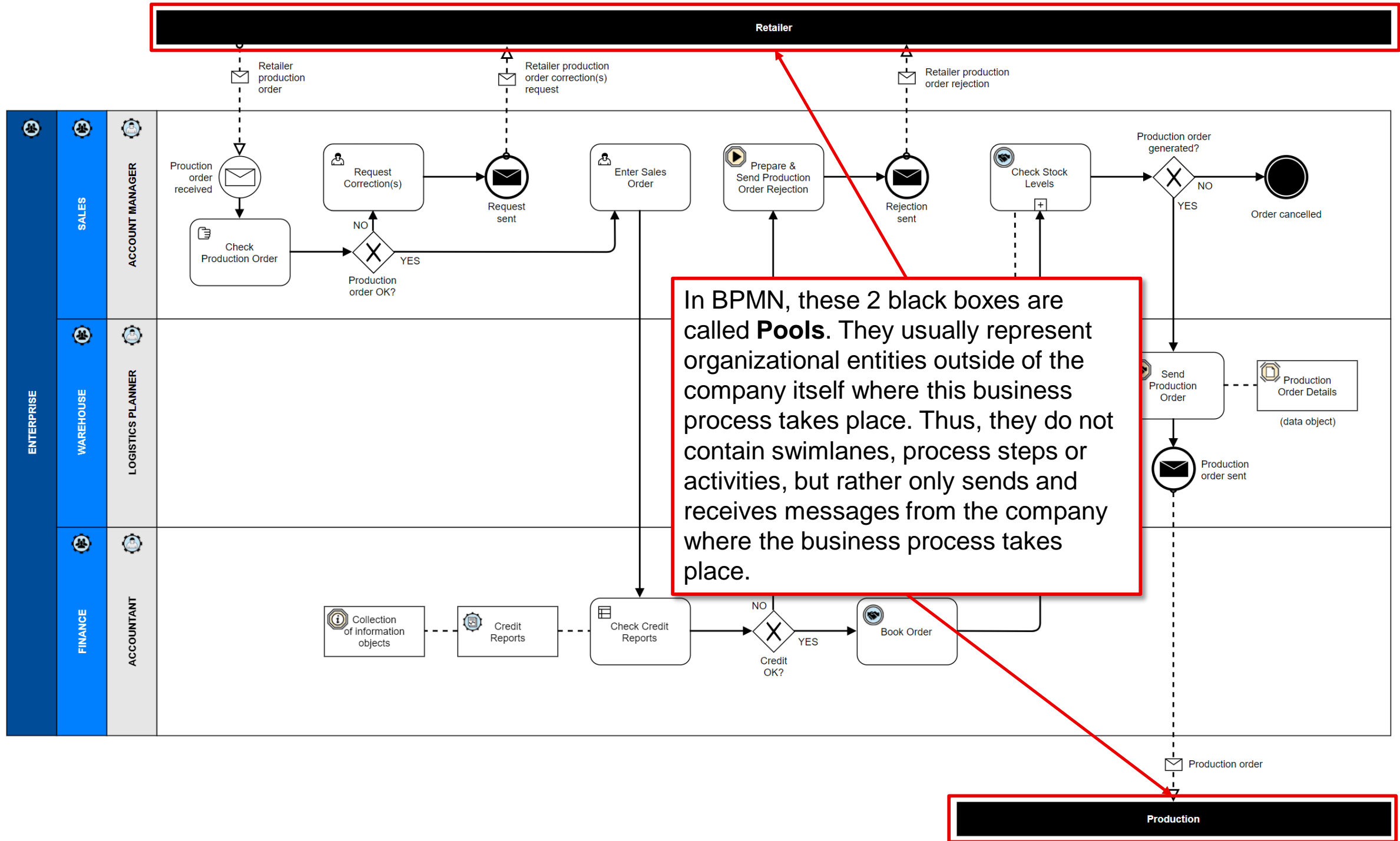
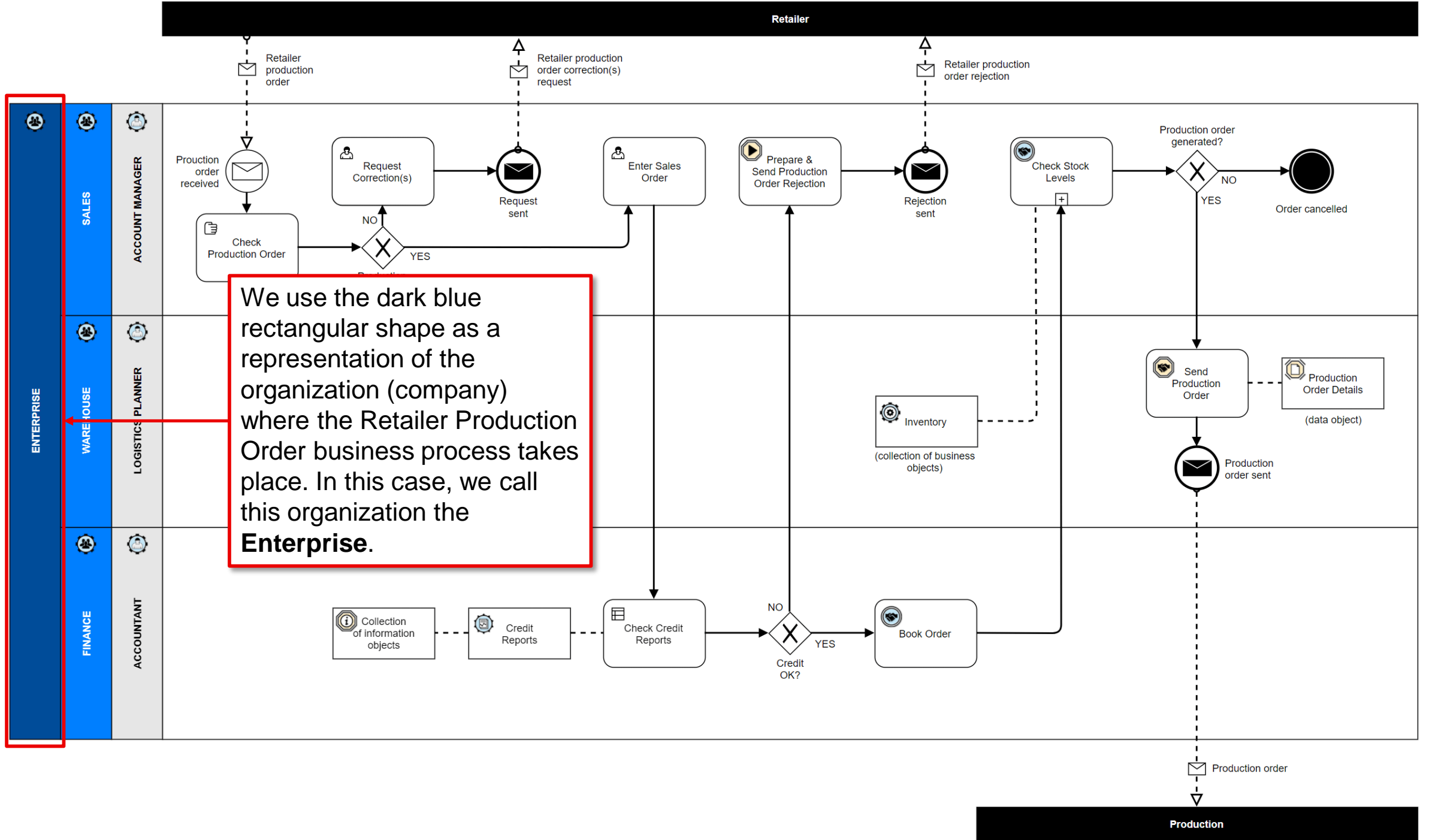


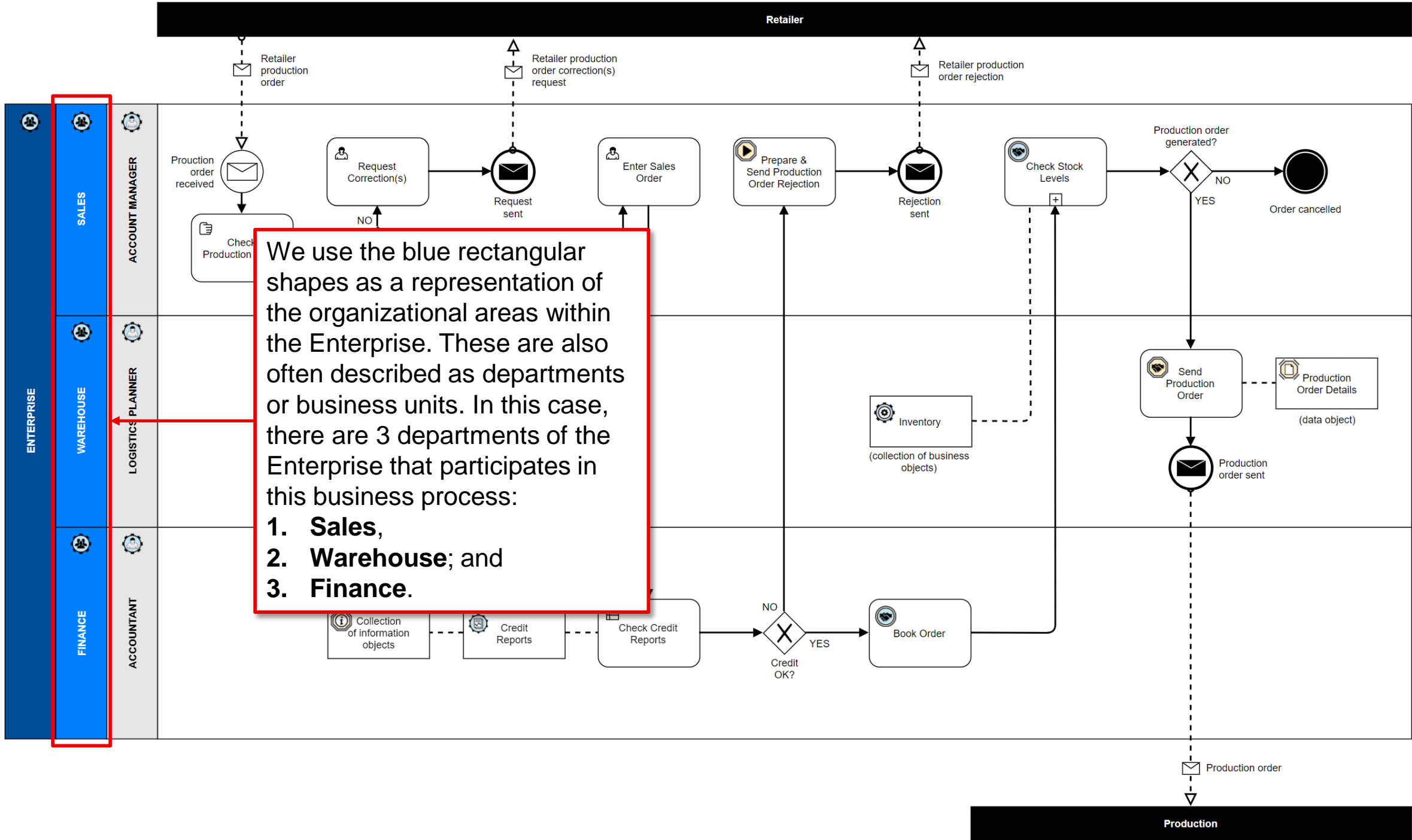
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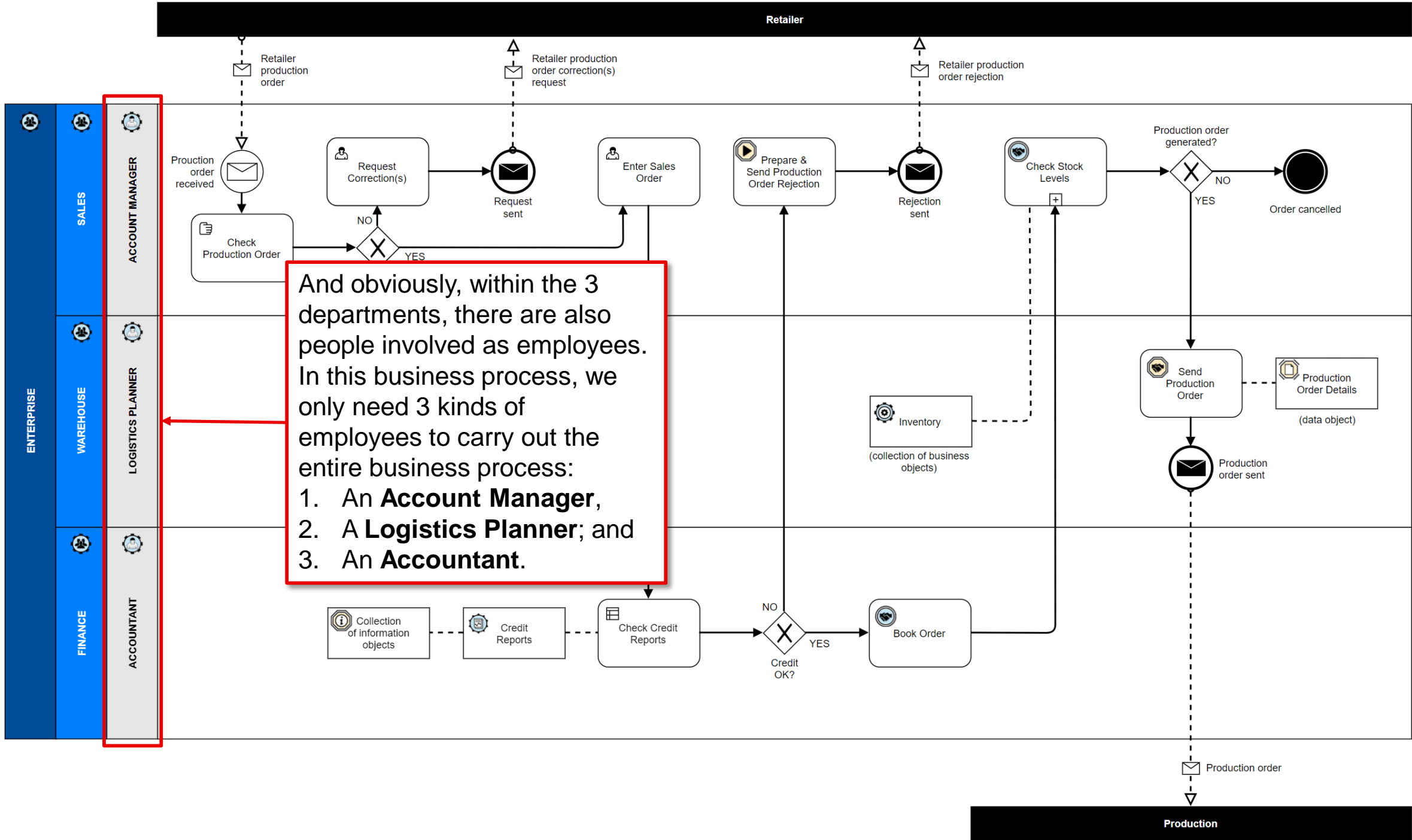


We use the dark blue rectangular shape as a representation of the organization (company) where the Retailer Production Order business process takes place. In this case, we call this organization the **Enterprise**.



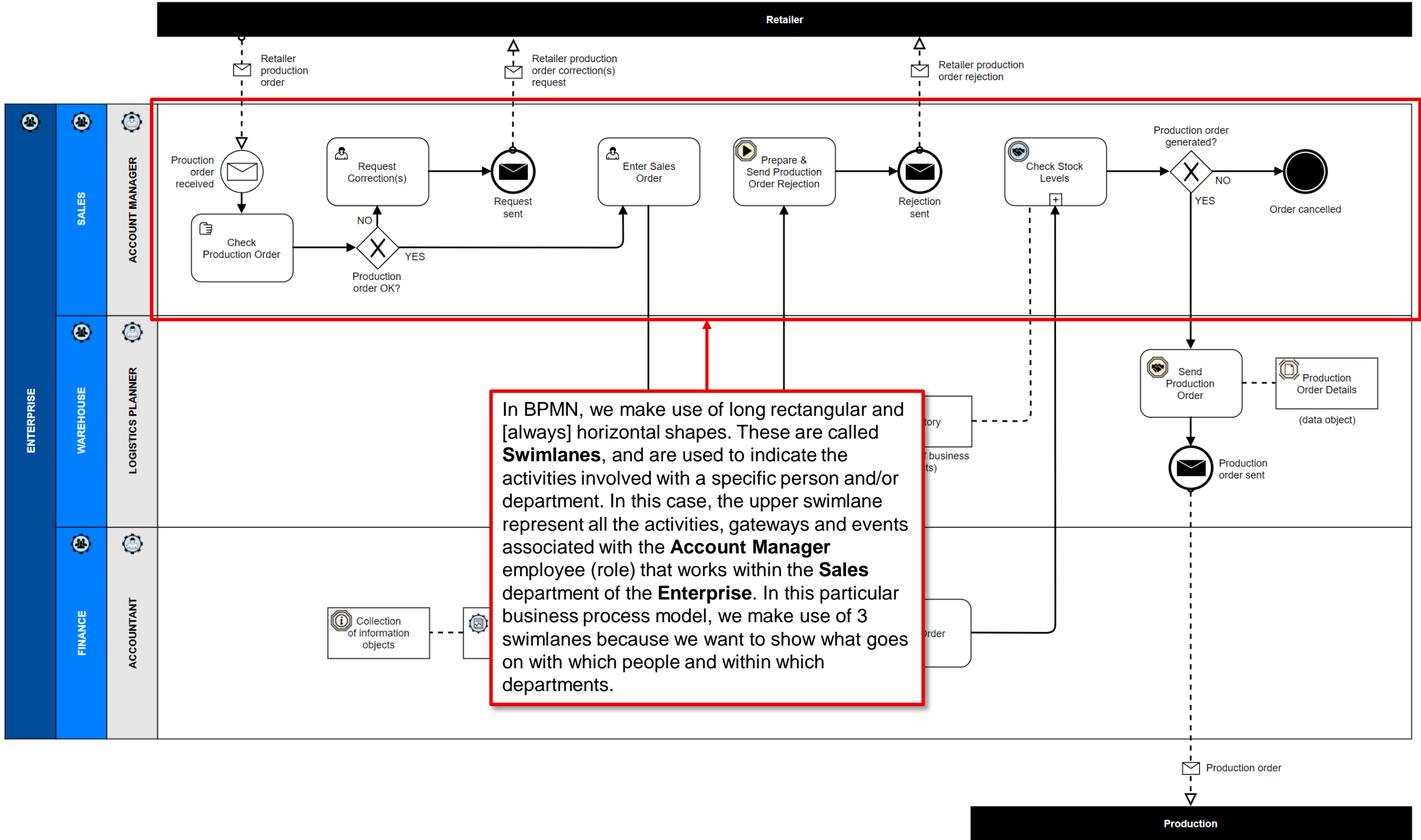
We use the blue rectangular shapes as a representation of the organizational areas within the Enterprise. These are also often described as departments or business units. In this case, there are 3 departments of the Enterprise that participates in this business process:

- 1. Sales,**
- 2. Warehouse; and**
- 3. Finance.**

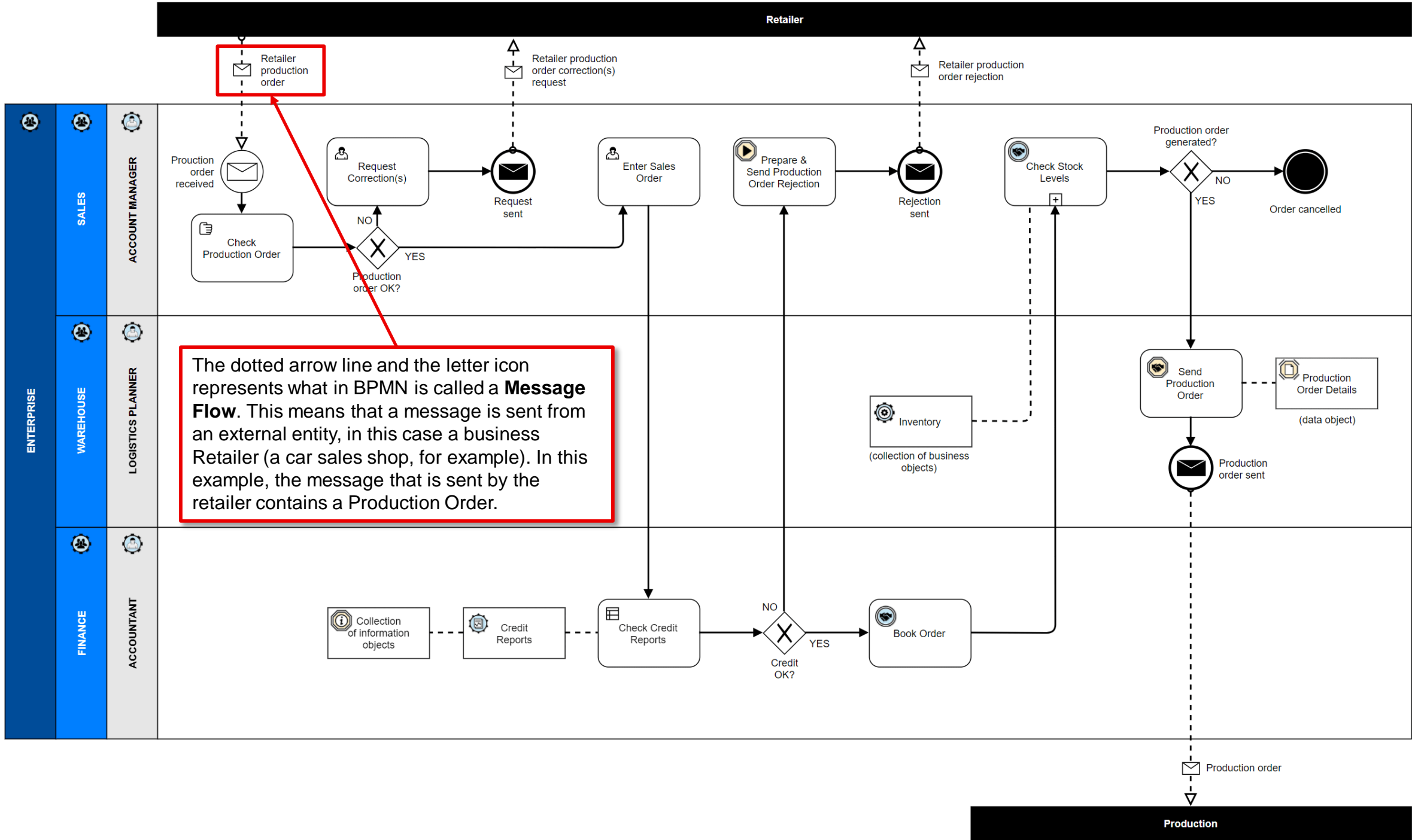


And obviously, within the 3 departments, there are also people involved as employees. In this business process, we only need 3 kinds of employees to carry out the entire business process:

