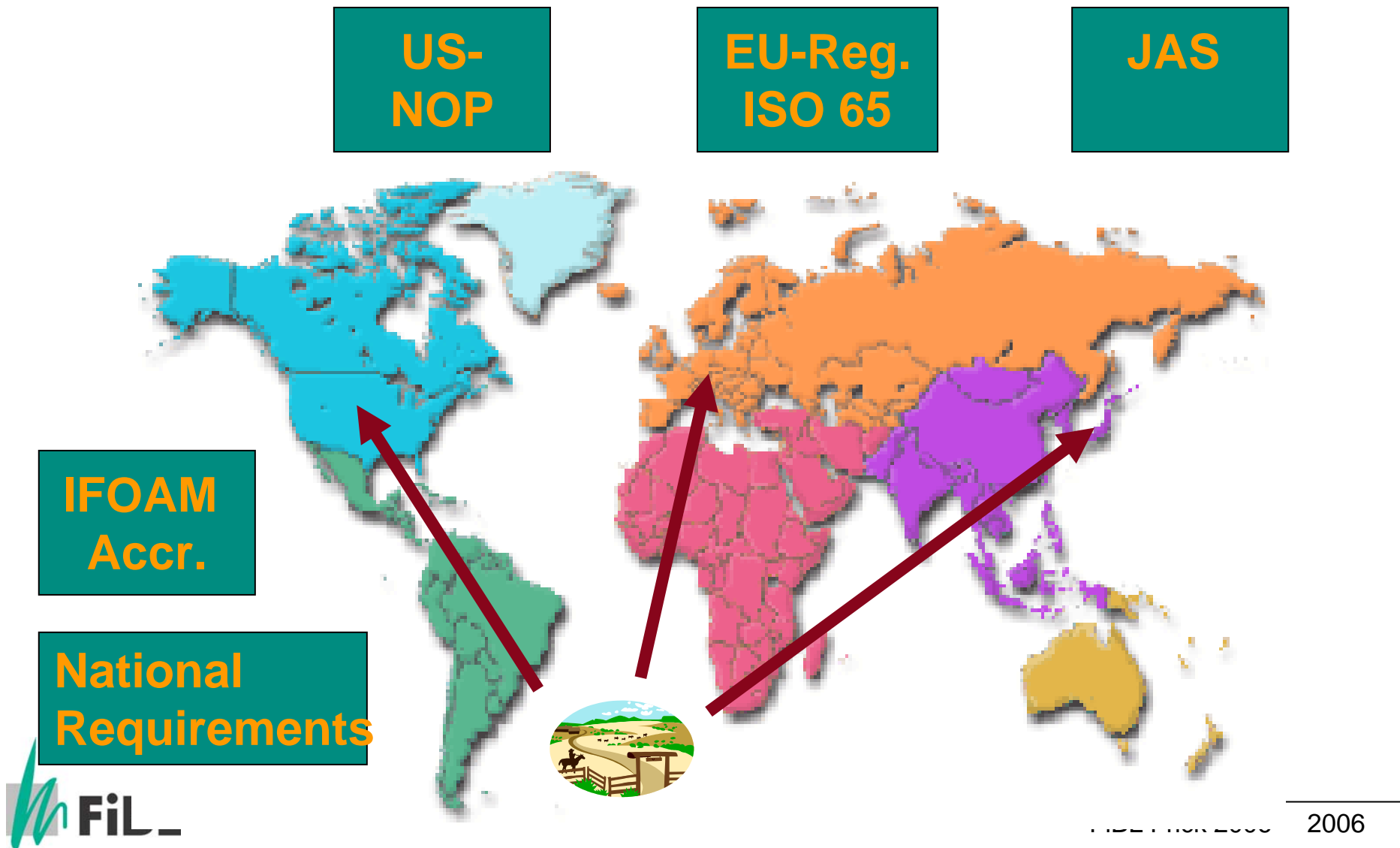


Organic Certification and Organic Regulations in the World

