

Organic Certification

Worldwide

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Certification Scheme

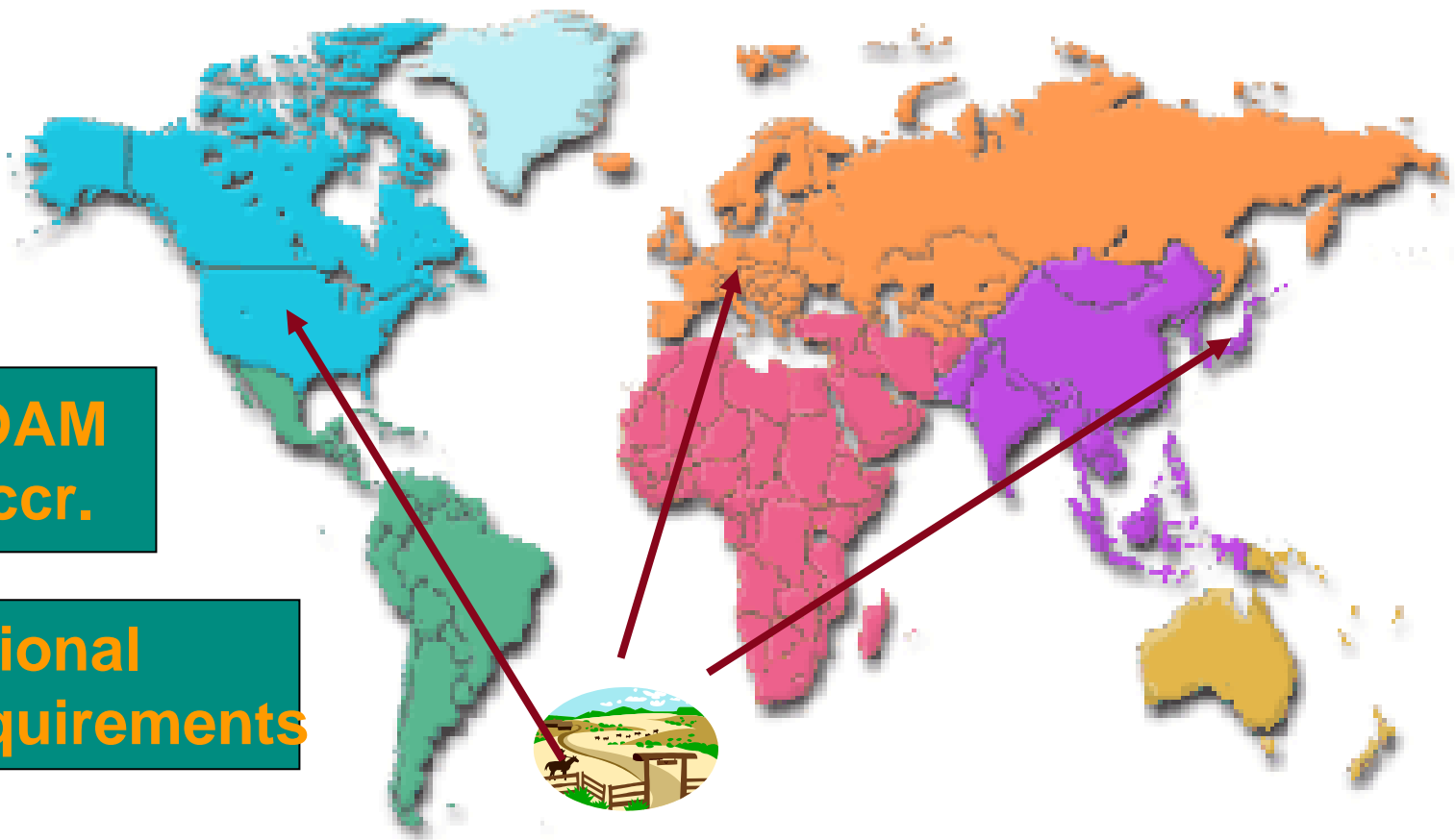
NOP

**EU-Reg.
ISO 65**

JAS

**IFOAM
Accr.**

**National
Requirements**





- **US National Organic Programme (NOP)**
- **Handlers/exporters have to be certified by US-accredited certification body (domestic or foreign)**
- **USDA may determine that foreign government accreditation meets US requirements**
- **Foreign government may “negotiate” with US that their system is equivalent with US system**