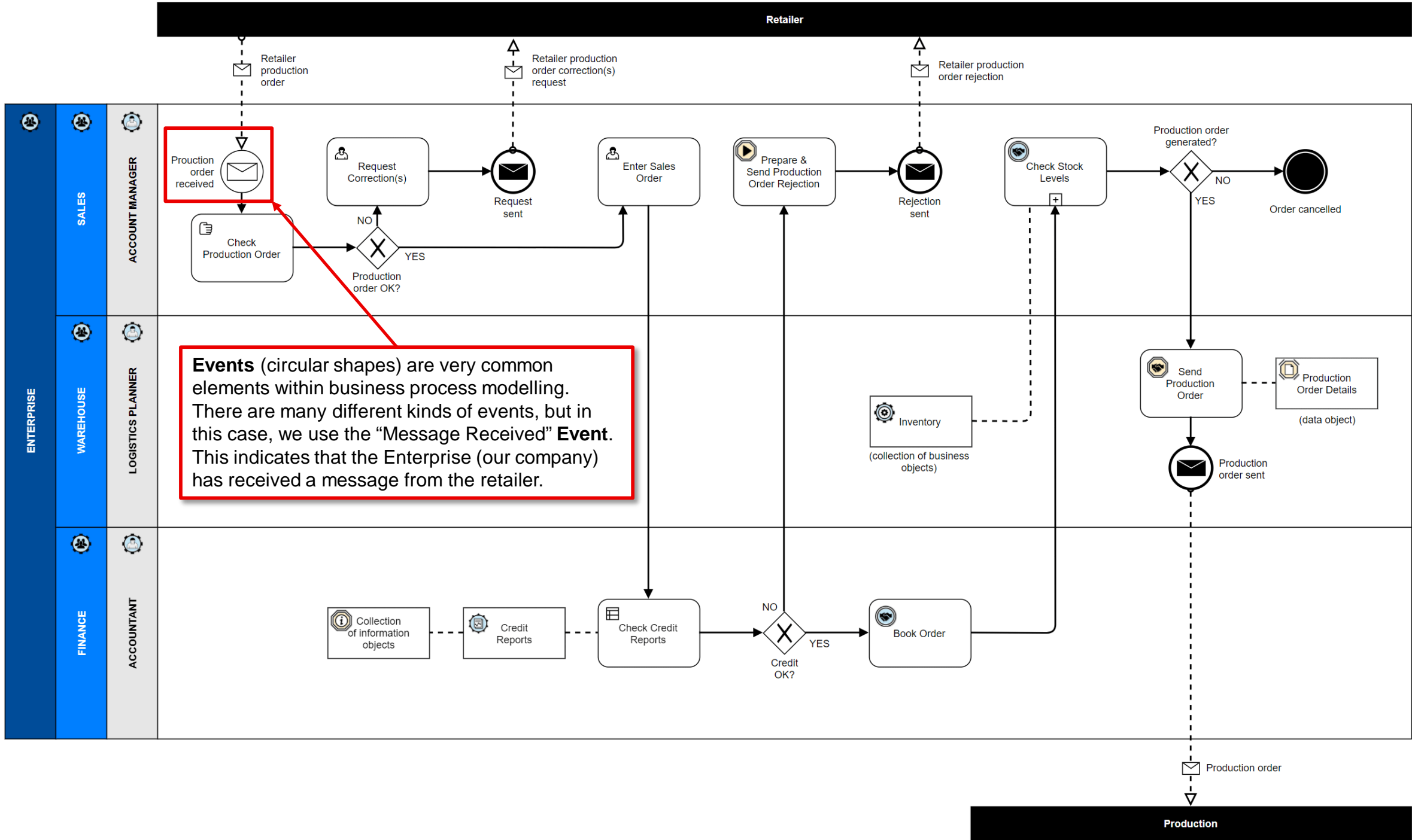
1. An **Account Manager**,
2. A **Logistics Planner**; and
3. An **Accountant**.

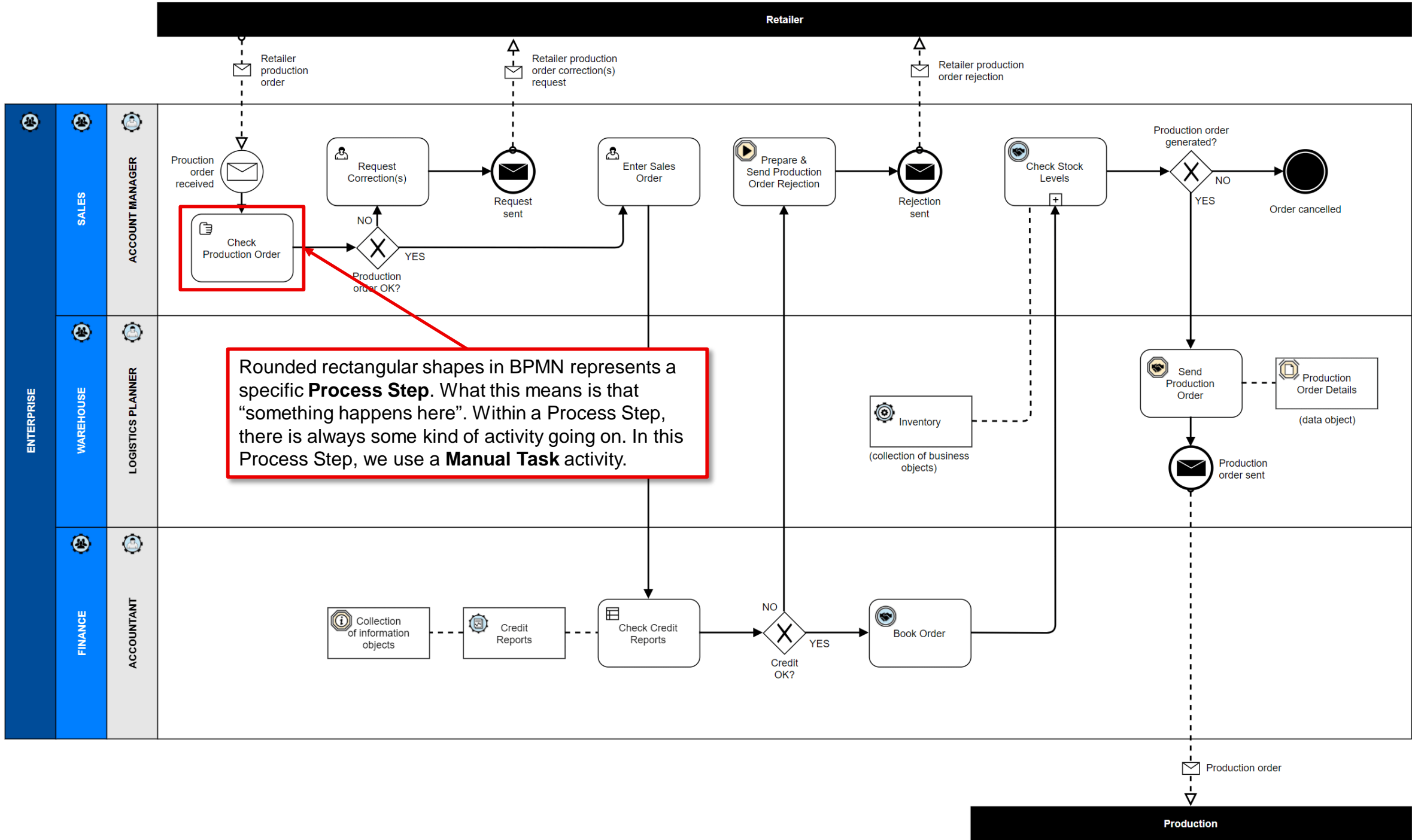


In BPMN, we make use of long rectangular and [always] horizontal shapes. These are called **Swimlanes**, and are used to indicate the activities involved with a specific person and/or department. In this case, the upper swimlane represent all the activities, gateways and events associated with the **Account Manager** employee (role) that works within the **Sales** department of the **Enterprise**. In this particular business process model, we make use of 3 swimlanes because we want to show what goes on with which people and within which departments.



The dotted arrow line and the letter icon represents what in BPMN is called a **Message Flow**. This means that a message is sent from an external entity, in this case a business Retailer (a car sales shop, for example). In this example, the message that is sent by the retailer contains a Production Order.





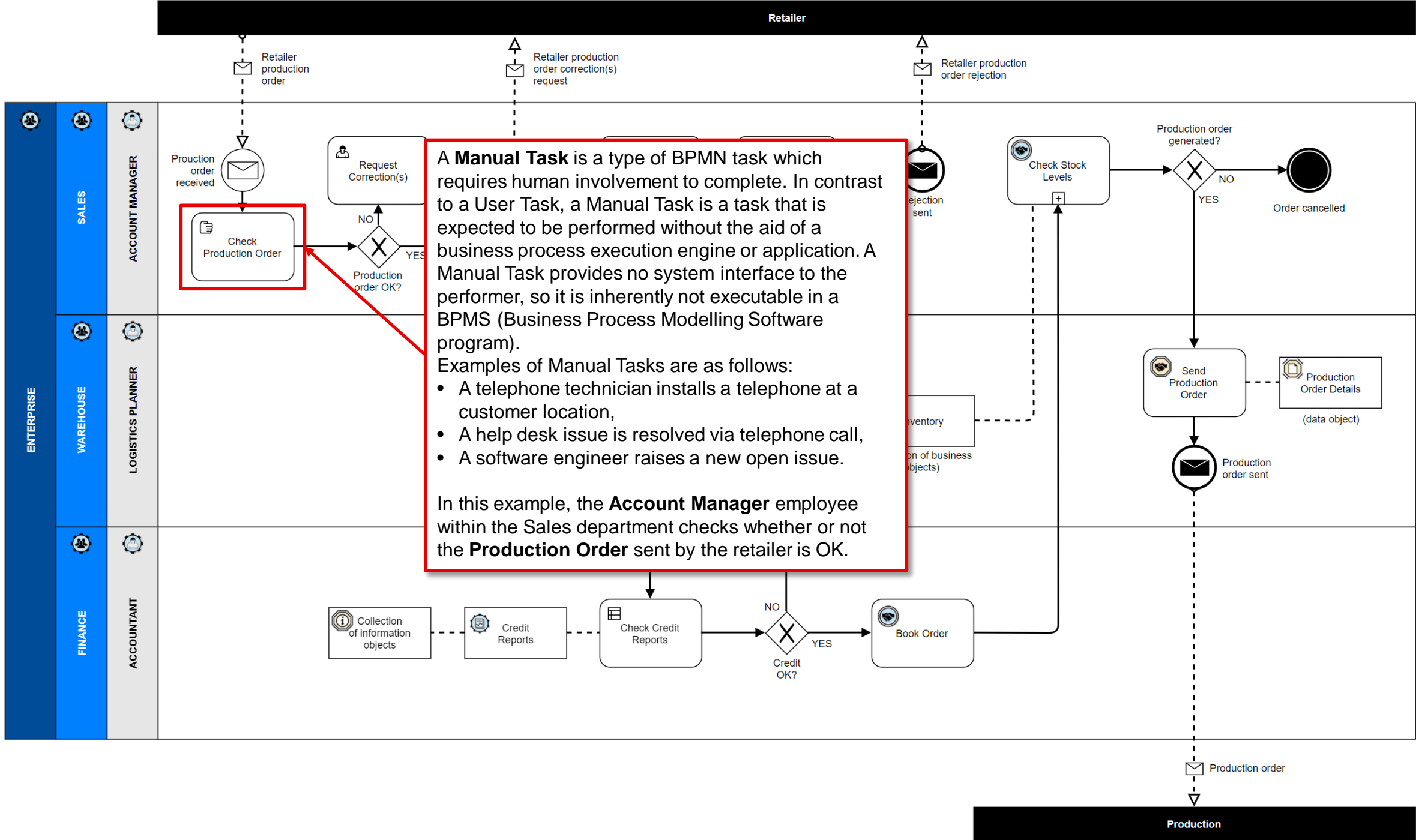
Rounded rectangular shapes in BPMN represents a specific **Process Step**. What this means is that "something happens here". Within a Process Step, there is always some kind of activity going on. In this Process Step, we use a **Manual Task** activity.

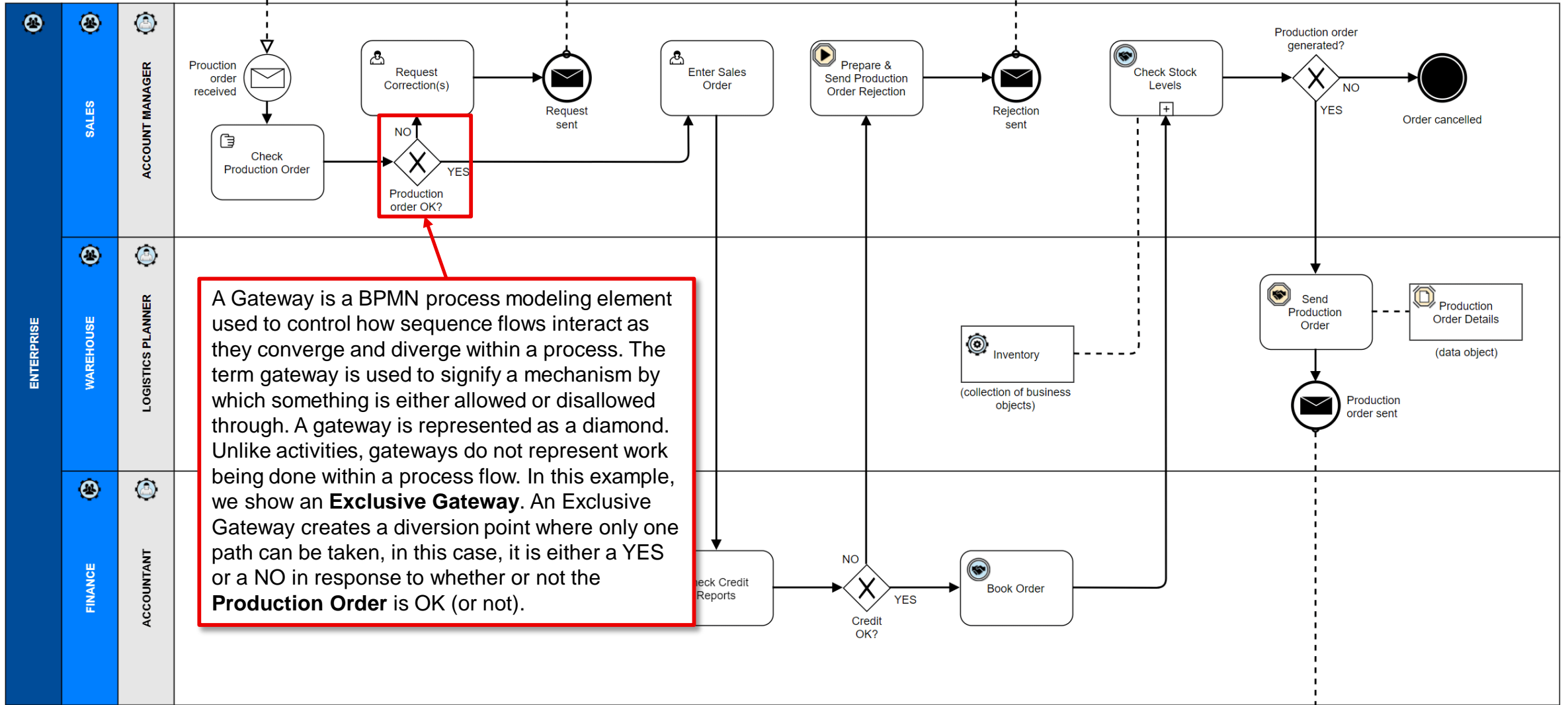
A Manual Task is a type of BPMN task which requires human involvement to complete. In contrast to a User Task, a Manual Task is a task that is expected to be performed without the aid of a business process execution engine or application. A Manual Task provides no system interface to the performer, so it is inherently not executable in a BPMS (Business Process Modelling Software program).

Examples of Manual Tasks are as follows:

- A telephone technician installs a telephone at a customer location,
- A help desk issue is resolved via telephone call,
- A software engineer raises a new open issue.

In this example, the **Account Manager** employee within the Sales department checks whether or not the **Production Order** sent by the retailer is OK.





A Gateway is a BPMN process modeling element used to control how sequence flows interact as they converge and diverge within a process. The term gateway is used to signify a mechanism by which something is either allowed or disallowed through. A gateway is represented as a diamond. Unlike activities, gateways do not represent work being done within a process flow. In this example, we show an **Exclusive Gateway**. An Exclusive Gateway creates a diversion point where only one path can be taken, in this case, it is either a YES or a NO in response to whether or not the **Production Order** is OK (or not).

Retailer

SALES

ACCOUNT MANAGER

WAREHOUSE

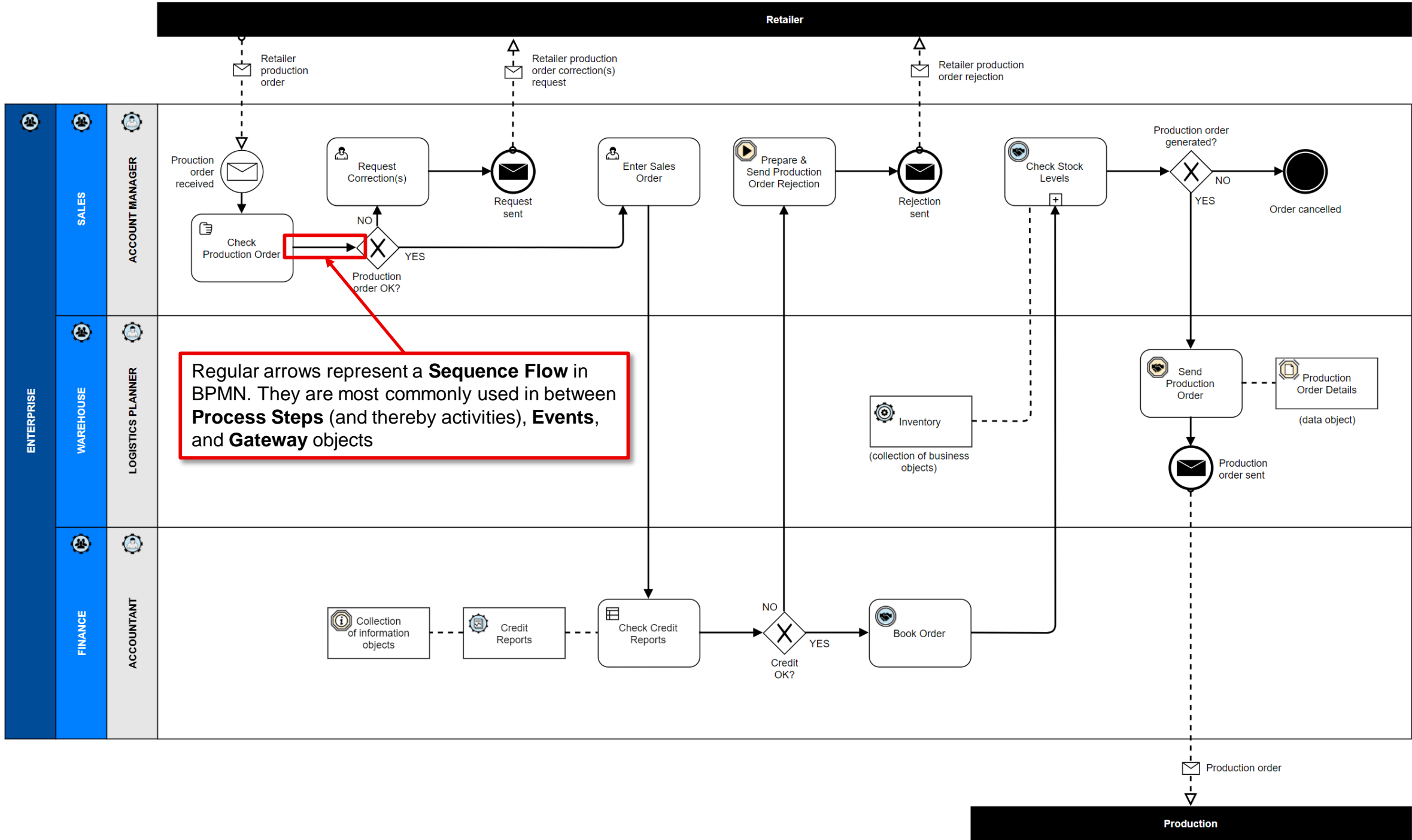
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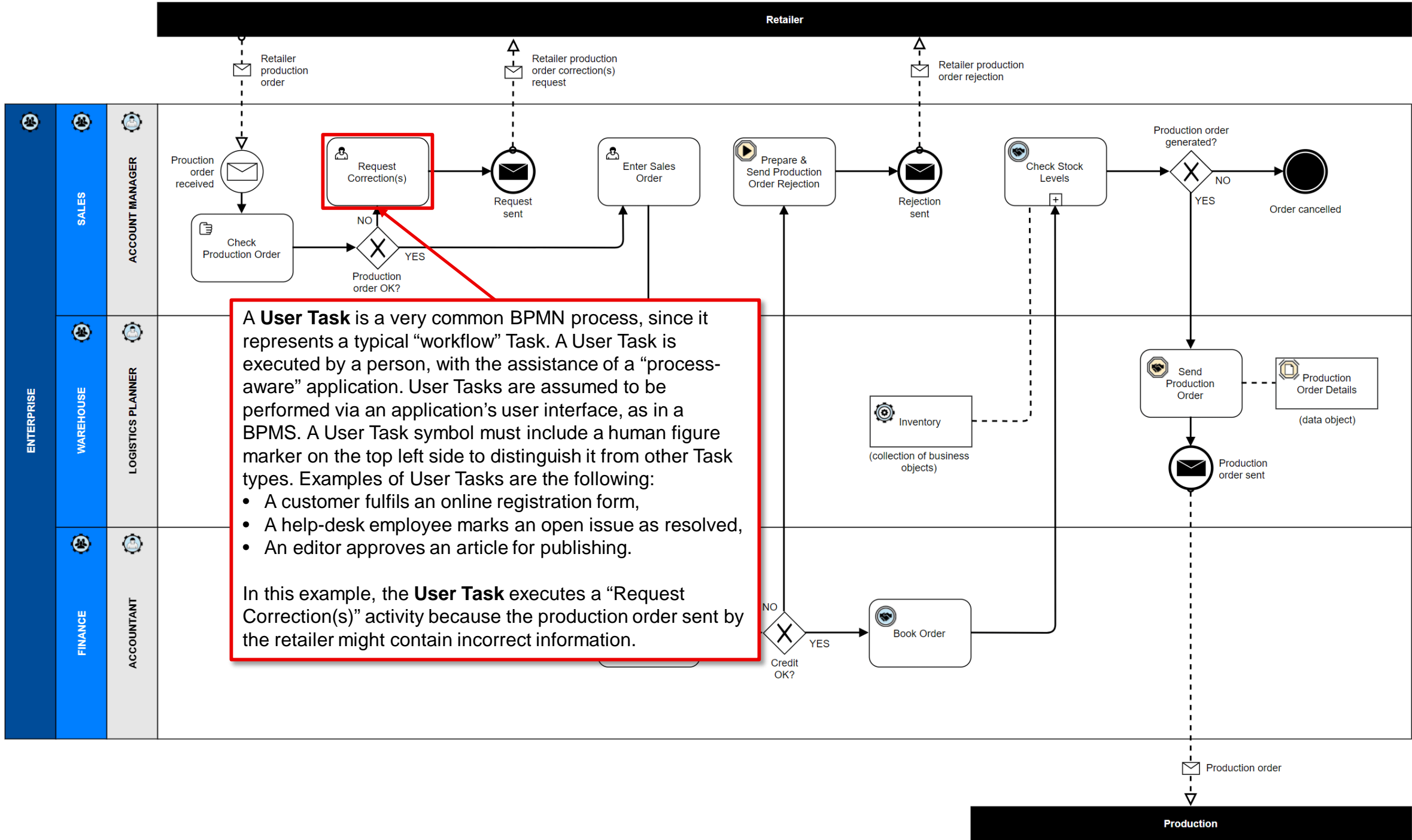
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Production



