# Organic Regulations and Organic Certification

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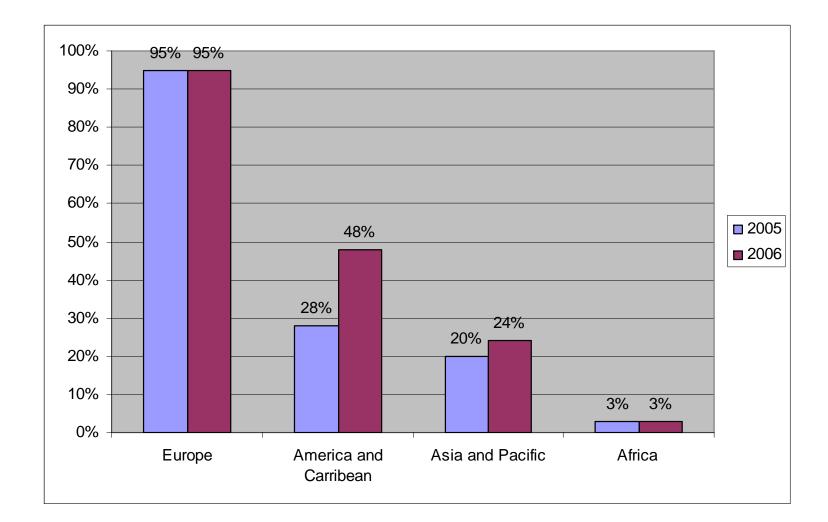


#### **Certification Bodies by Continent**

Region	2006	2005	2004	2003
Africa	8	7	9	7
Asia	93	117	91	83
Europe	160	157	143	130
Latin America and Carribian	43	43	34	33
North America	80	84	97	101
Oceania	11	11	11	10
Gesamt	395	419	385	364



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Country	Countries with regulations	Countries per continent	Percentage
Europe	37	39	95%
America and Carribean	14	29	48%
Asia and Pacific	11	45	24%
Africa	2	58	3%
Total	64	171	37%



### **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, Goergia, 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?



# EU import regulation (EEC Reg. 1991/2006)

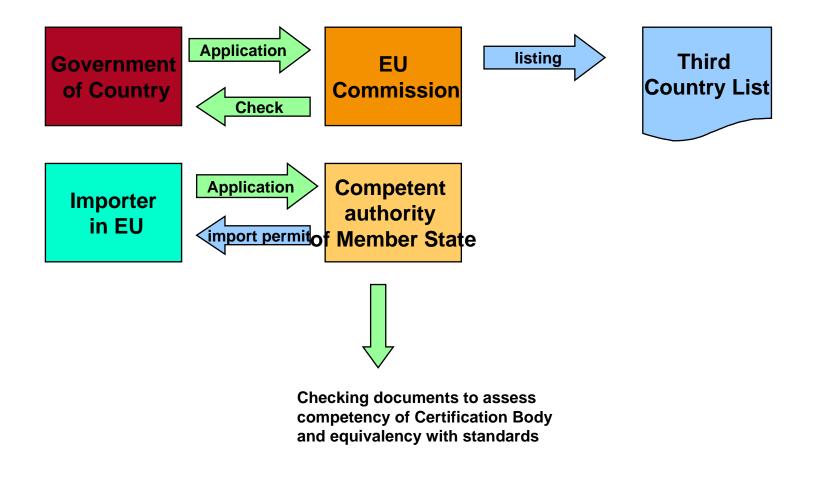


- > Came into force on 01.01.2007, implementing rules not yet published
- > Products must be certified by an inspection body which is listed on one of the following lists:
  - > List of inspection bodies applying an inspection system and production standards compliant to EU
  - > List of inspection bodies 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



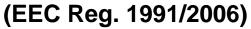
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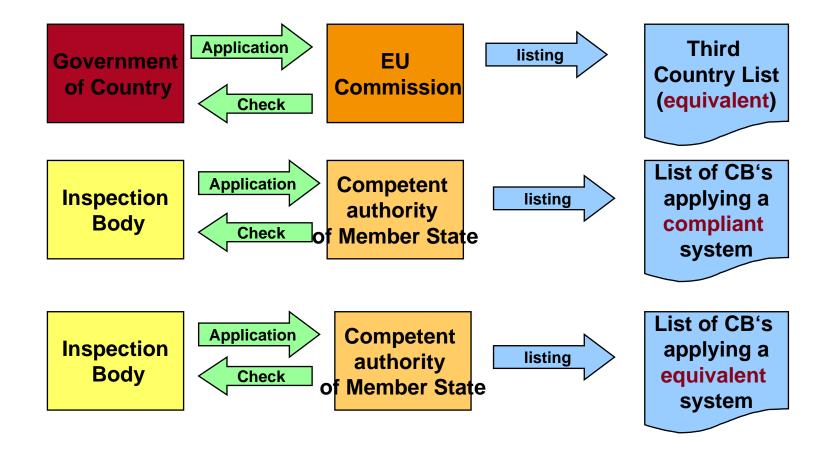






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### **Tendencies in Regulations II**

- > 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, Quebek
    - negotiations for equivalence agreements with Australia, EU, India and Japan
  - > China?



### Conclusions

- > The number of certification bodies is stabile (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