Export to the European Union



Imported organic produce has to **comply** with EU Regulation

■ Access by import permits:

- Compliance with EU production standards
- **Equivalent** inspection system
- Inspection body complies with EN 45011/ISO 65
- Application to national competent authority by importer



■ Access by Third country list:

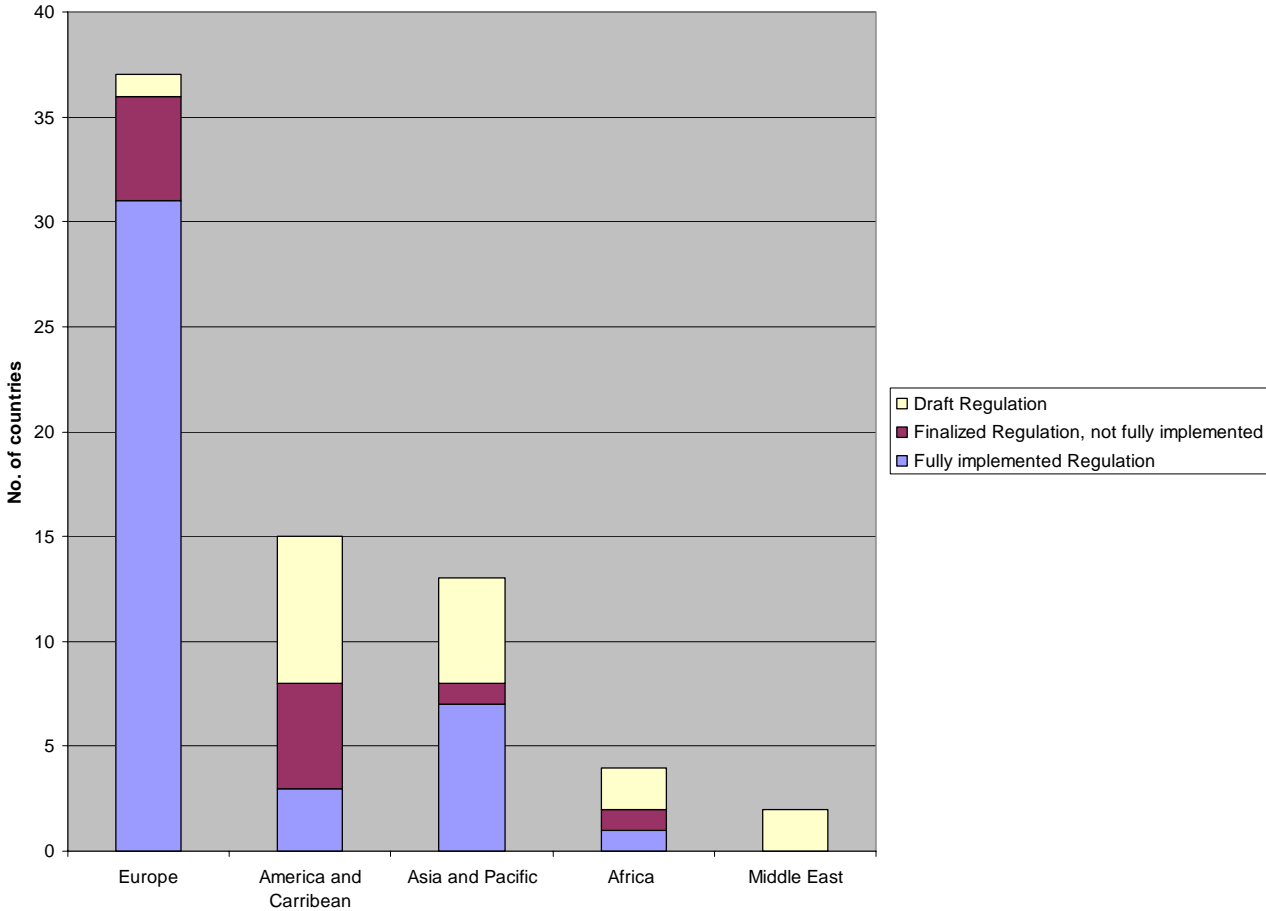
- Decision by European Commission

Countries with Organic Regulations (54)

Europe (36)	Member States of European Union, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Iceland, Albania, Croatia, Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro
Asia and Pacific (8)	Australia, India, Japan, Philippines, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand Malaysia
America and Carribean (8)	Argentinian, Costa Rica, USA Brazil, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras
Africa and Middle East (2)	Tunesia, Egypt