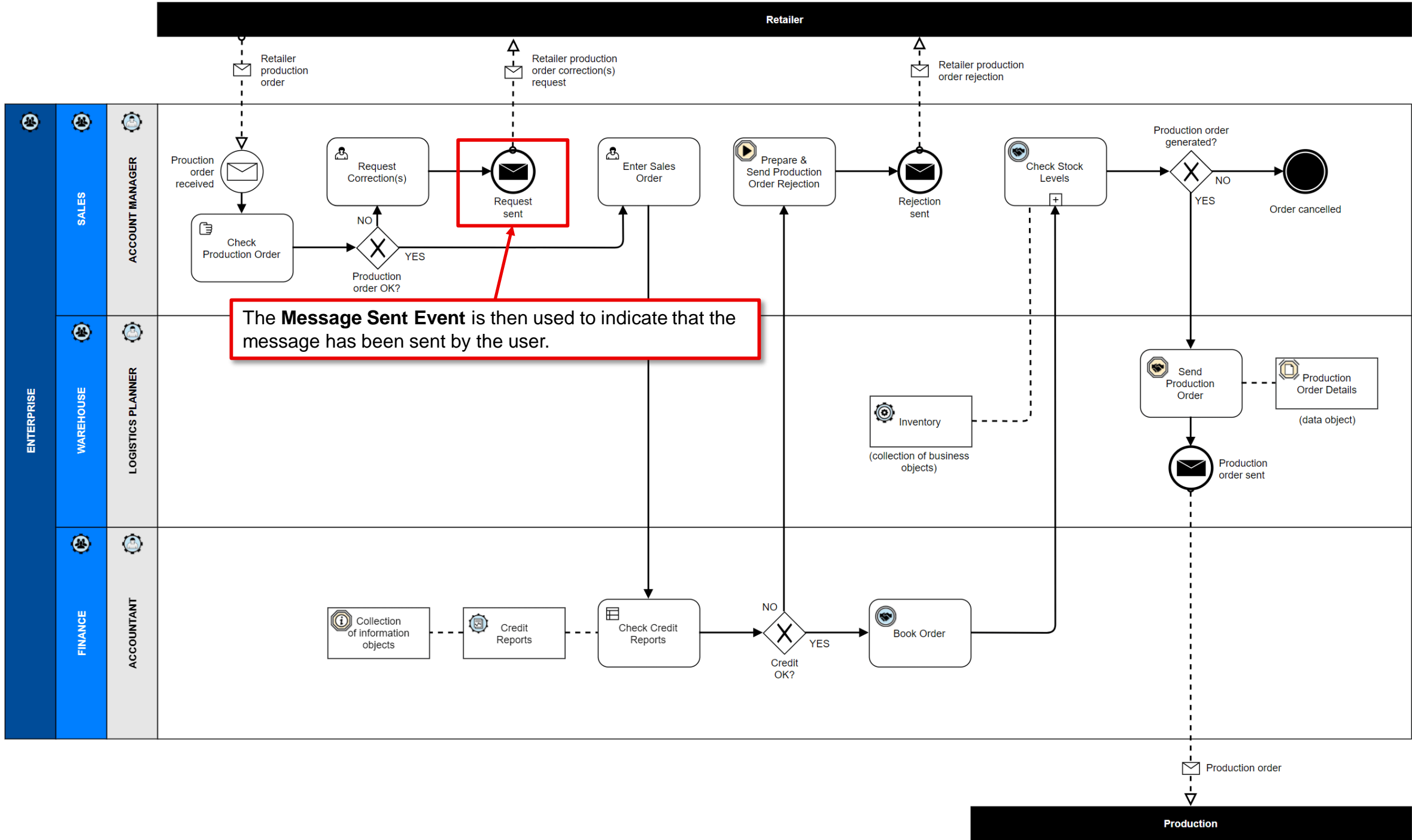
Regular arrows represent a **Sequence Flow** in BPMN. They are most commonly used in between **Process Steps** (and thereby activities), **Events**, and **Gateway** objects



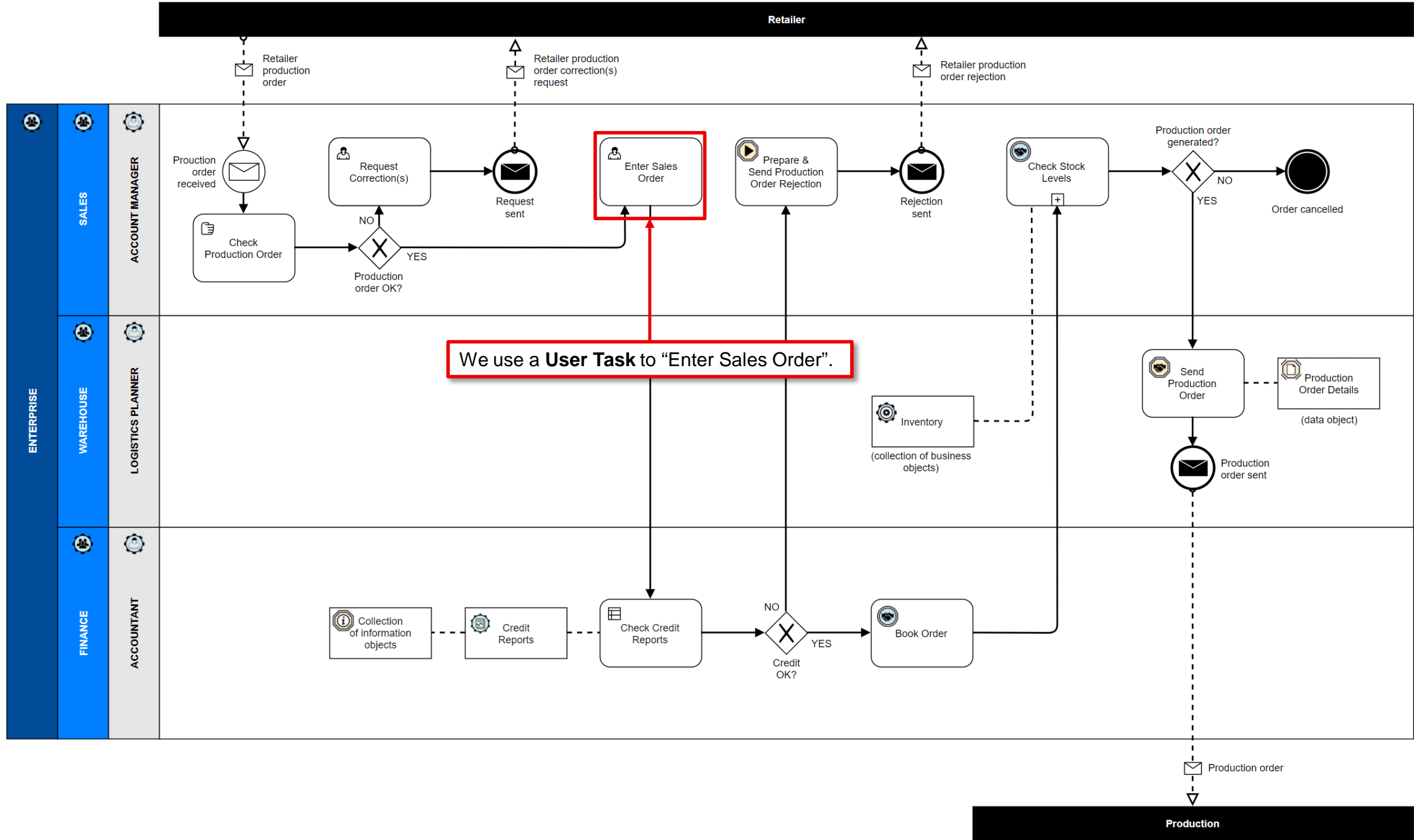
A **User Task** is a very common BPMN process, since it represents a typical “workflow” Task. A User Task is executed by a person, with the assistance of a “process-aware” application. User Tasks are assumed to be performed via an application’s user interface, as in a BPMS. A User Task symbol must include a human figure marker on the top left side to distinguish it from other Task types. Examples of User Tasks are the following:

- A customer fulfils an online registration form,
- A help-desk employee marks an open issue as resolved,
- An editor approves an article for publishing.

In this example, the **User Task** executes a “Request Correction(s)” activity because the production order sent by the retailer might contain incorrect information.



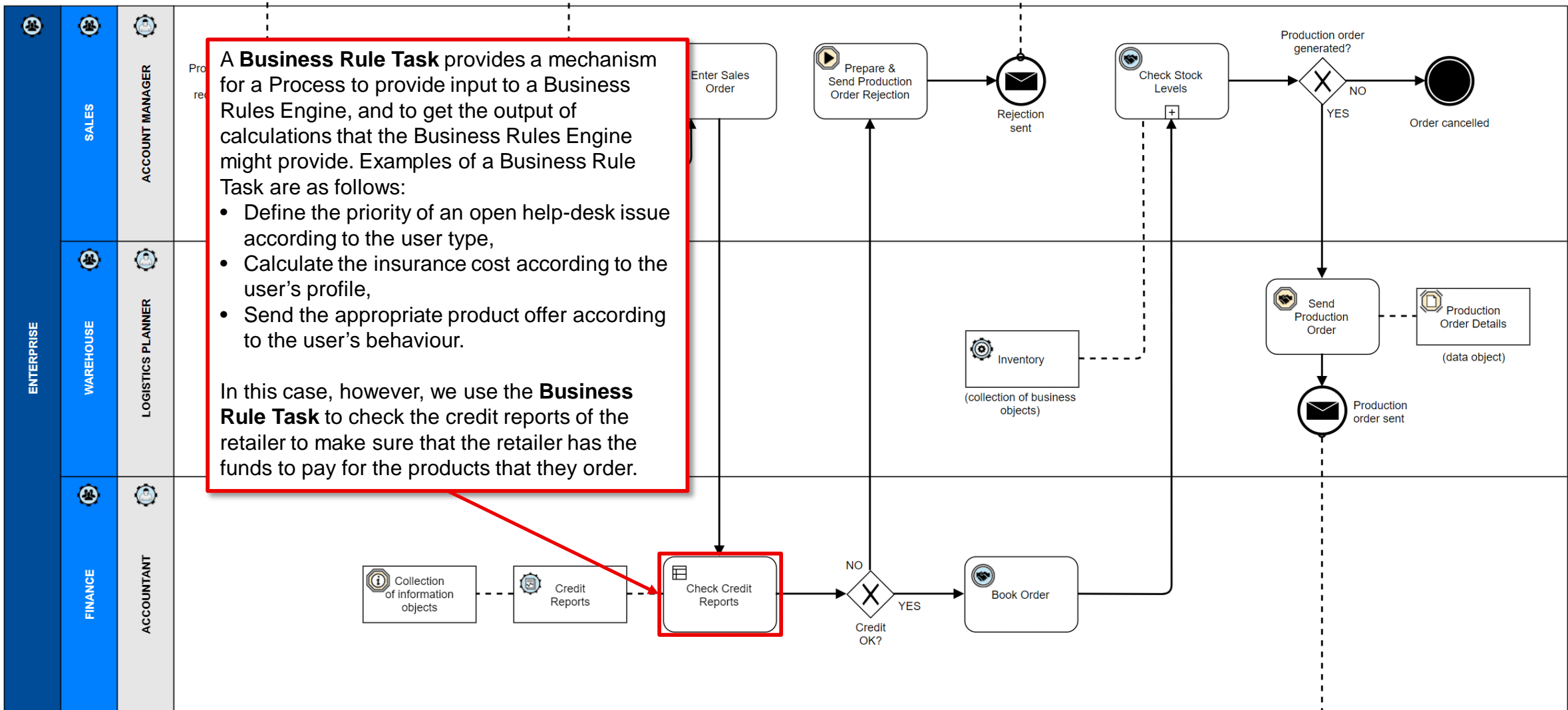
The **Message Sent Event** is then used to indicate that the message has been sent by the user.

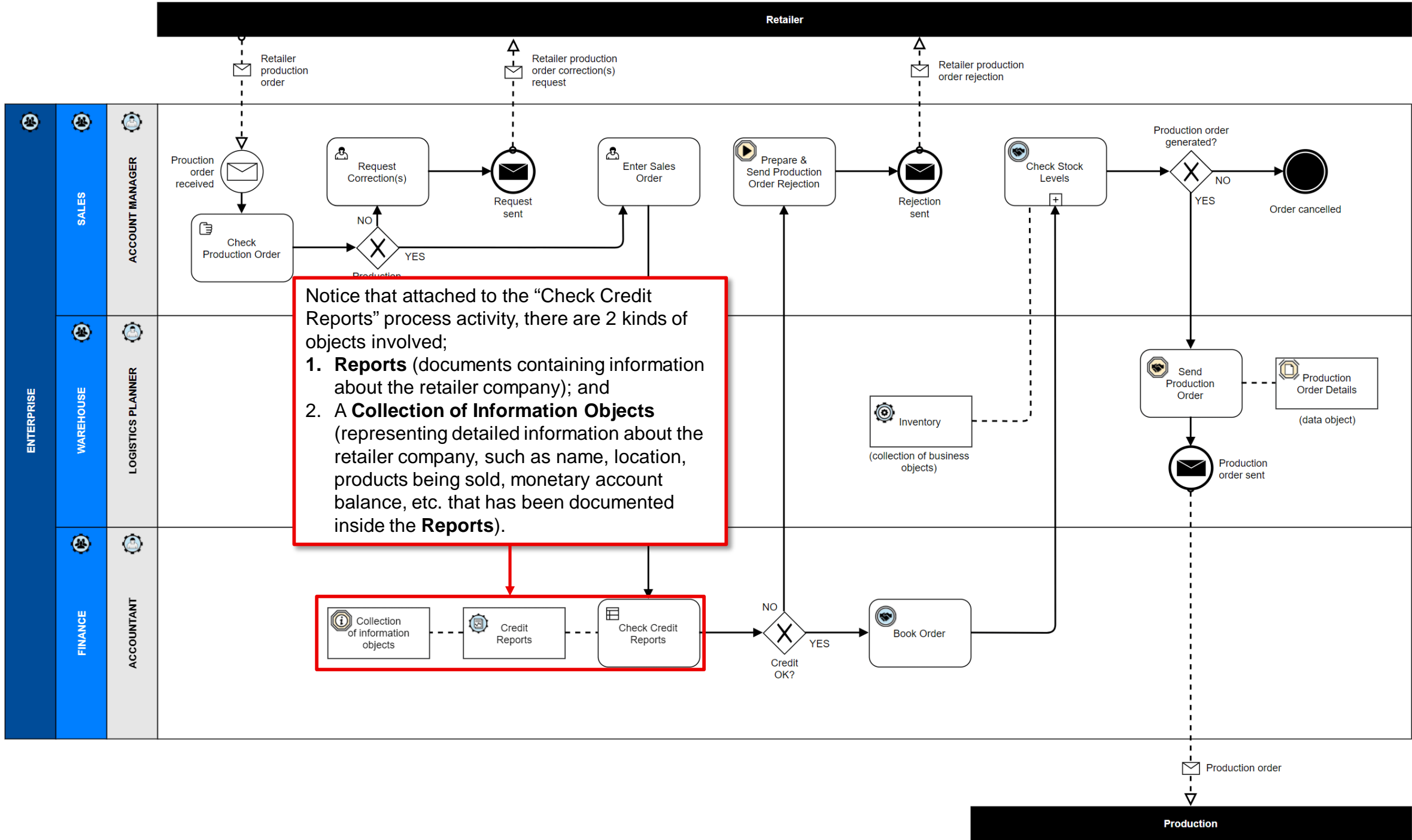


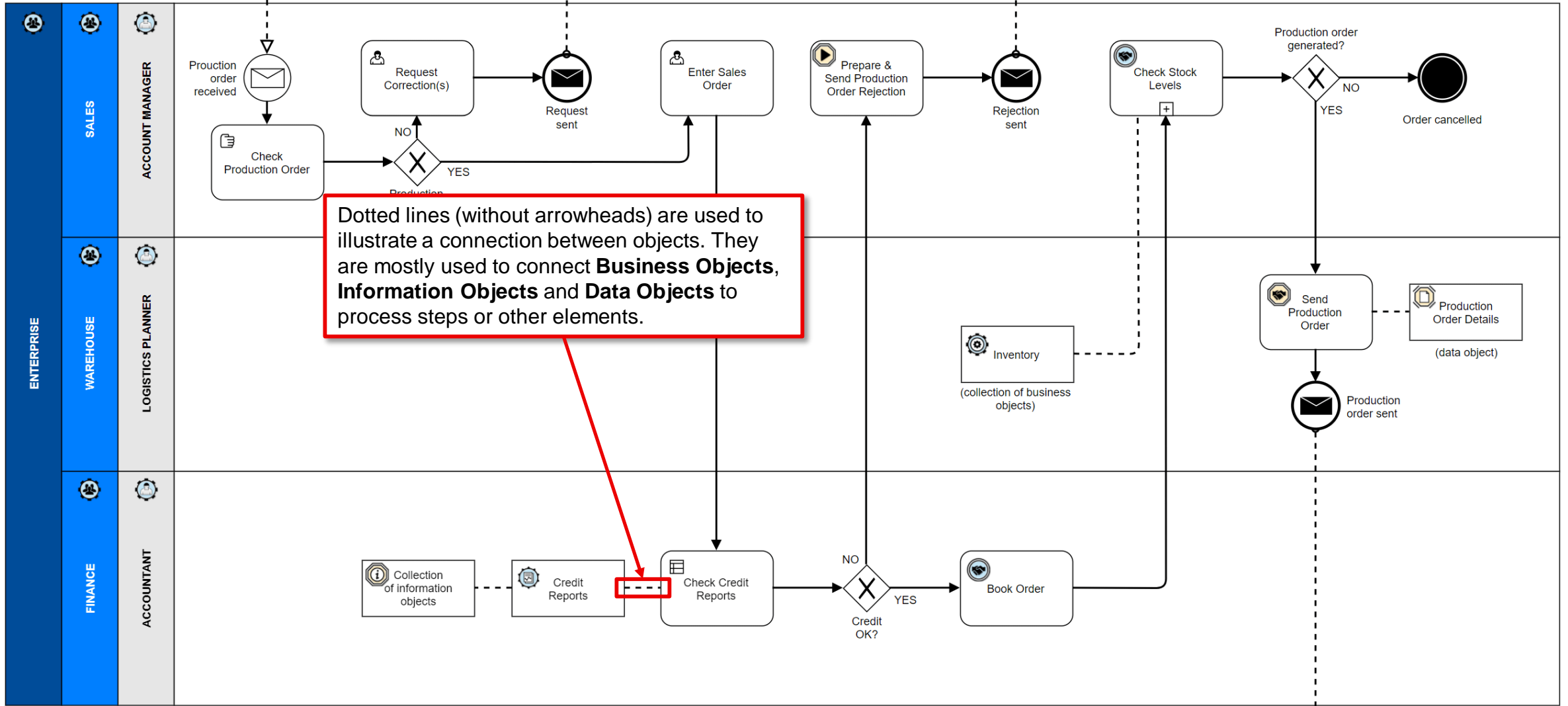
A Business Rule Task provides a mechanism for a Process to provide input to a Business Rules Engine, and to get the output of calculations that the Business Rules Engine might provide. Examples of a Business Rule Task are as follows:

- Define the priority of an open help-desk issue according to the user type,
- Calculate the insurance cost according to the user's profile,
- Send the appropriate product offer according to the user's behaviour.

