Organic Regulations and Organic Certification

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## Certification Bodies by Continent

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Organic Regulations by Continent

Europe: 95% (2005) and 95% (2006)
America and Caribbean: 28% (2005) and 48% (2006)
Asia and Pacific: 20% (2005) and 24% (2006)
Africa: 3% (2005) and 3% (2006)
### Organic Regulations by Continent

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<tr>
<th>Country</th>
<th>Countries with regulations</th>
<th>Countries per continent</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td><strong>64</strong></td>
<td><strong>171</strong></td>
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Tendencies in Regulations I

> Strong development in America
  > Latin America: Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Paraguay, Peru
  > North America: Canada

> Increasing drafting process in Asia
  > Armenia, Azerbaidschan, Georgia, Hongkong, Indonesia, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam

> Some drafts do not further develop
  > Egypt
  > South Africa
  > Indonesia?
Tendencies in Regulations II

> Emerging organic markets develop national legislation
  > e.g. Canada
  > China
  > Israel
  > India

> Import markets approve foreign CB‘s
  > US since 2002
  > Japan amended in 2006
  > EU in 2007
  > China?

> Came into force on 01.01.2007, implementing rules not yet published

> Products must be certified by an inspection body which is listed on one of the following lists:
  > List of inspection bodies applying an inspection system and production standards compliant to EU
  > List of inspection bodies applying an inspection system and production standards equivalent to EU
  > List of countries with an inspection system and production standards equivalent to EU

> Import authorizations will be ceased (12 months after publication of list of approved inspection bodies)

> Direct approval of inspection bodies

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EU Import Regulation Old System

Government of Country → Application → Check

Importer in EU → Application → Competent authority of Member State → Import permit

EU Commission → listing → Third Country List

Checking documents to assess competency of Certification Body and equivalency with standards
EU Import Regulation New System

Government of Country

Application

Check

EU Commission

Application

listing

Third Country List (equivalent)

List of CB’s applying a compliant system

Inspection Body

Application

Check

Competent authority of Member State

Application

listing

List of CB’s applying a equivalent system

Inspection Body

Application

Check

Competent authority of Member State

Application

listing

List of CB’s applying a equivalent system
Tendencies in Regulations II

> Equivalency agreements stagnate

> EU Third Country list: Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Israel, Switzerland, India

> US:

> foreign government accreditation recognized (on basis NOP): Israel, India, Great Britain, Denmark, New Zealand, Quebec

> negotiations for equivalence agreements with Australia, EU, India and Japan

> China?
Conclusions

> The number of certification bodies is stable (except some dynamics in Asia)

> The organic sector is increasingly regulated in Latin America and Asia

> Despite all attempts for harmonization the main market players focus on developing their own system