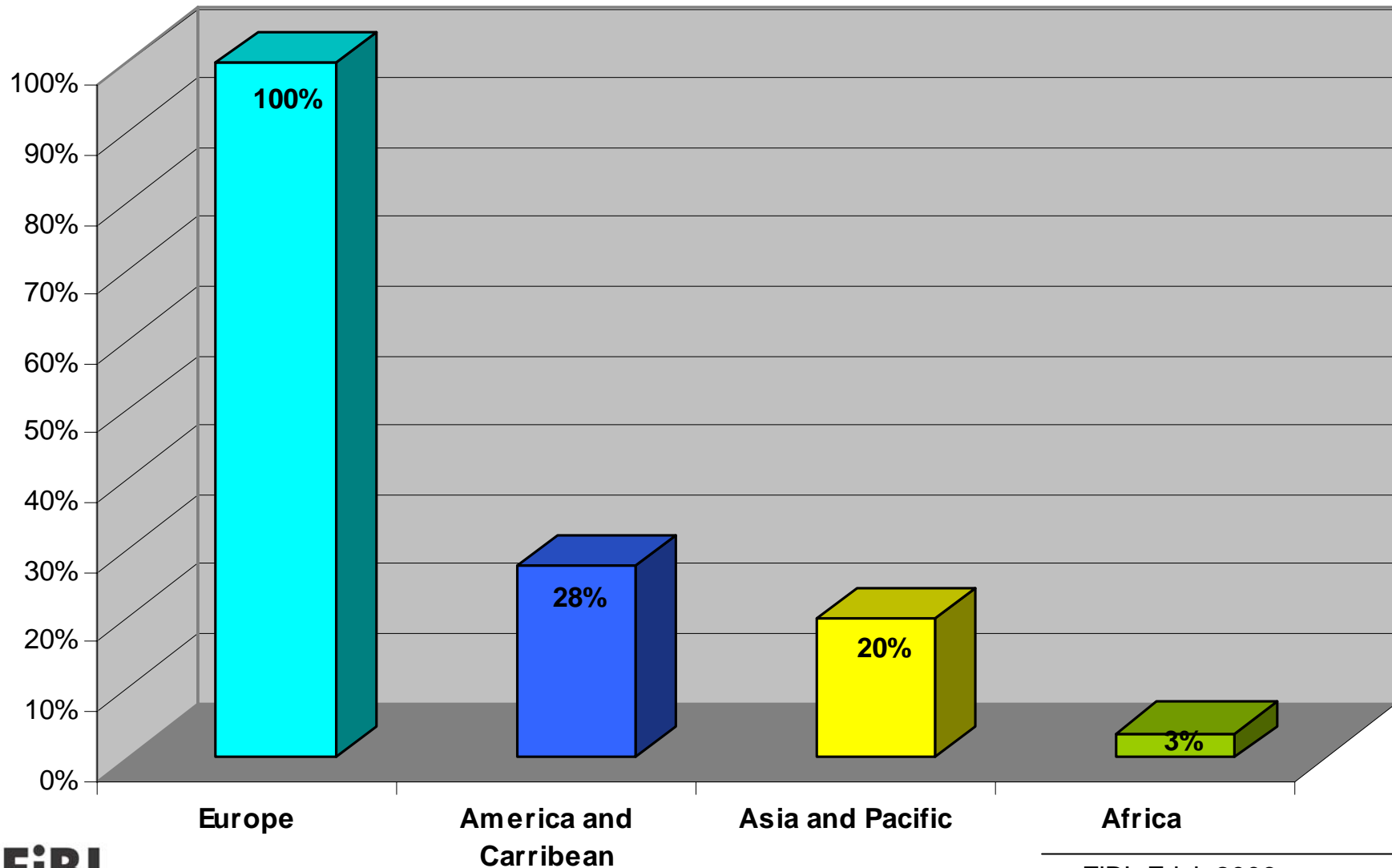
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The regulated organic world