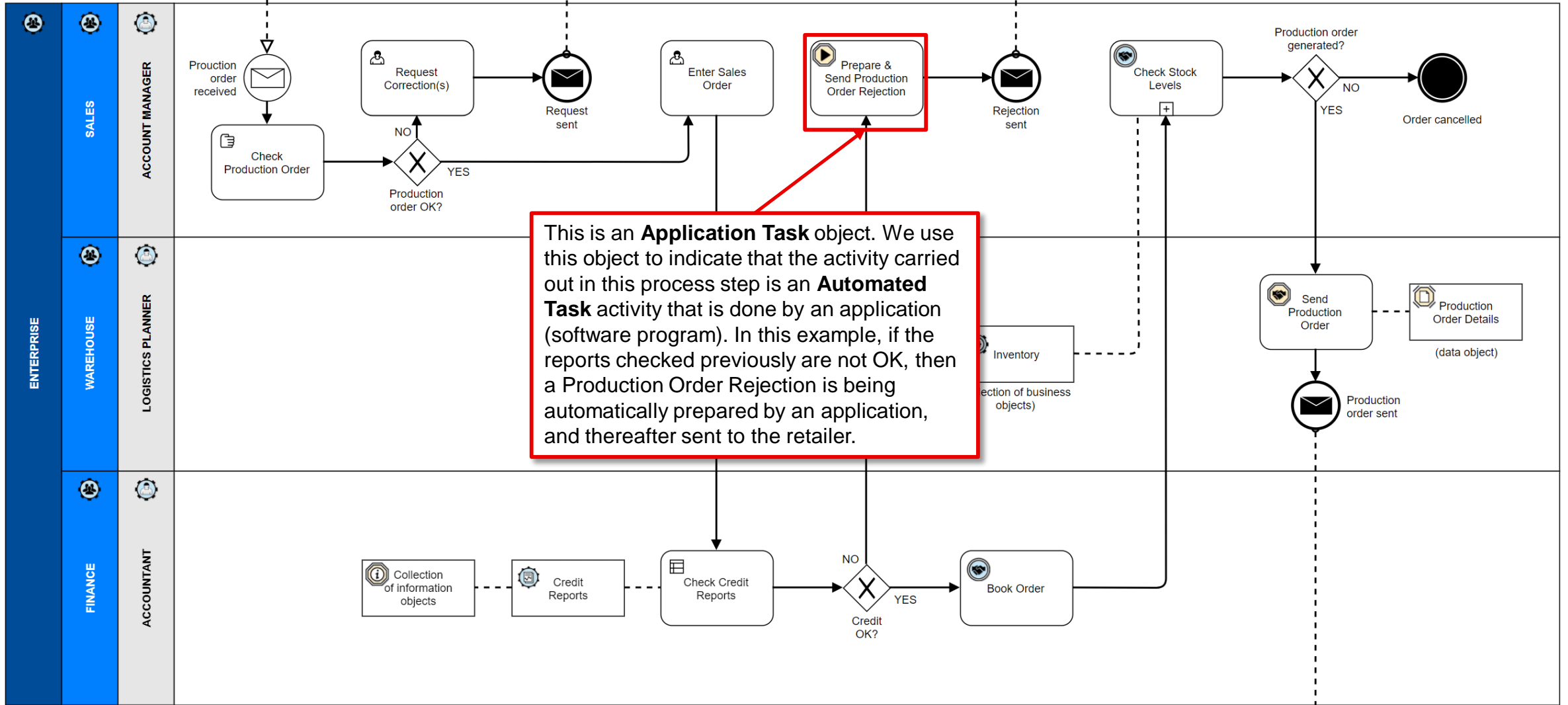
In this case, however, we use the **Business Rule Task** to check the credit reports of the retailer to make sure that the retailer has the funds to pay for the products that they order.







Dotted lines (without arrowheads) are used to illustrate a connection between objects. They are mostly used to connect **Business Objects**, **Information Objects** and **Data Objects** to process steps or other elements.



This is an **Application Task** object. We use this object to indicate that the activity carried out in this process step is an **Automated Task** activity that is done by an application (software program). In this example, if the reports checked previously are not OK, then a Production Order Rejection is being automatically prepared by an application, and thereafter sent to the retailer.

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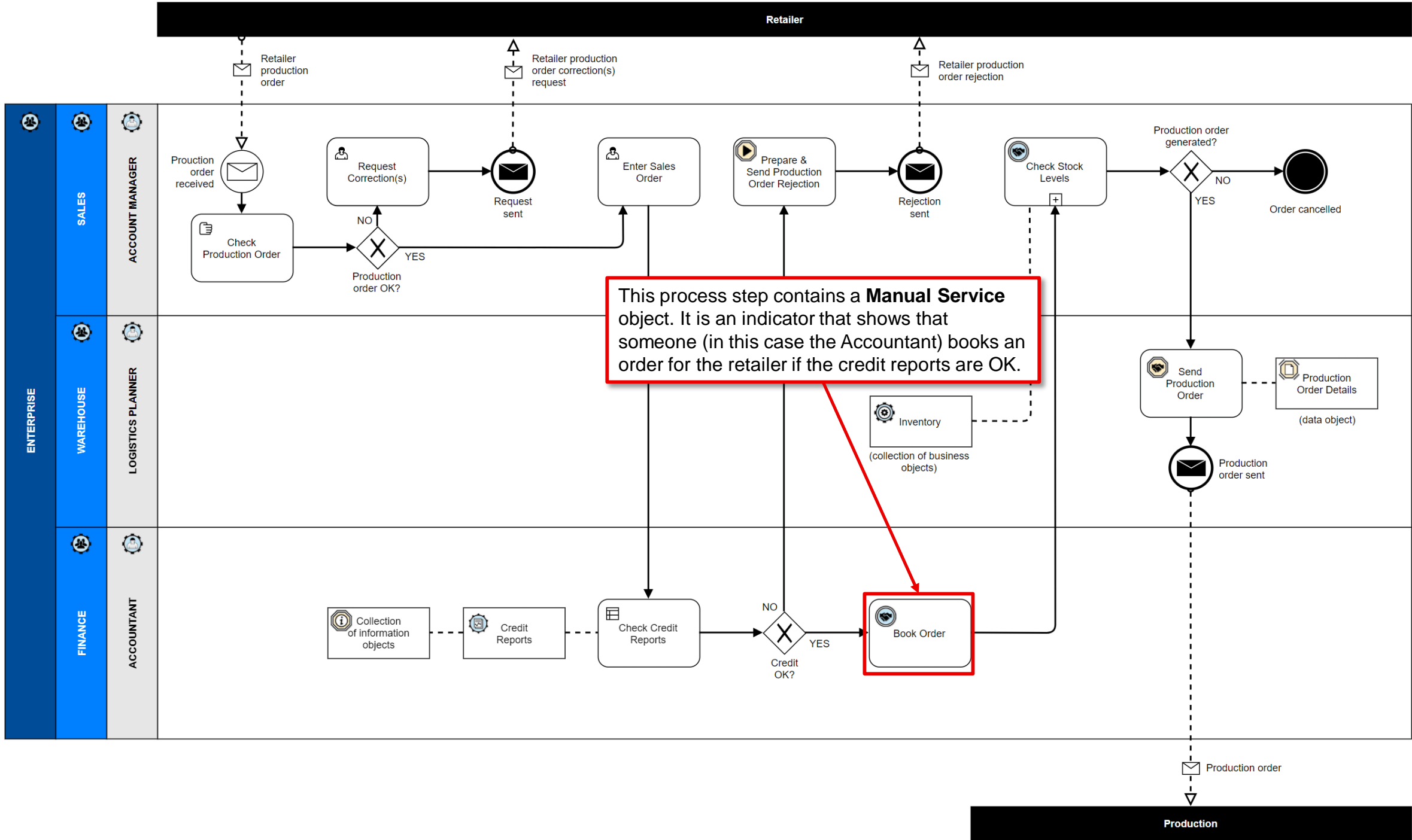
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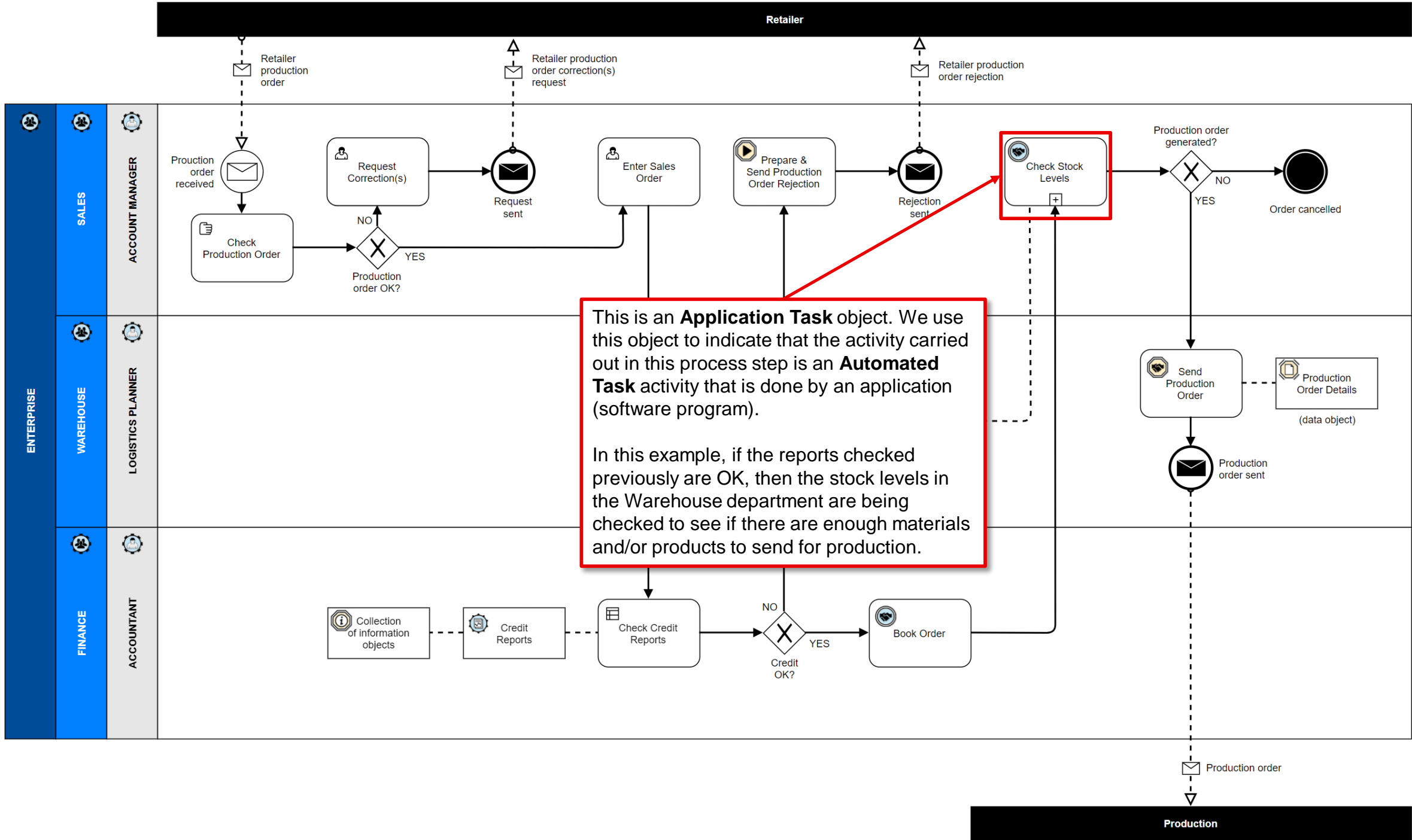
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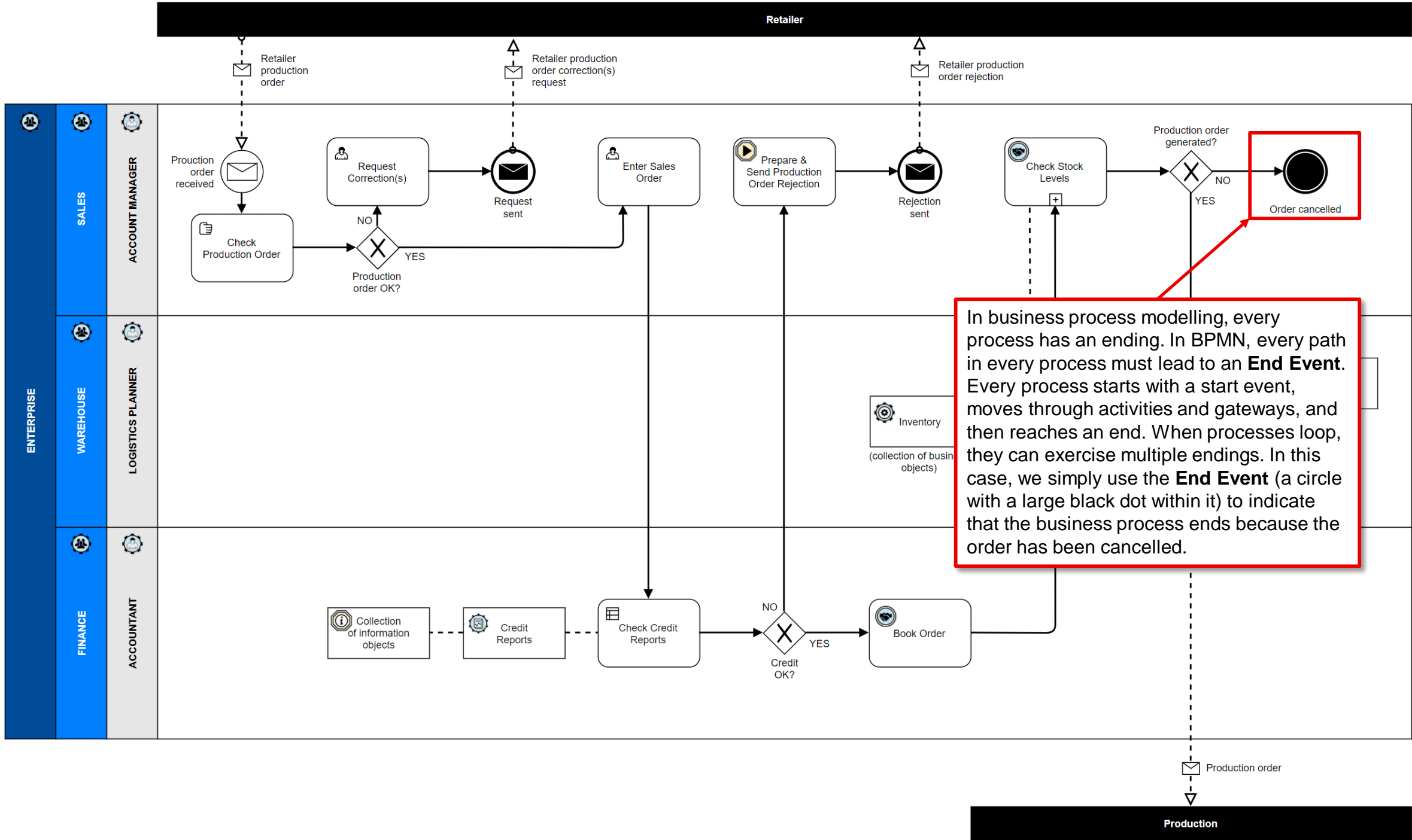
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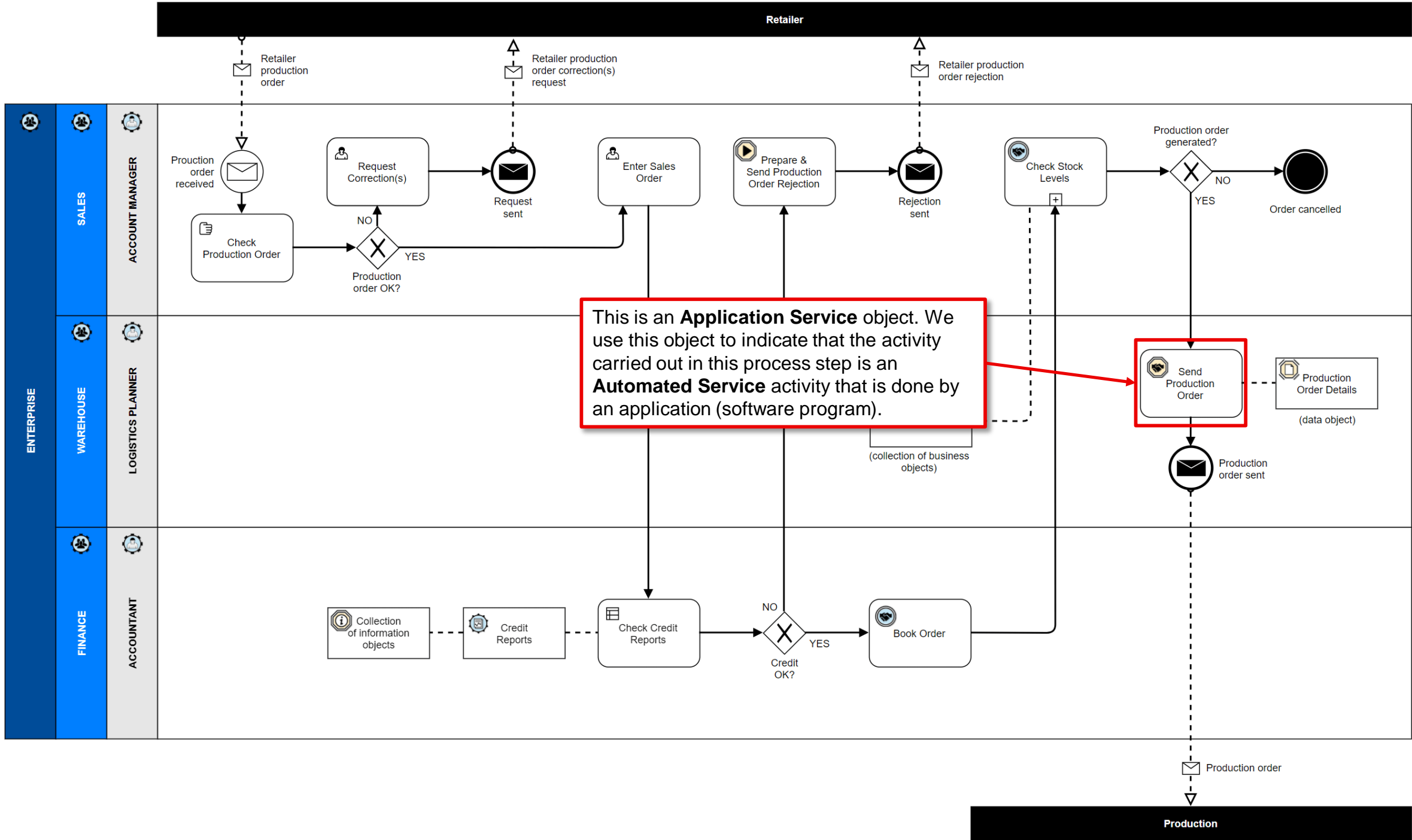