Organic Regulations Worldwide

Overview Regulations



Influence of Standards

- **EU-Regulation 2092/91:** → e.g. Eastern Europe
- **Codex Alimentarius:** → e.g. Indonesia
- **IFOAM Basic Standards**
 - **Accreditation Criteria:** → e.g. India, Lebanon
 - **US NOP:** → e.g. Latin America
 - **Different approaches:** → e.g. China, Japan

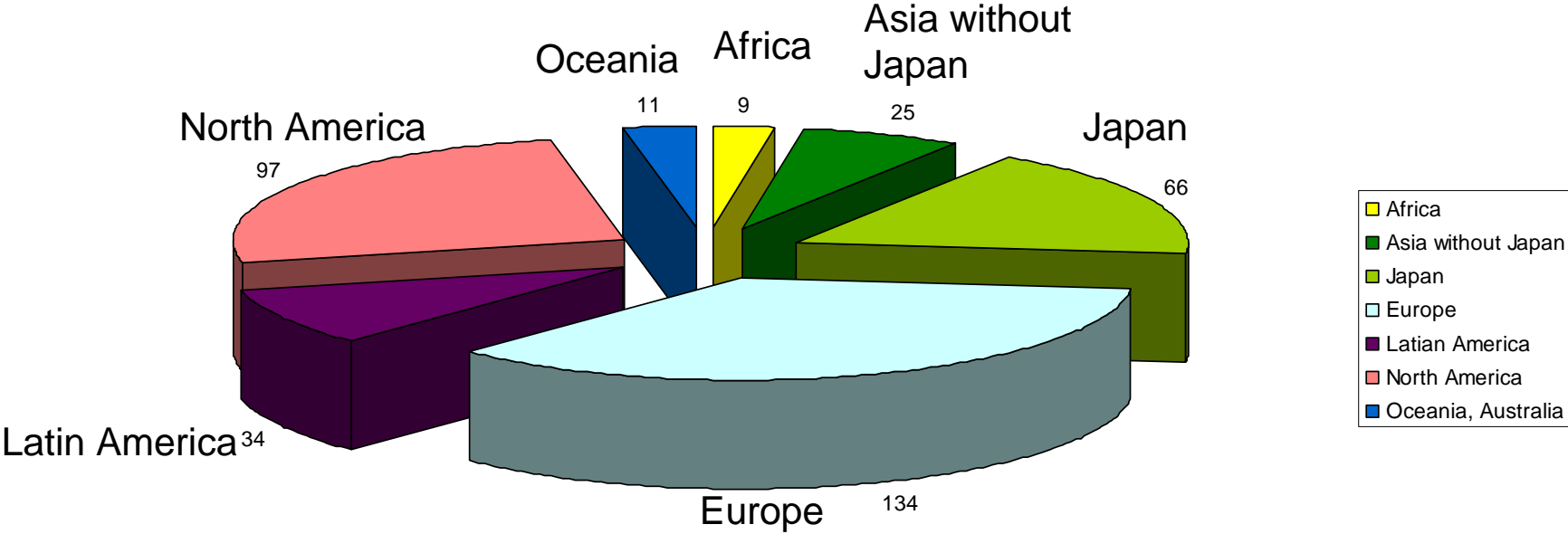
Certification Bodies

Region	Total	IFOAM	Japan	ISO 65	EU	USA
Africa	9			2		
Asia	91	4	66	2	1	2
Europe	143	14	16	62	120	31
Latin America and Carribbean	34	4	1	9	4	9
North America	97	4	6	18		66
Oceania	11	4	6	3	7	4
Total	385	30	95	96	132	112

Source: The Organic Standard

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Origin of Certification Bodies (385)



Tendencies

- **The majority of the certification bodies of EU, Japan, US focus on local market (only national accreditation required)**
- **Some Western certification bodies cover major accreditation and are acting world wide (branch offices all over the world)**
 - **IMO in 13 countries**
 - **SKAL in 32 countries**
 - **BCS in 19 countries**

Tendencies

- **Exporting countries are setting up local certification bodies**
 - Eastern Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia
- **Problems with increasing accreditation requirements (esp. for countries with varying target markets)**

Outlook

- **Harmonization activities**
- **More national legislations with specific requirements**
- **Increasing certification/accreditation requirements affecting organic trade:**
 - **EUREPGAP, Fairtrade, Social Standards, HACCP,**