Organic Regulations in the World



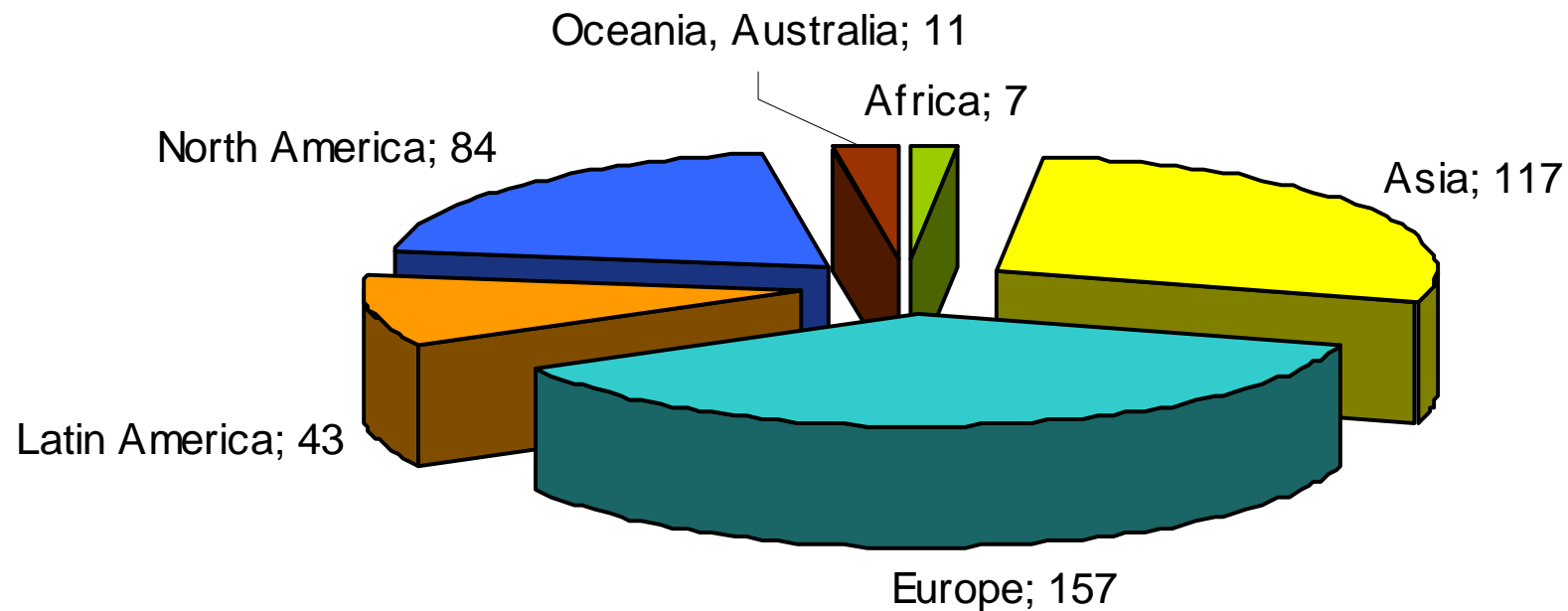
Organic Regulations in the World

Country	Countries with regulations	Countries per continent	Percentage
Europe	36	36	100%
America and Caribbean	8	29	28%
Asia and Pacific	10	45	22%
Africa	2	58	3%
Total	55	168	33%