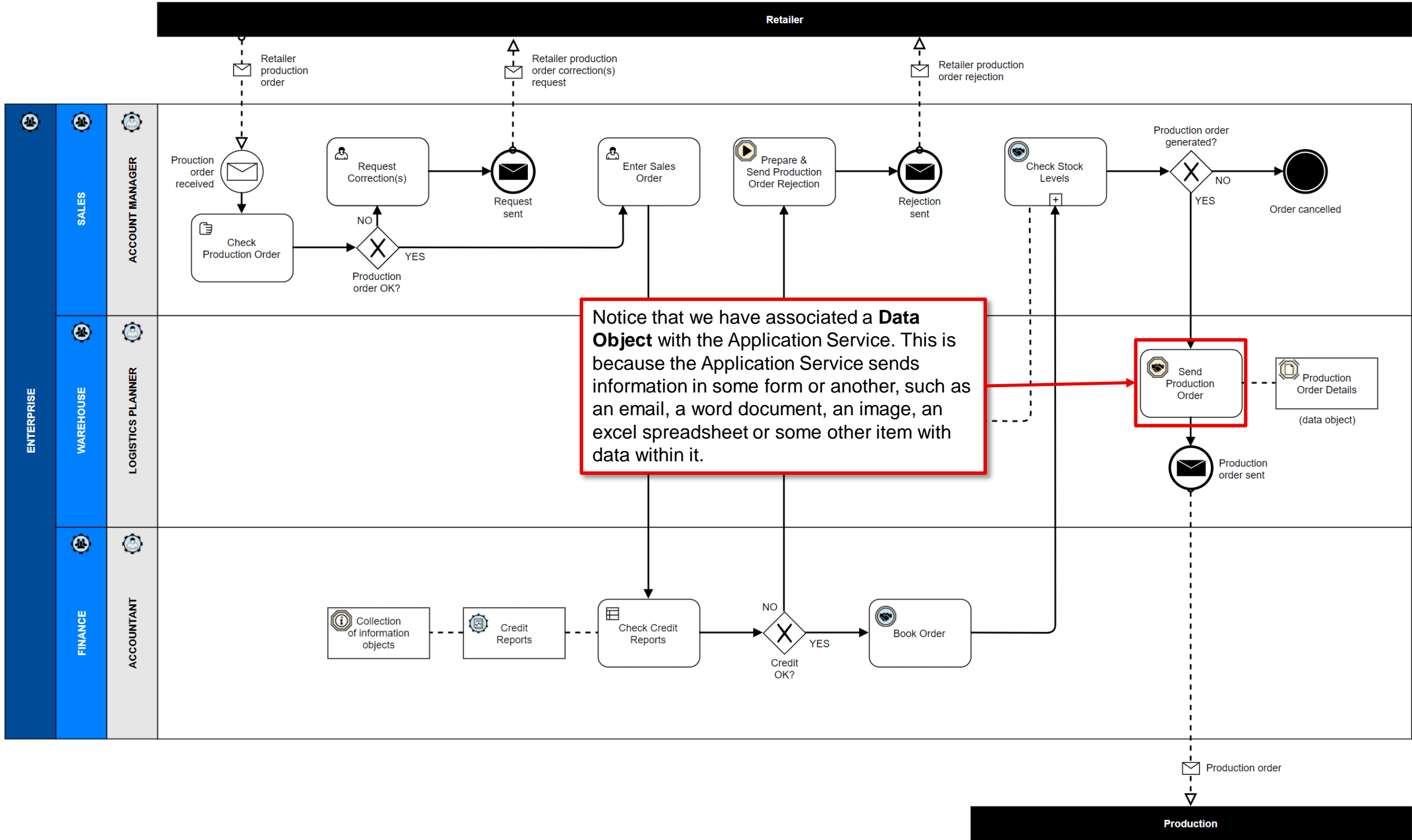


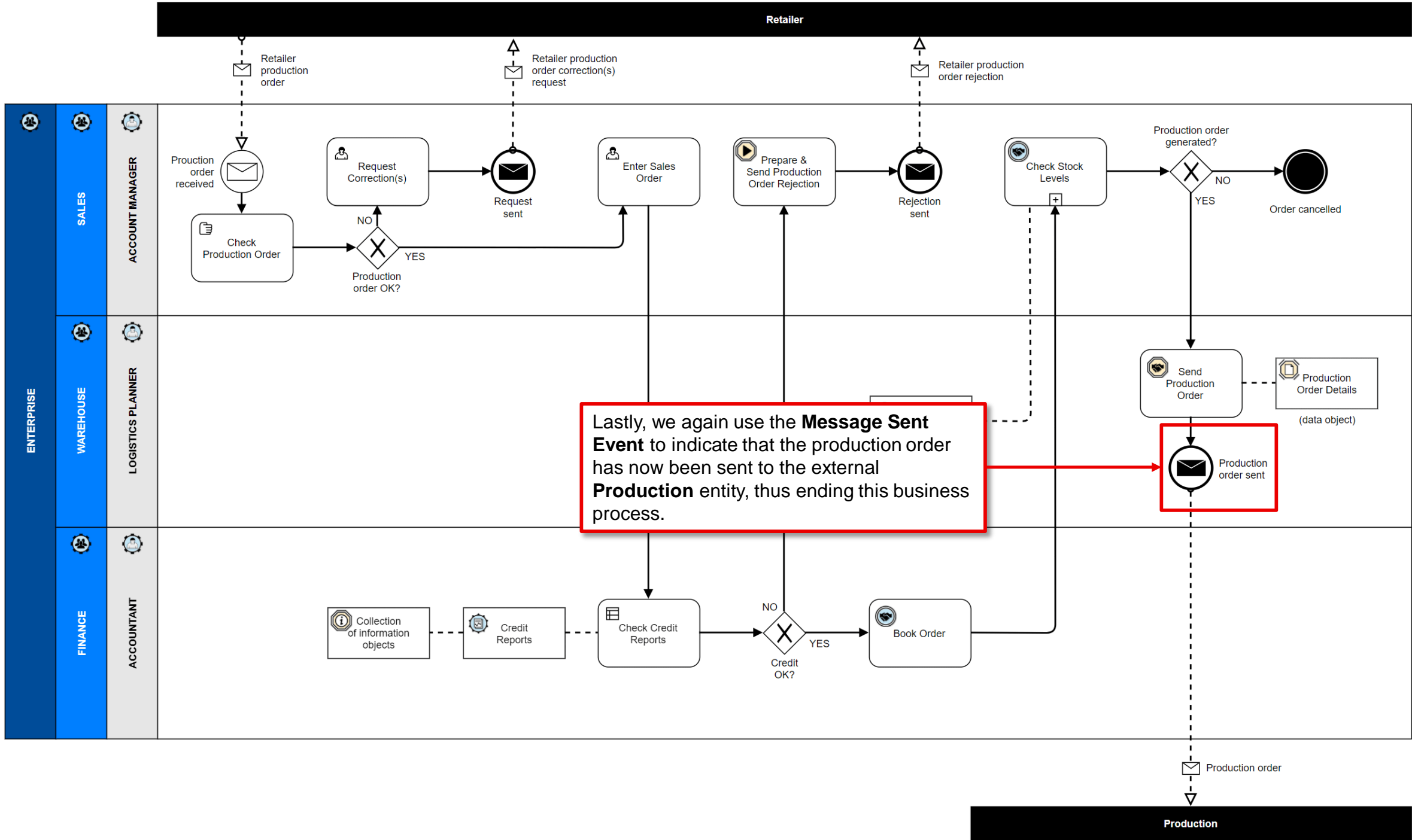
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In this example, if the reports checked previously are OK, then the stock levels in the Warehouse department are being checked to see if there are enough materials and/or products to send for production.









Before you begin modelling, you should take some time to create your objects first.

We only need to create a few, customized meta objects for this business process exercise.

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Meta Object Definitions

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An external or internal factor that pushes some aspect of an enterprise in a specific direction.

2 Driver (external or internal)
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An external or internal factor that drives, establishes motivation for or influences the direction of an enterprise.

3 Vision
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The desired future state of the enterprise. An imagination of the future aspirational state of how the enterprise could or should be like without regard as to how this will be achieved.

Mission

Strategy (Strategic Business Objective)
An enterprise seeks as well as the means and methods by which the ends will be attained.

8 Goal (business, application or technology)
New instance | View all instances
A desired result considered a part of the organizational direction, aims, targets, and aspirations.

9 Objective Modified
New instance | View all instances
The purpose or target of one's efforts or actions.

Quality
New instance | View all instances

13 Measure Modified
New instance | View all instances
Any type of measure some quantifiable component of an enterprise's performance.

14 Report Modified
New instance | View all instances
The exposure, description, and portrayal of information about the status, direction or execution of work within the functions, services, processes, and resources of the enterprise.

15 Time
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A plan, schedule, arrangement or measure for when something should initiate, take place, be completed or the amount of time consumed.

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5. Application
6. Data
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A part that something or someone has the

Under the "Business Competency" sublayer, click the "New instance" to create a new **Organization** object.

The red text "**Modified**" indicates that we (on this user account only) have already created 1 or more of our own, custom **Organization** objects.

If you click on the "View all instances" link, you will be taken to a page where all of your previously created **Organization** objects are shown in an object list. This makes it easy to find all of your specific class type objects.

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Meta Object Stereotype

Write "Enterprise" as the name for your new **Organization** object. You do not need to choose a specific stereotype for the new "Enterprise" **Organization** object. Click the "Create Instance" button once you are ready.

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A cluster of tasks performing a specific class of jobs.

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Choose the "Organization Area" as the meta object type. Lastly, click the "Create Instance" button.

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Repeat the previous process of creating the last 2 Organization objects:

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They too should be classified as Organization Area object types – similar to the previously generated **Sales** object.

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21 Resource

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A specific person, expertise, data, information, material, machine, land, capital or organization that is required to accomplish an

Now that you know the process of creating your own, custom meta objects, you may now proceed with creating the remaining objects that we are going to use for our example Retailer Production Order business process model.

The objects that you should create next are the following:

- **Report** (call the object "Credit Reports")
- **Business Object** (call the object "Inventory (Collection of Business Objects)")
- **Role** (call the object "Account Manager")
- **Role** (call the object "Logistics Planner")
- **Role** (call the object "Accountant")
- **Business Service** (call the object "Book Order")
- **Business Service** (call the object "Check Stock Levels")
- **Application Task** (call the object "Prepare & Send Production Order Rejection")
- **Application Service** (call the object "Send Production Order")
- **Information Object** (call the object "Collection of Information Objects")
- **Data Object** (call the object "Production Order Details")

Please note that you do not need to select any specific meta object stereotypes, types or subtypes for the objects listed above. You simply just give them a custom name and create them.

26 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)

A result and output generated by the enterprise. It has a combination of tangible and intangible attributes (i.e.. features, functions, usage).

Business Compliance

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process or tools for verifying adherence and decisions.

Business Location

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facility, place or geographic position may be referred to physically or logically.

Business Channel

[New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)

means of access or otherwise interacting in enterprise or between an enterprise and external partners (i.e.. customers, suppliers, etc.).

Business Media

[New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)

material or matter used to store information (i.e. printed page, digital tape, CD, disk as well as non-volatile storage, screen, or memory).



Business Workflow

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Enterprise Semantics

Objects

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- Business Concepts & Notations
- Enterprise Concepts & Notations
- Meta Object Definitions**
- Meta Object Nature
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- Organizational Role Notations
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Business Competency

- Organization** Modified
18 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
An arrangement or formation of resources that has a set of collective goals
- Enterprise Capability**
19 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
An enterprise capability is an abstract concept that represents the ability to perform a particular skillset i.e. organizational competencies, personal competencies, business function, processes, services, and technology.
- Organizational Competency**
20 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
An integrated and holistic set of related knowledge, skills, and abilities related to a specific set of resources (including persons and organizations) that - once combined - enables the enterprise to do something well.
- Resource**
21 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A specific person, expertise, data, information, material, machine, land, capital or organization that is required to accomplish an

- Role** Modified
23 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A part that something or someone has the rights, rules, competencies, and capabilities to perform. A resource and/ or actor may have a number of roles i.e. process role, service role
- Organizational Function** Modified
24 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A cluster of tasks performing a specific class of jobs.
- Business Object** Modified
25 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A real world thing which relate to the enterprise's means to act.
- Product**
26 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A result and output generated by the enterprise. It has a combination of tangible and intangible attributes (i.e.. features, functions, usage).

- Business Compliance**
29 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
The process or tools used to enforce adherence to rules and decision
- Location**
30 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A point, facility, place or area that may be referred to by a name or symbol.
- Business Channel**
31 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
A means of access or otherwise interacting within an enterprise or between an enterprise and its external partners (i.e.. customers, vendors, suppliers, etc.).
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32 [New instance](#) | [View all instances](#)
The material or matter used to store information (i.e. printed page, digital tape, CD, disk as well as non-volatile storage, screen, or memory).
- Business Workflow**

- Create Object
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- Create Model
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You should now visit the "My Objects" page.

Tools / Objects

My Objects

Tools

My Objects

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The "My Objects" page shows a detailed list of all of your created meta objects. Here, you can double check if you have created all the objects that you need as well as modify them if you wish to give an object a new name, or a specific stereotype, type or subtype classification.

Search by object name

Delete selected

ID	Object Name	Custom Name	Object Class	Created	Last Modified
7585	Application Task	Prepare & Send Production Order Rejection	Meta Object	2017-11-14 12:46:18	2017-11-14 12:46:18
7584	Business Service	Check Stock Levels	Meta Object	2017-11-14 12:45:46	2017-11-14 12:45:46
7582	Business Object	Inventory (Collection of Business Objects)	Meta Object	2017-11-14 12:18:44	2017-11-14 12:18:44

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Search by object name

Search by object type

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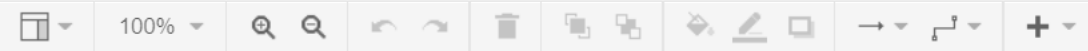
Now that we have all of our required objects in place, click the "Create Model" item from the Software Tools menu in the top right corner.

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- Create Model**
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ID	Object Name	Object Class	Created	Updated
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<input type="checkbox"/> 7584	 Business Service Check Stock Levels	Meta Object	2017-11-14 12:45:46	2017-11-14 12:45:46
<input type="checkbox"/> 7582	 Business Object Inventory (Collection of Business Objects)	Meta Object	2017-11-14 12:18:44	2017-11-14 12:18:44



Now we can begin creating the
“Retailer Production Order”
business process model.



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Clicking the "Create Model" item will take you to a blank diagram canvas that we are going to use to draw our Retailer Production Order business process model on.

The first thing you should do is to save the diagram (even though it is empty for now). This ensures that you have a model that is saved unto your Model Repository so that you can always access it later on.

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- Import...
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- Page Setup...
- Print... Ctrl+P

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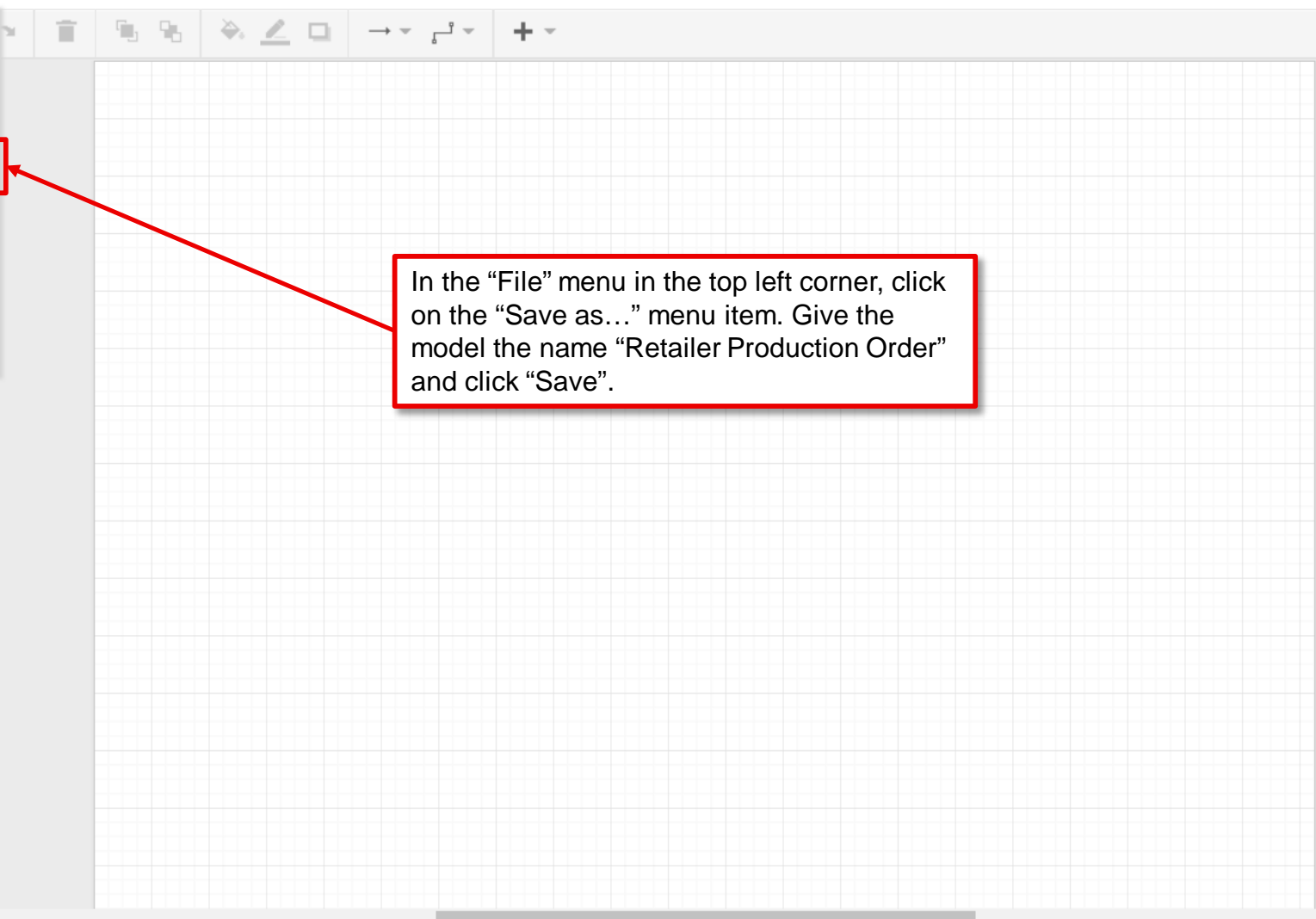


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In the "File" menu in the top left corner, click on the "Save as..." menu item. Give the model the name "Retailer Production Order" and click "Save".

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Also, as a good and effective way of working, you should use the hotkeys CTRL+S regularly to save your work during the process of creating models. Similarly, if you do not save your work often, please keep an eye on the "Session" timer in the top right corner. If it reaches 0, you will not be able to save your model unless you click the "Renew" button. This is a security measure in the software application.

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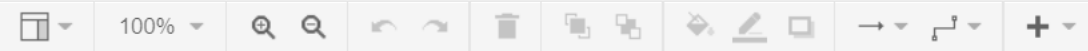
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For this Retailer Production Order business process model, we only need to work with objects and shapes from a few different categories that are located in the left side panel.

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Search Shapes

Object instances

Meta Object

Business Concepts & Notat...

A vertical sidebar on the left side of the interface. It features a search bar at the top labeled "Search Shapes". Below it is a section titled "Object instances" with a sub-section "Meta Object". This section contains a grid of approximately 30 different graphical icons, each representing a specific object type. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a partially visible label "Business Concepts & Notat...".

Object Instances > Meta Objects

This category contains all of the objects that you have created in the earlier phase of this tutorial. As you can see, the object list shows the notations (graphical icons) for all of the various Organization objects, Role objects, Business Service objects, and Data Objects, etc. that you have created.

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A vertical panel on the right side of the interface. It is titled "Diagram" and contains several sections. The "View" section has four checked options: "Grid" (set to 10 pt), "Guides", "Page View", and "Background" (with an "Image" button). The "Options" section has two checked options: "Connection arrows" and "Connection points". The "Paper Size" section shows "US-Letter (8,5" x 11")" selected from a dropdown menu, with "Portrait" selected as the orientation. At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Edit Data" and "Clear Default Style".



Search Shapes

Object instances

General

- Rectangle
- Text
- Oval
- Diamond
- Triangle
- Cloud
- Document
- Misc
- Advanced
- Basic
- Arrows

General

This category contains basic shapes that you can use to draw diagrams and models with.

Diagram

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BPMN General



BPMN Gateways

A vertical palette of BPMN shapes and symbols, including tasks, events, and connectors, organized into two sections: 'BPMN General' and 'BPMN Gateways'. The 'BPMN General' section is highlighted with a red border.

BPMN General

This category contains all kinds of basic BPMN shapes and objects that you can use to draw your business process model with.

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BPMN Gateways

A vertical panel on the left side of the interface, titled "BPMN Gateways". It contains a grid of 48 different BPMN Gateway symbols, arranged in 16 rows and 3 columns. The symbols include various types of gateways such as XOR, AND, OR, XOR split, AND split, OR split, XOR join, AND join, OR join, XOR merge, AND merge, OR merge, XOR, AND, OR, and XOR split/merge.

BPMN Gateways
This category contains all the available BPMN Gateway objects.

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BPMN Events

A vertical panel titled "BPMN Events" containing a grid of 48 different BPMN event symbols. The symbols include circles, rectangles, and ovals with various internal patterns and colors, representing different types of events in a process flow.

BPMN Events
This category contains all the available BPMN Events objects.

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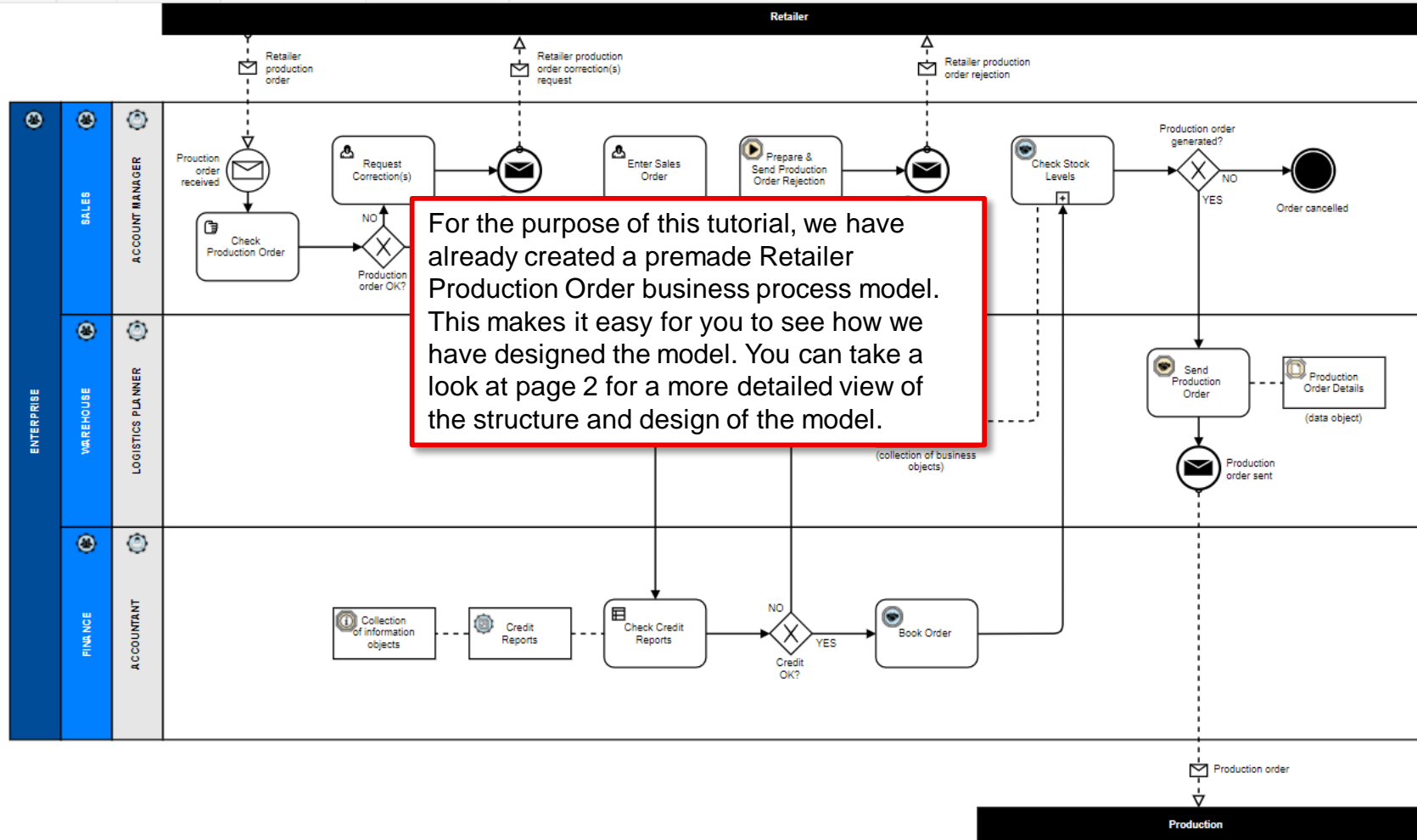
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For the purpose of this tutorial, we have already created a premade Retailer Production Order business process model. This makes it easy for you to see how we have designed the model. You can take a look at page 2 for a more detailed view of the structure and design of the model.

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Object instances

General

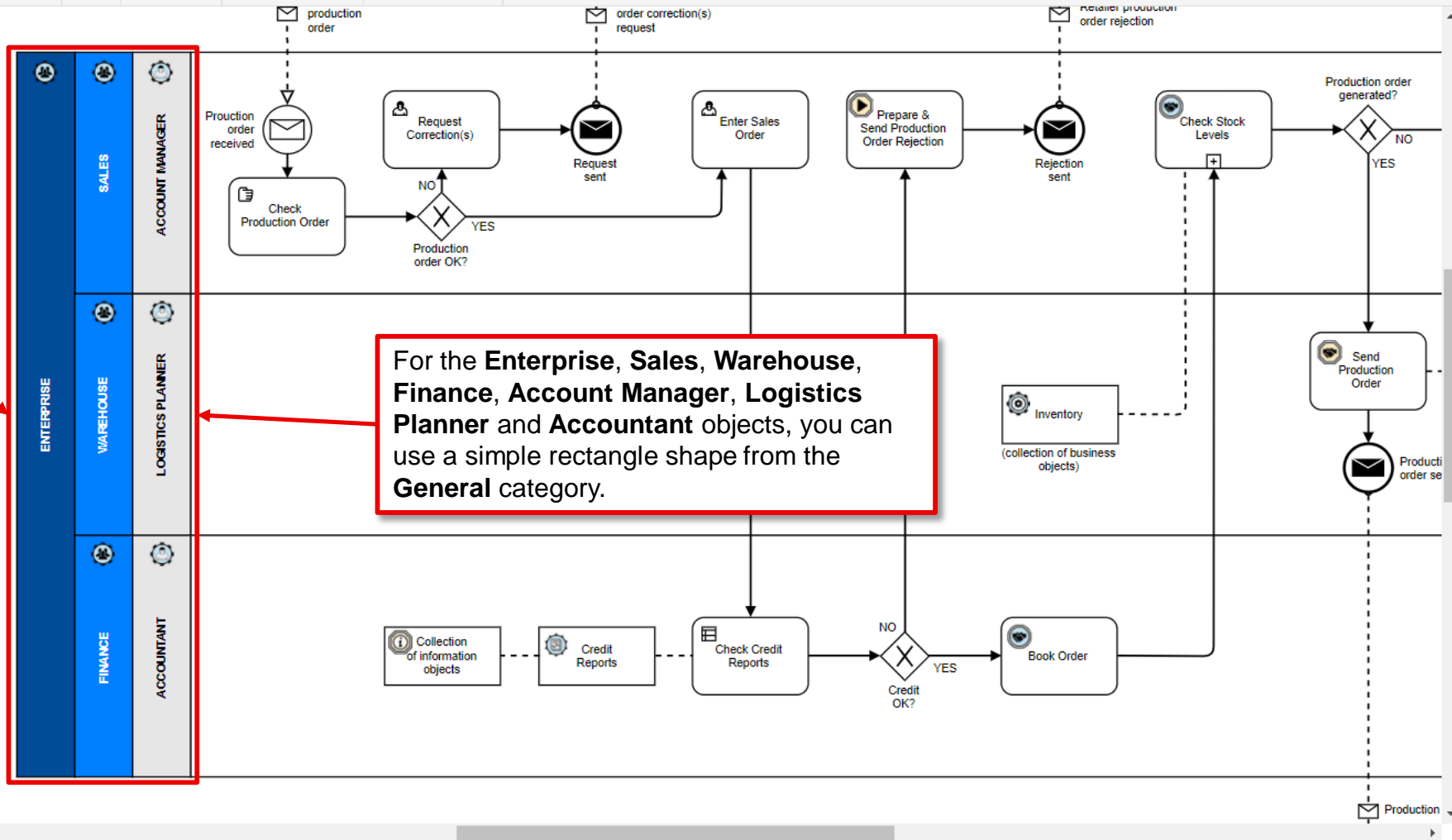
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Misc

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Basic

Arrows



For the Enterprise, Sales, Warehouse, Finance, Account Manager, Logistics Planner and Accountant objects, you can use a simple rectangle shape from the General category.

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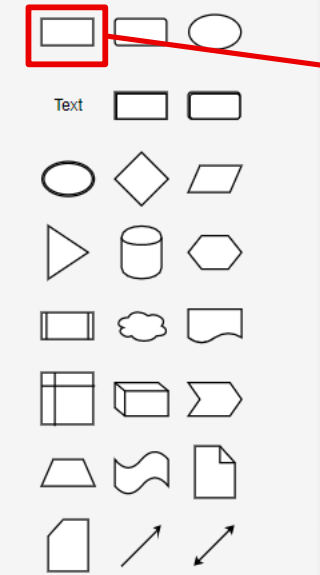
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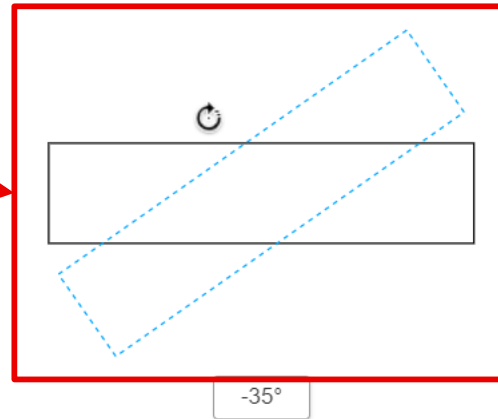


Misc

Advanced

Basic

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Either click the shape in the General panel in the left menu or drag it onto the canvas to create it. Then stretch and rotate it. If you double-click the shape, you can also enter a name for the shape.

If you do this, make sure to name the shape exactly as the object it represents. As it is the first shape + object that we create, we are going to create the shape as our **Enterprise** object that we created earlier.

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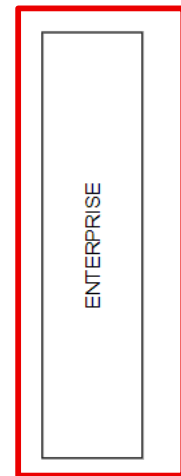
Search Shapes

Object instances

Meta Object

Enterprise

Business Concepts & Notat...



Open the Object Instances > Meta Object category in the left panel. Locate your **Enterprise** object (represented in the list as a notation/icon) and pull it unto the rectangular Enterprise shape.

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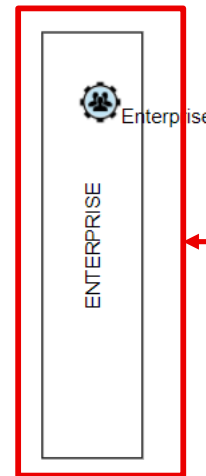


Search Shapes

Object instances

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Now you have associated a simple shape with an object that you have previously created; The **Enterprise** object.

We associate shapes with objects because it is much easier and simpler to work with, and because it enables you to create aesthetically and visually pleasing design structures.

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Search Shapes

Object instances

Meta Object

- Icons representing various shapes and objects available in the library.

Business Concepts & Notat...

Set Object...	
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Copy	Ctrl+C
Duplicate	Ctrl+D
Set as Default Style	Ctrl+Shift+D
To Front	Ctrl+Shift+F
To Back	Ctrl+Shift+B
Edit Data...	Ctrl+M
Edit Link...	

If you want to hide the name of the object itself, simply right-click the object and click on "Set Object".

Style Text Arrange

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Search Shapes

Object instances

Meta Object

Set Object:

Enterprise (seleted) ▼

Show Notation

Show Text

Cancel Set Object

This window shows default parameters for the **Enterprise** object. You can un-check the "Show Text" checkmark box in order to hide the name.

Style Text Arrange

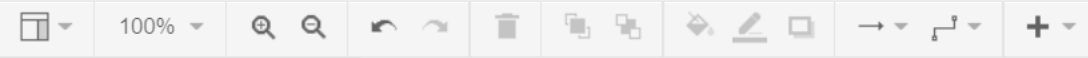
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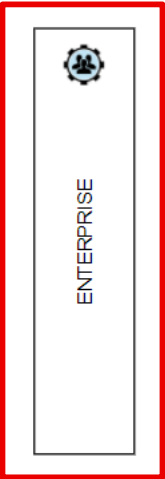


Search Shapes

Object instances

Meta Object

Business Concepts & Notat...



Now you are using the shape to represent the object. The object is the notation (icon), and the shape is a representation (with a name) of the **Enterprise** object.

This is a standard modelling procedure that is used at almost all times for when creating different kinds of models, including (but not limited to) this Retailer Production Order business process model tutorial.

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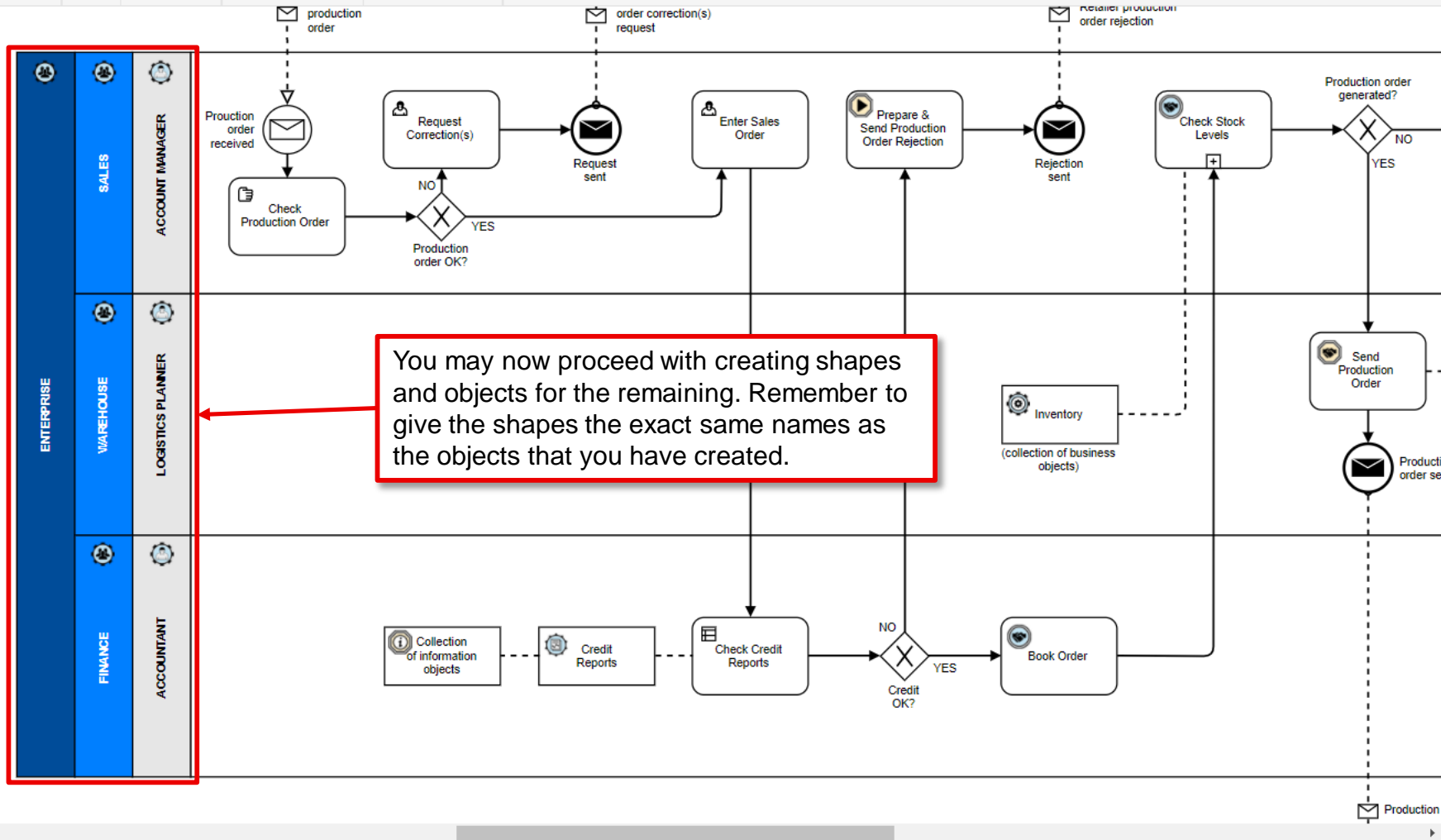


Search Shapes

Object instances

General

- Text
- Misc
- Advanced
- Basic
- Arrows



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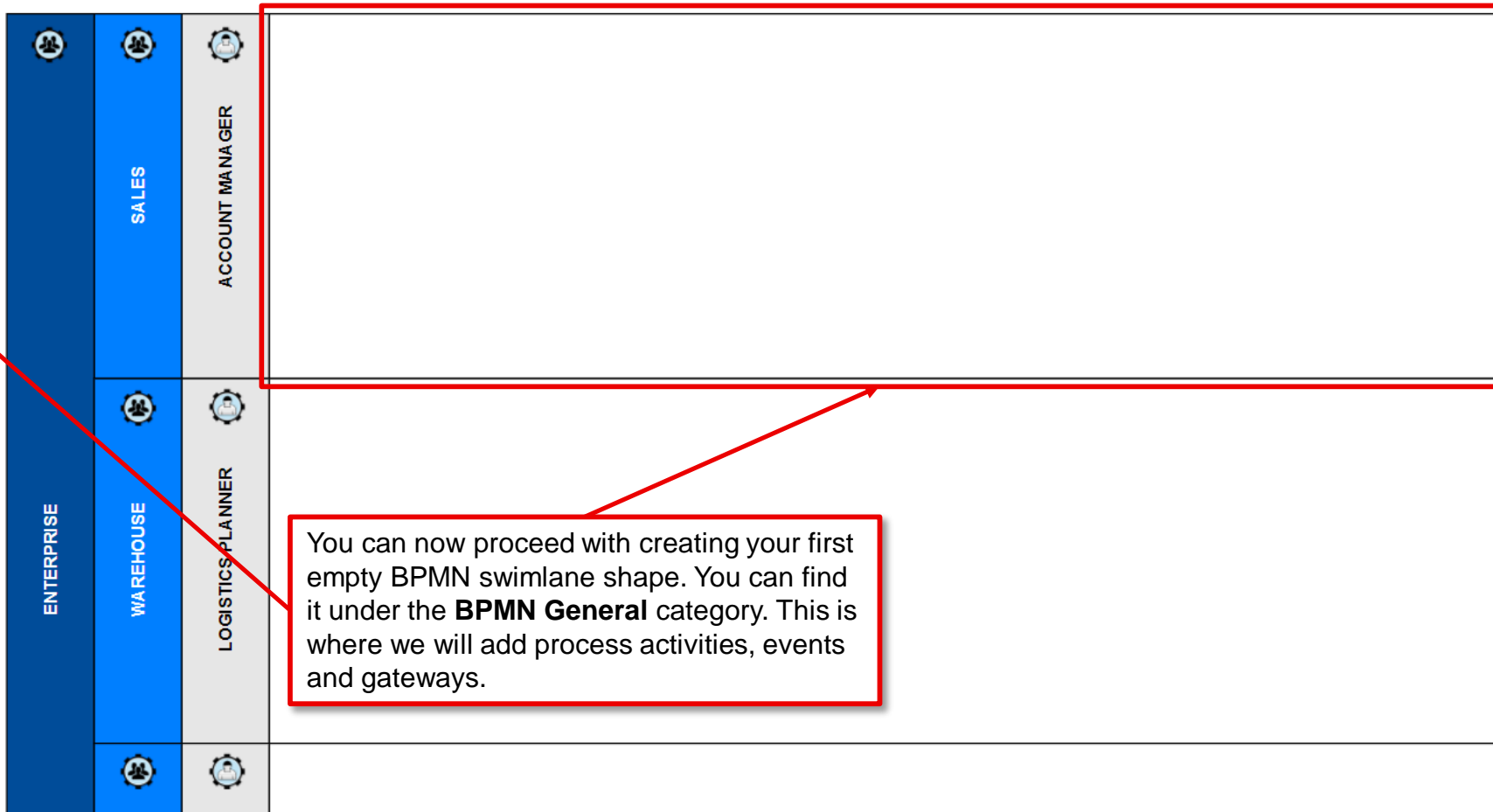
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BPMN General



You can now proceed with creating your first empty BPMN swimlane shape. You can find it under the **BPMN General** category. This is where we will add process activities, events and gateways.

Diagram

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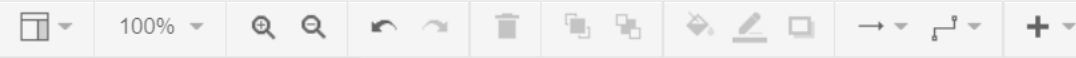
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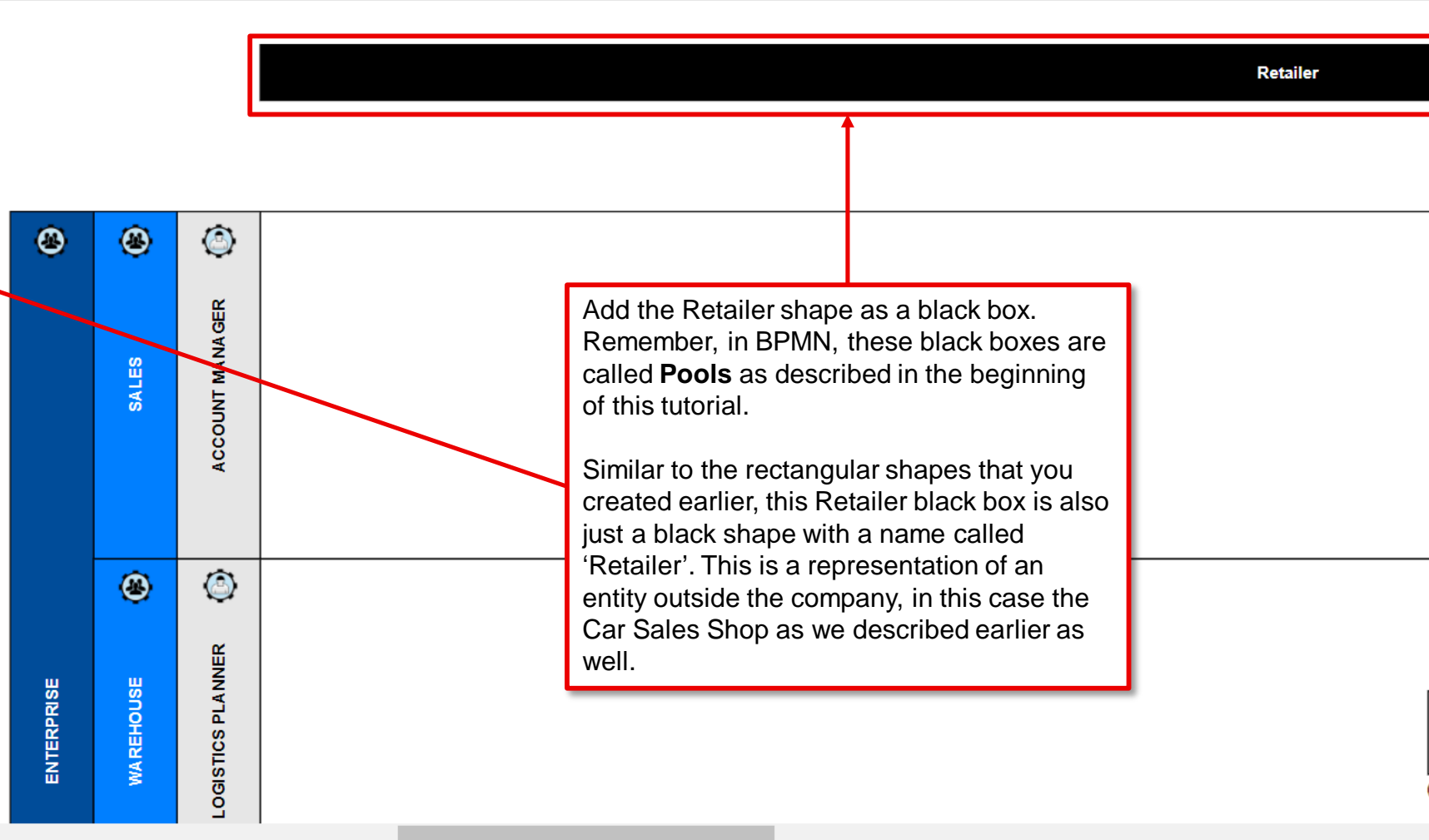


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Add the Retailer shape as a black box. Remember, in BPMN, these black boxes are called **Pools** as described in the beginning of this tutorial.

Similar to the rectangular shapes that you created earlier, this Retailer black box is also just a black shape with a name called 'Retailer'. This is a representation of an entity outside the company, in this case the Car Sales Shop as we described earlier as well.