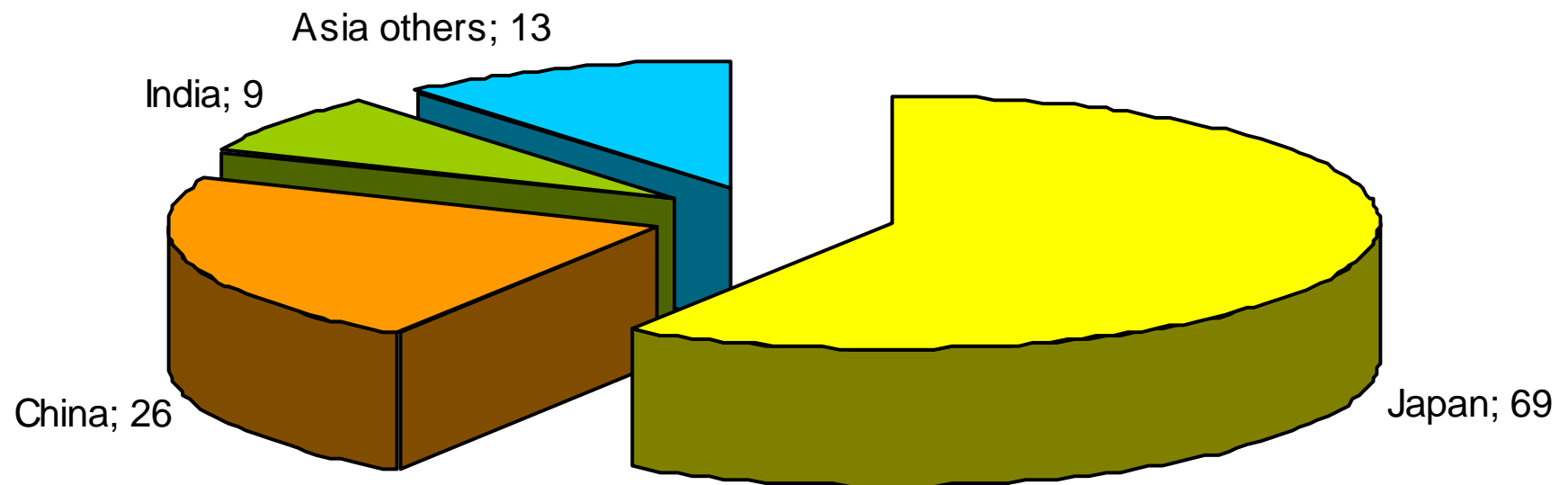
Tendencies in national regulations

- **Certification conducted usually by private CB's**
- **Usually national approval and/or national accreditation of CB's**
- **Often is a local office and local staff required**
- **Governments are increasingly organizing and defining inspection procedures (US NOP, EU draft, JAS)**

Distribution of CB's by Continent



Distribution of CB's in Asia



Regional Distribution of CB's

Region	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003
Africa	7	9	7
Asia	117	91	83
Europe	157	143	130
Latin America and Carribean	43	34	33
North America	84	97	101
Oceania	11	11	10
Total	419	385	364

Accreditations of CB's

Region	IFOAM	Japan	ISO 65	EU	USA
Africa			3		
Asia	4	69	5	1	2
Europe	14	16	69	129	34
Latin America and Carribean	4	1	13	5	10
North America	5	8	20		65
Oceania	4	6	3	8	4
Total 2005	31	100	113	143	115
Total 2004	30	95	96	132	112

International activities of CB's

- The majority of the certification bodies in EU, Japan, US focus on local market
- A lot of certification bodies have a regional approach are also active neighboring countries
- Some Western certification bodies have subsidiaries or branch offices all over the world
 - IMO in 13 countries (and 13 local contacts)
 - SKAL in 32 countries
 - BCS in 19 countries

Global Players

CB	based in	Countries of operation
IMO Group	(Switzerland)	> 60
Ecocert	Germany	85
SKAL International	Netherlands	worldwide
Soil Association	Great Britain	27
BCS	Germany	worldwide
ICEA	Italy	worldwide
OCIA	US	19
NASAA	Australia	15
ICS	US	15
KRAV	Sweden	10
Lacon	Germany	10
bio.inspecta	Switzerland	worldwide
QCS	US	10
SGS		

Outlook

- National legislations are defining and restricting the sector more and more
- Harmonization activities (IFOAM, UNCTAD, FAO)
- Increasing certification/accreditation requirements affecting organic trade (EUREPGAP, Fairtrade, Social Standards...)

Despite harmonisation activities: acting internationally is getting more and more challenging