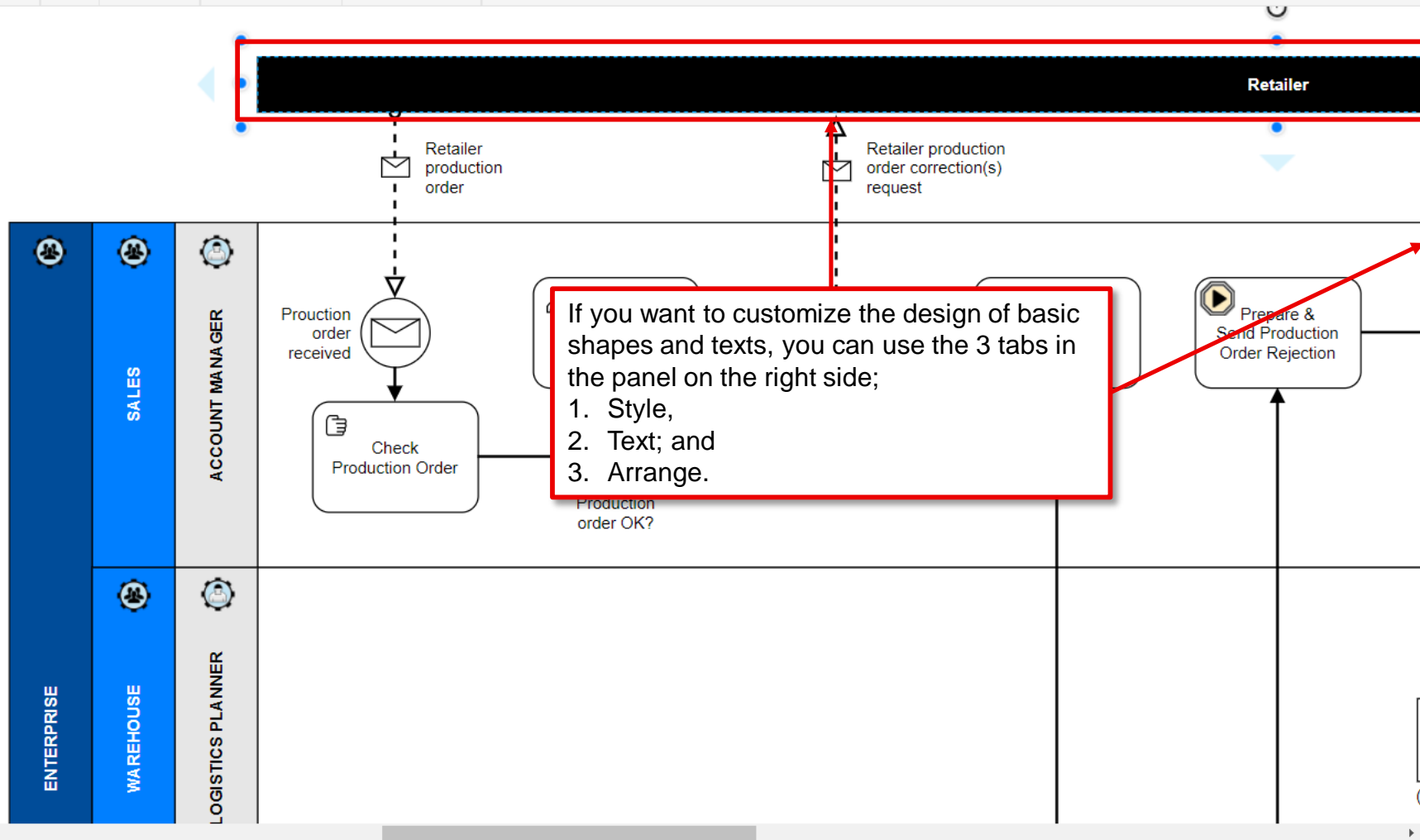


Search Shapes

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If you want to customize the design of basic shapes and texts, you can use the 3 tabs in the panel on the right side;

1. Style,
2. Text; and
3. Arrange.

Style Text Arrange

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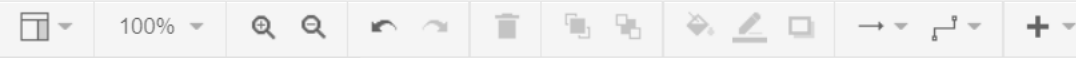
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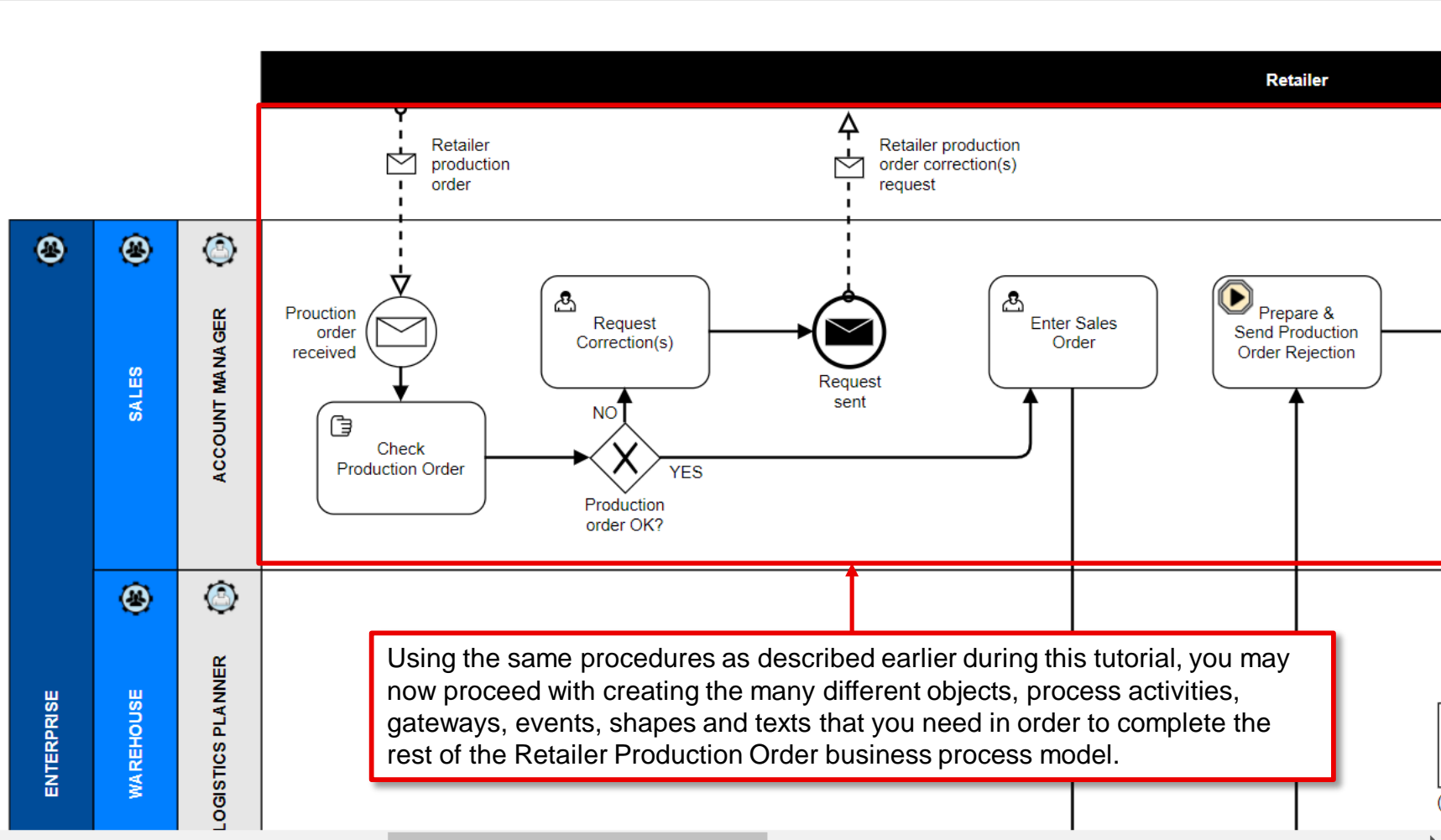
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BPMN General



BPMN Gateways



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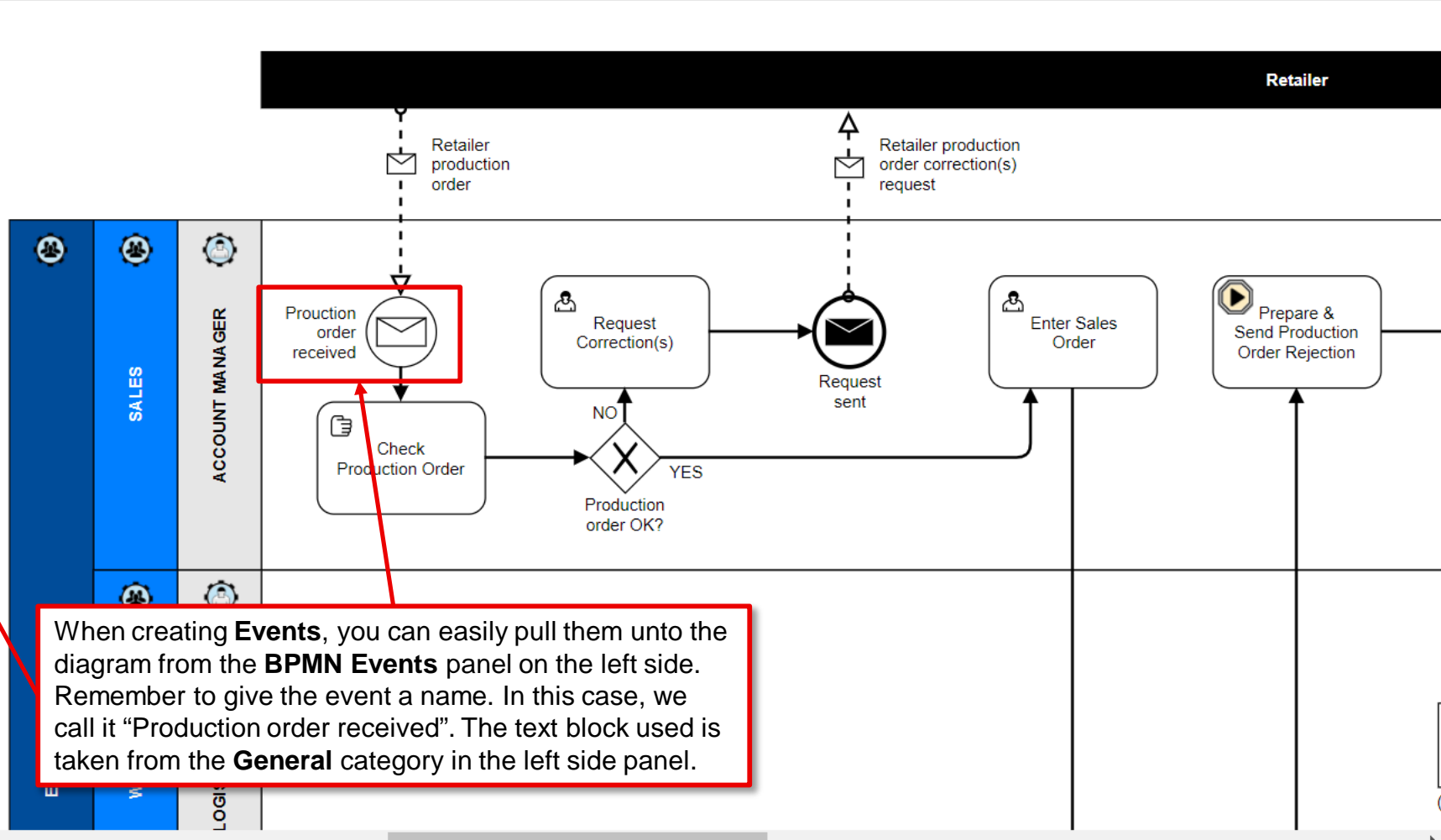
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Using the same procedures as described earlier during this tutorial, you may now proceed with creating the many different objects, process activities, gateways, events, shapes and texts that you need in order to complete the rest of the Retailer Production Order business process model.



BPMN Events



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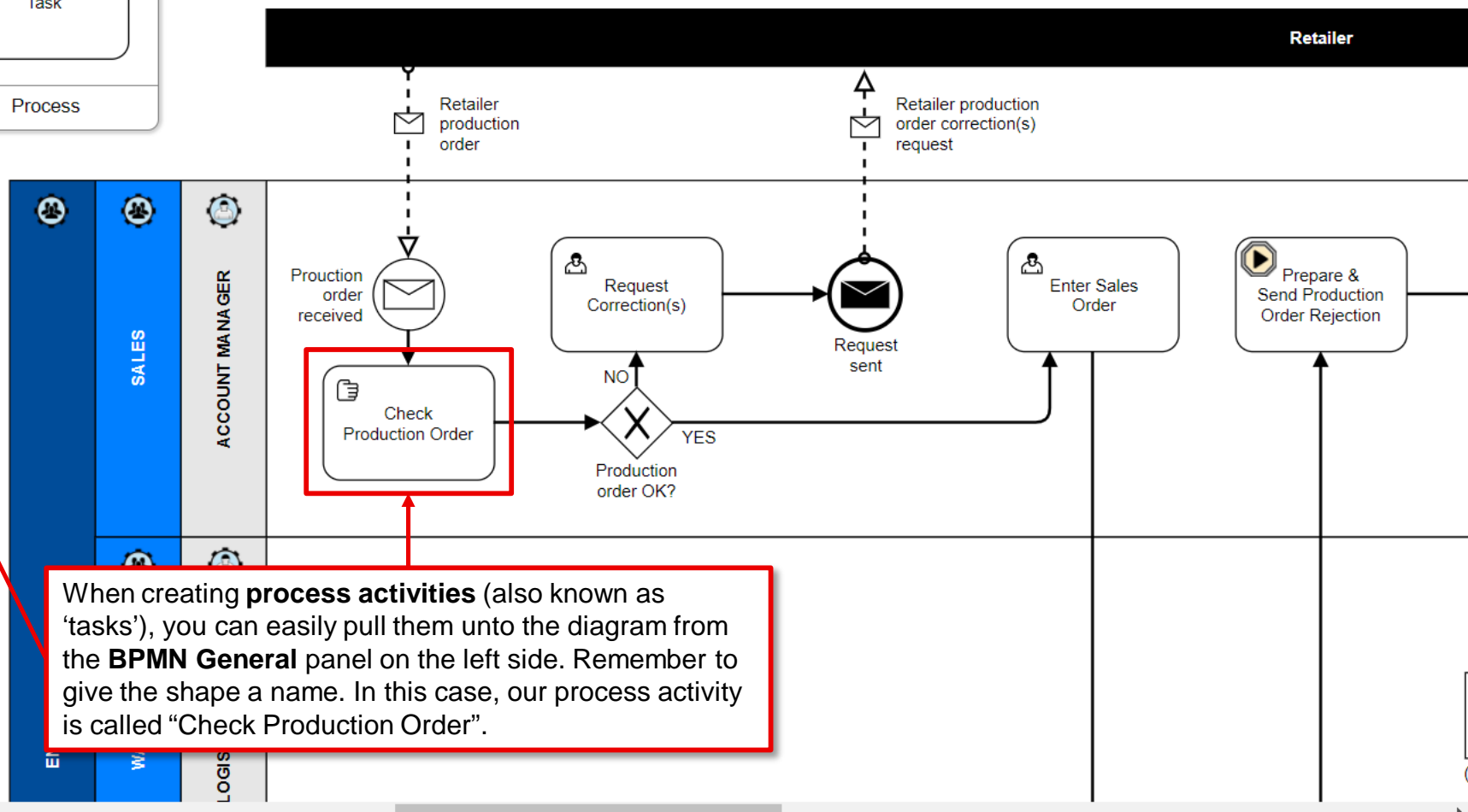
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When creating **Events**, you can easily pull them unto the diagram from the **BPMN Events** panel on the left side. Remember to give the event a name. In this case, we call it "Production order received". The text block used is taken from the **General** category in the left side panel.

BPMN General



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When creating **process activities** (also known as 'tasks'), you can easily pull them unto the diagram from the **BPMN General** panel on the left side. Remember to give the shape a name. In this case, our process activity is called "Check Production Order".



BPMN General

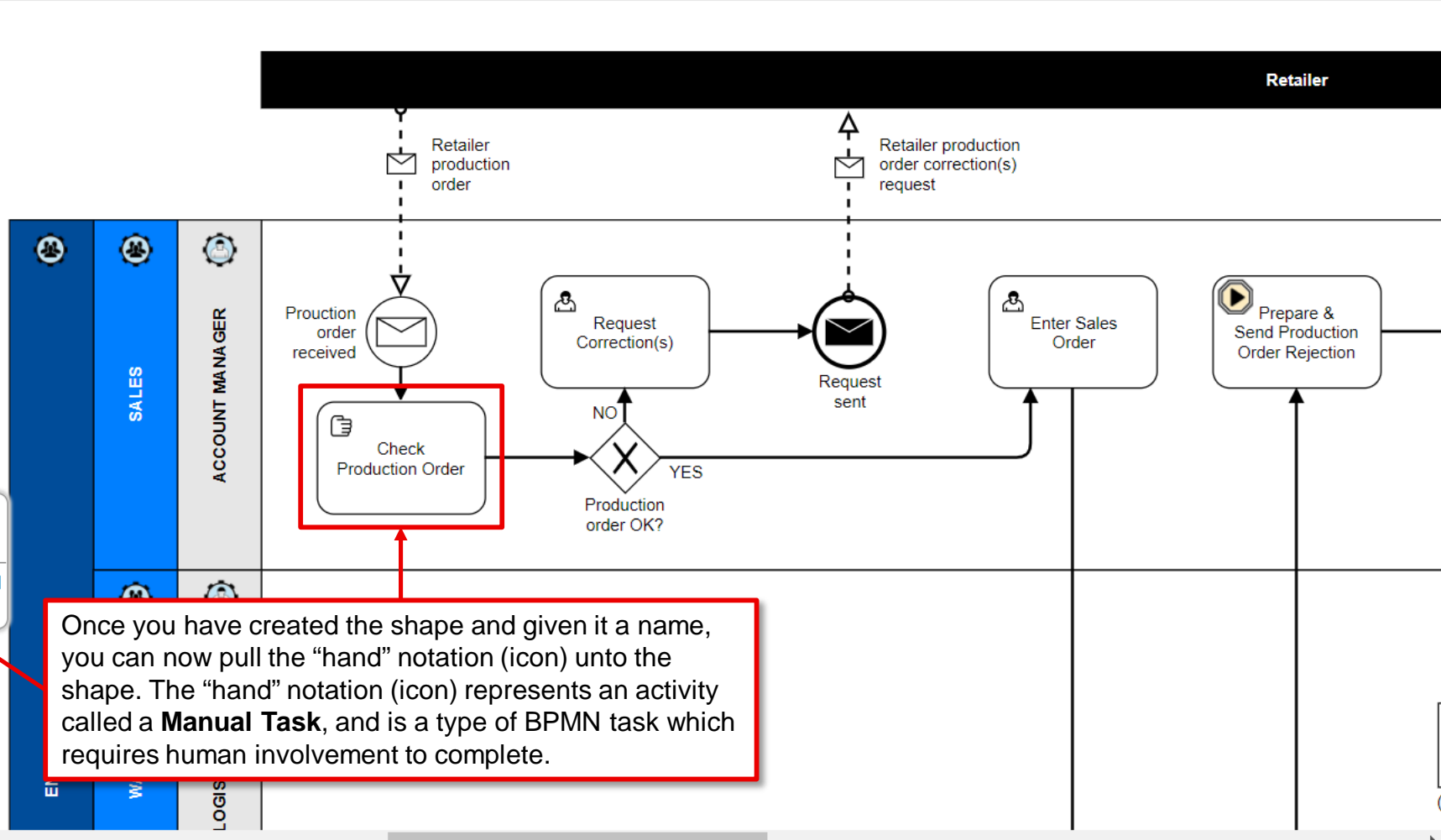


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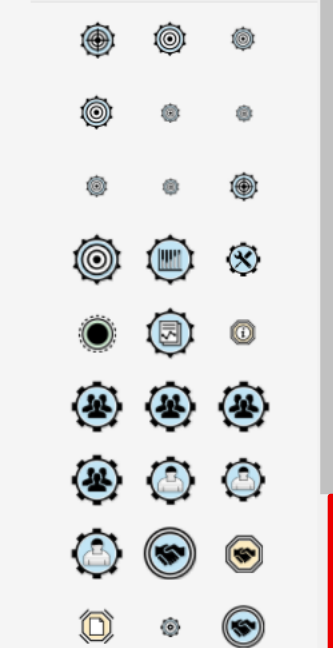
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Once you have created the shape and given it a name, you can now pull the "hand" notation (icon) onto the shape. The "hand" notation (icon) represents an activity called a **Manual Task**, and is a type of BPMN task which requires human involvement to complete.



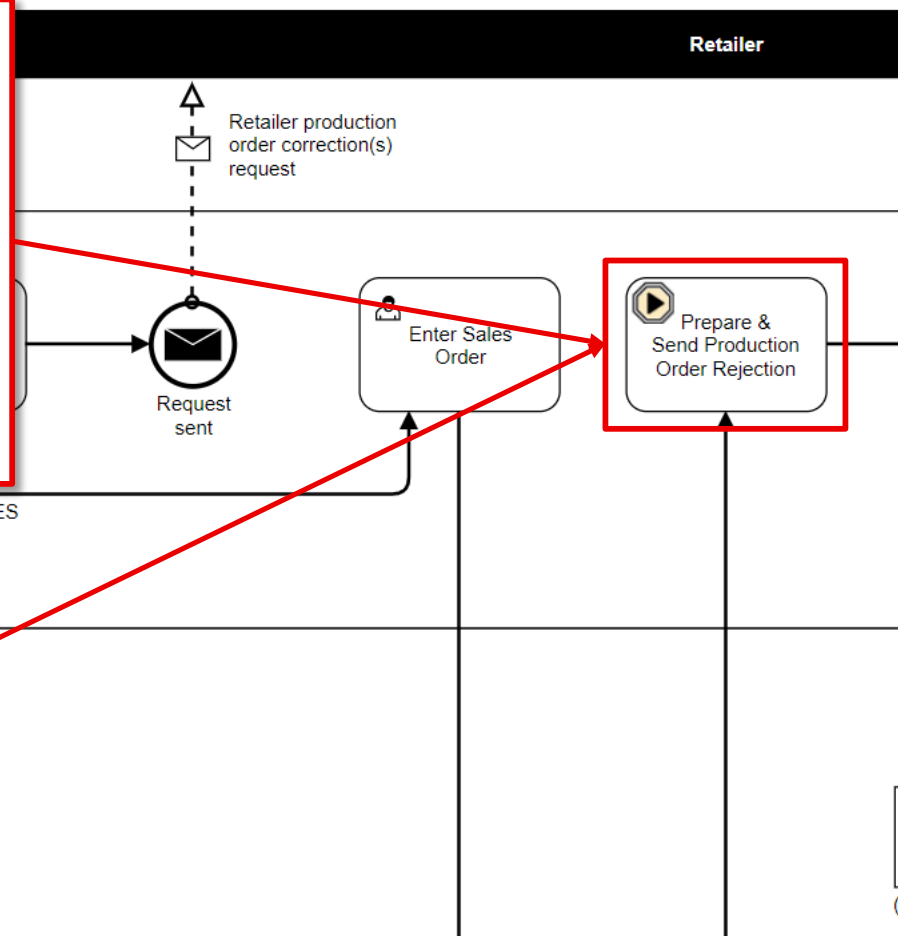
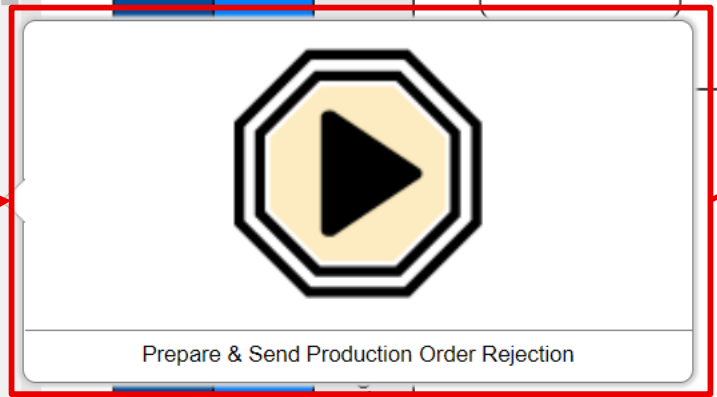
Object instances

Meta Object



Whenever you want to associate one of your own, custom meta objects with a process activity shape, simply pull the notation (icon) from the **Object Instances > Meta Object** category in the left side panel and adjust it to your needs (for example, by hiding its name since you already named the shape with the name of the object).

*In this particular case, we have inserted the **Application Task** object called "Prepare & Send Production Order Rejection" in the process activity shape, placed it in the top left corner of the shape, and also hidden its name.*



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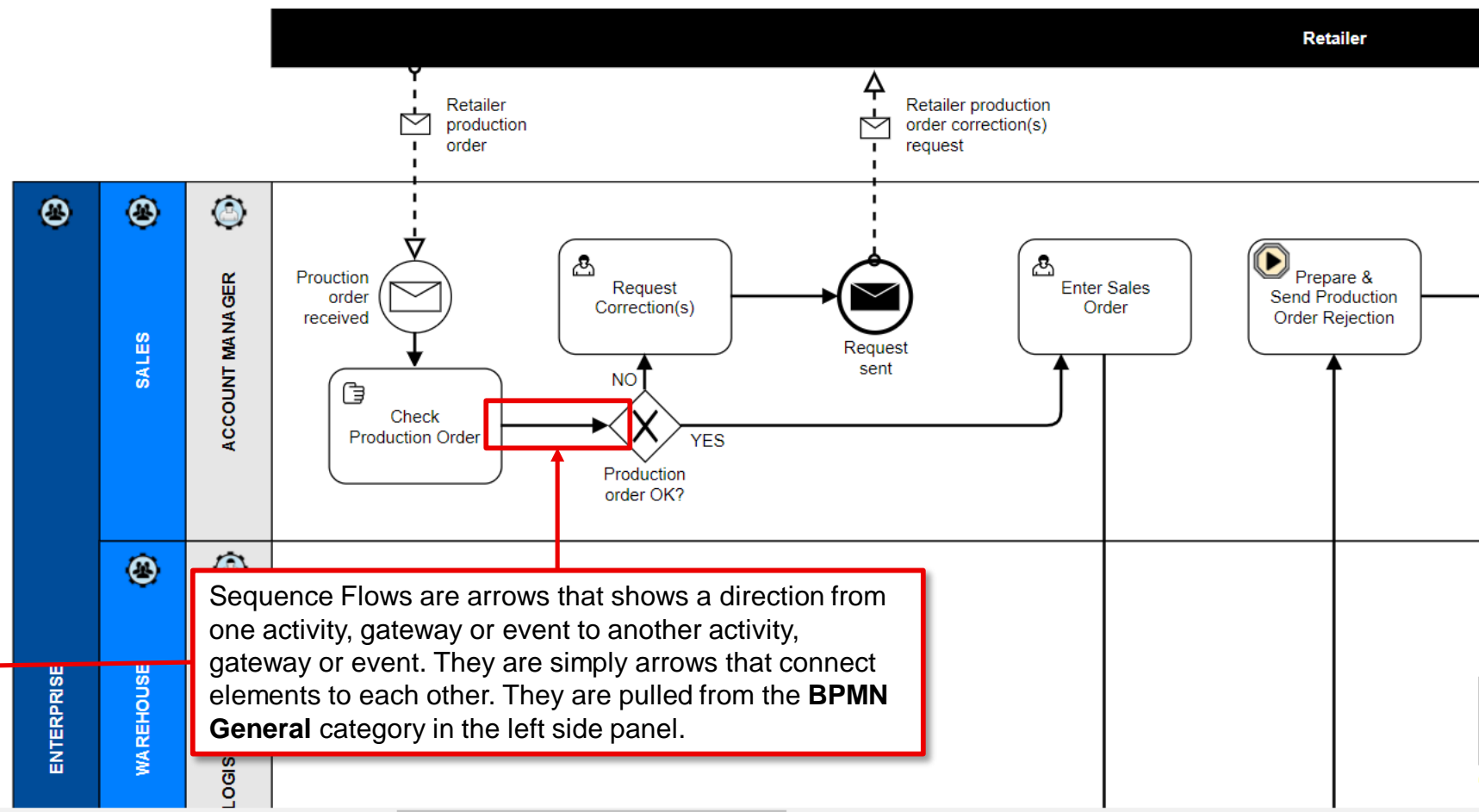
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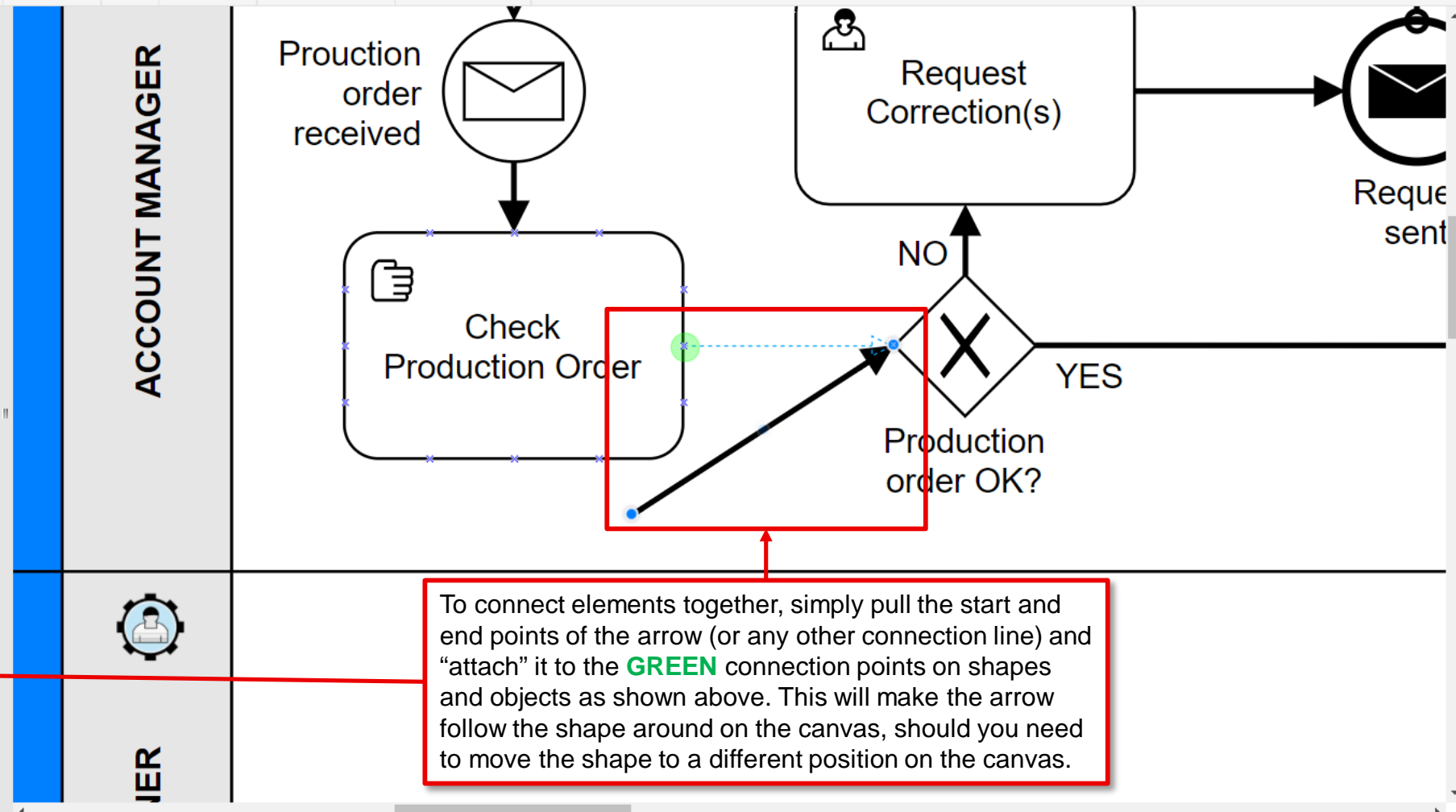
Sequence Flows are arrows that shows a direction from one activity, gateway or event to another activity, gateway or event. They are simply arrows that connect elements to each other. They are pulled from the **BPMN General** category in the left side panel.





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Style Text Arrange

Line Rounded 2 pt

Line End 0 pt 6 pt

Line Start 0 pt 6 pt

Spacing Size

Opacity 100 %

Shadow Comic

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To connect elements together, simply pull the start and end points of the arrow (or any other connection line) and "attach" it to the **GREEN** connection points on shapes and objects as shown above. This will make the arrow follow the shape around on the canvas, should you need to move the shape to a different position on the canvas.



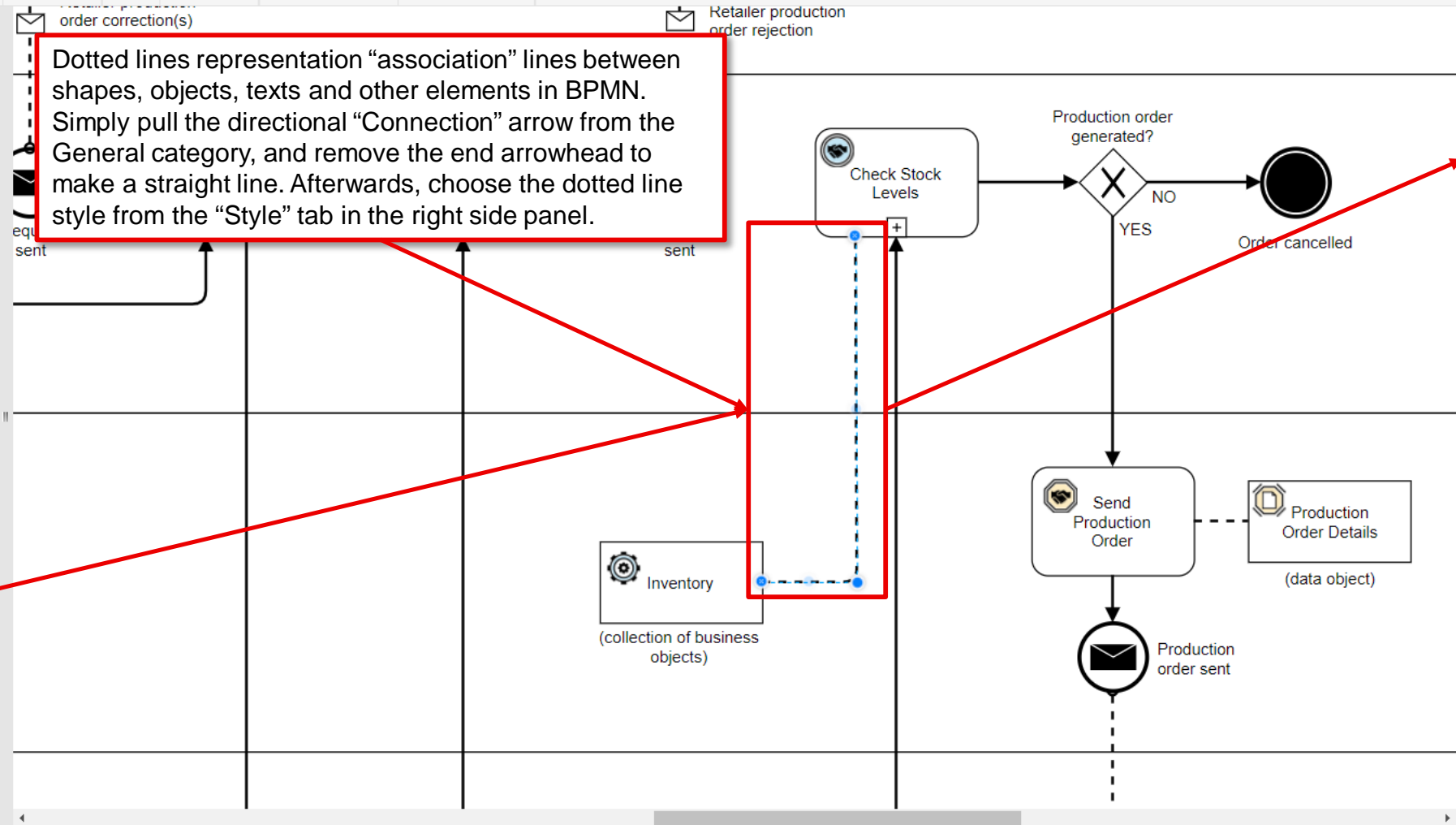
Search Shapes

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Dotted lines representation "association" lines between shapes, objects, texts and other elements in BPMN. Simply pull the directional "Connection" arrow from the General category, and remove the end arrowhead to make a straight line. Afterwards, choose the dotted line style from the "Style" tab in the right side panel.



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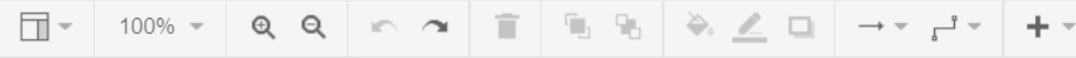
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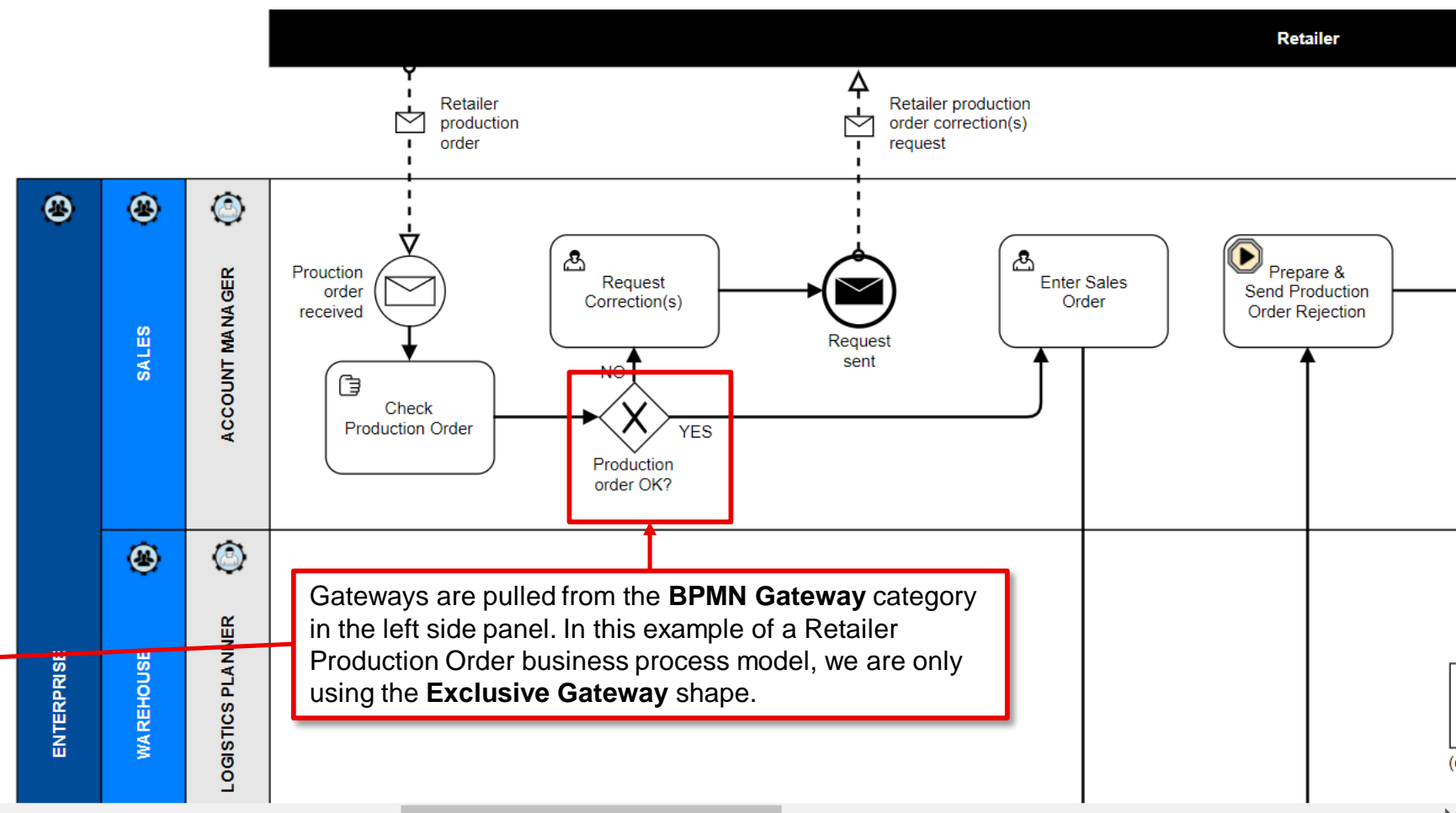
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BPMN Gateways



Gateways are pulled from the **BPMN Gateway** category in the left side panel. In this example of a Retailer Production Order business process model, we are only using the **Exclusive Gateway** shape.

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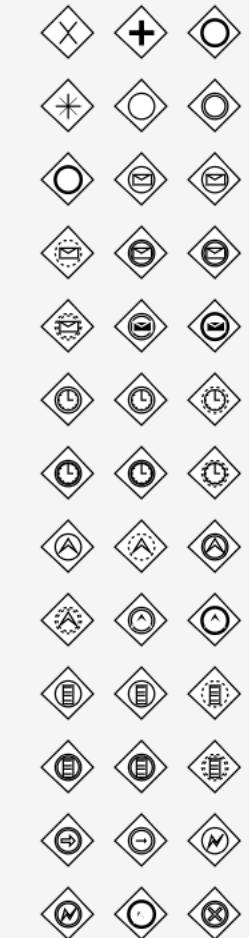
Tips & Tricks of the Trade!

Get to know and learn some nice-to-know tips and tricks of how to work effectively with the modelling software component.

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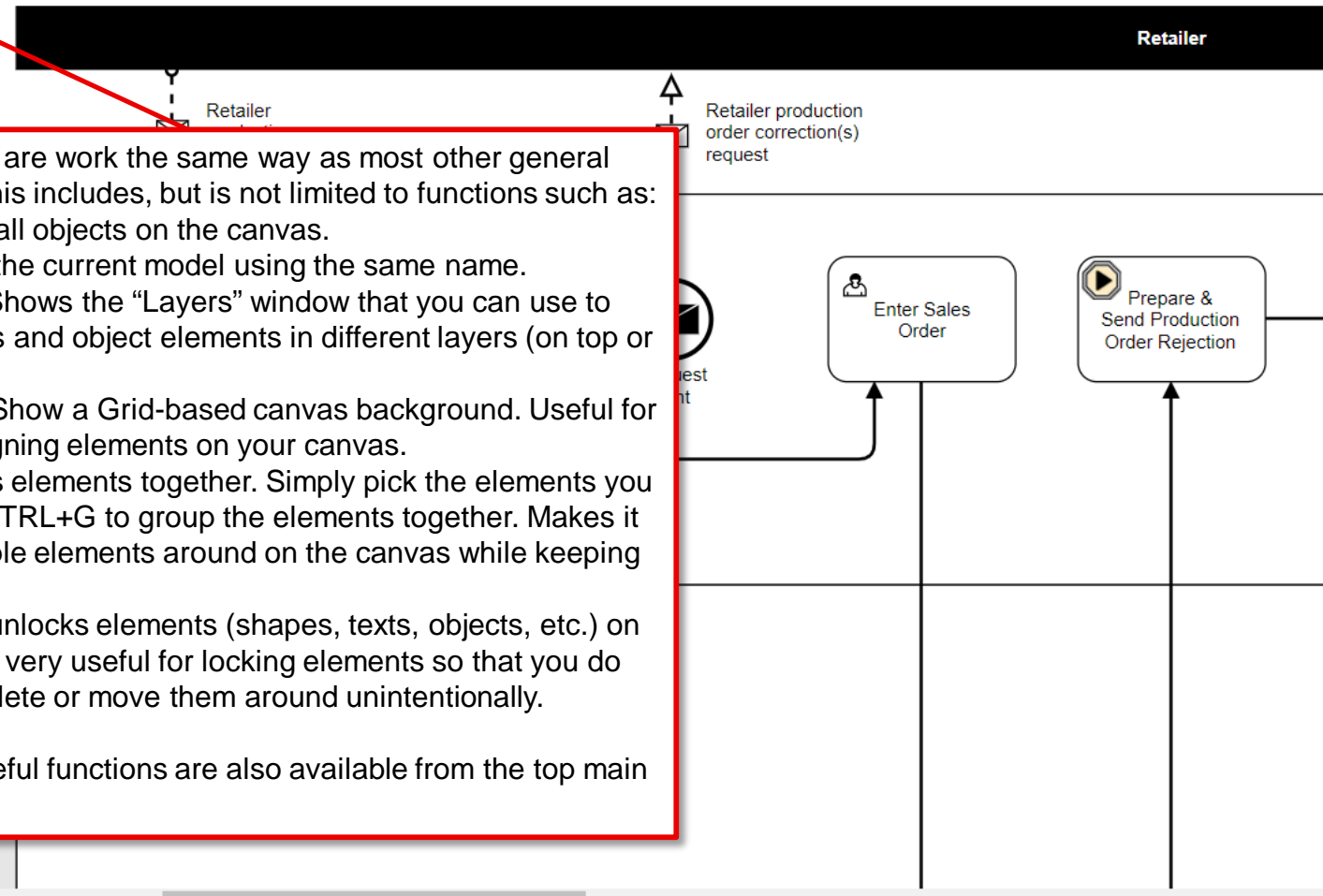
BPMN Gateways



Many basic functions work the same way as most other general software products. This includes, but is not limited to functions such as:

- **CTRL+A** = Select all objects on the canvas.
- **CTRL+S** = Saves the current model using the same name.
- **CTRL+Shift+L** = Shows the “Layers” window that you can use to place shapes, texts and object elements in different layers (on top or below each other).
- **CTRL+Shift+G** = Show a Grid-based canvas background. Useful for structuring and aligning elements on your canvas.
- **CTRL+G** = Groups elements together. Simply pick the elements you want, and then hit CTRL+G to group the elements together. Makes it easy to drag multiple elements around on the canvas while keeping the design intact.
- **CTRL+L** = Locks/unlocks elements (shapes, texts, objects, etc.) on the canvas. This is very useful for locking elements so that you do not accidentally delete or move them around unintentionally.

All of these highly useful functions are also available from the top main menu.



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Enjoy!

Enjoy your modelling journey, and we hope that you learned something and gained valuable knowledge from this tutorial.