



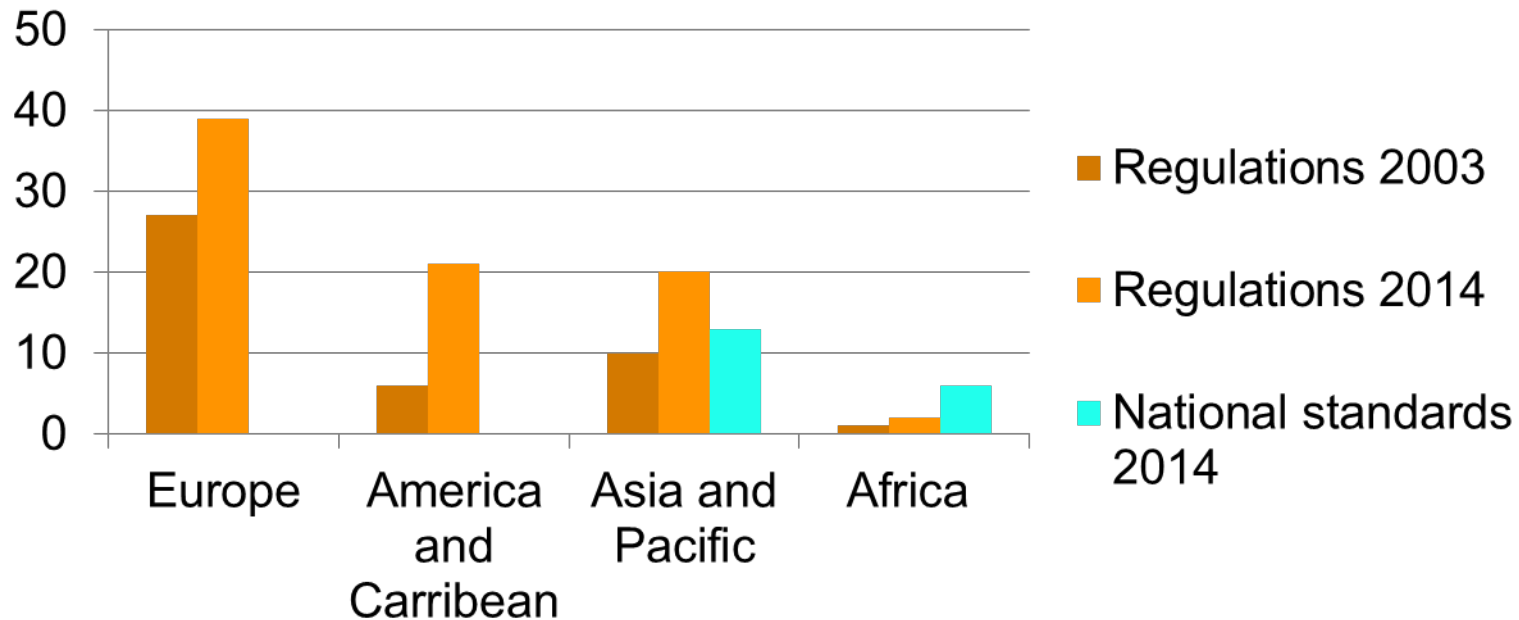
The World of Organic Agriculture:

Regulations and Certification Emerging Trends 2015

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Organic Regulations by Continent (2013)

No of Countries with Organic Regulations: 2002 versus 2014



Countries Drafting Organic Regulation

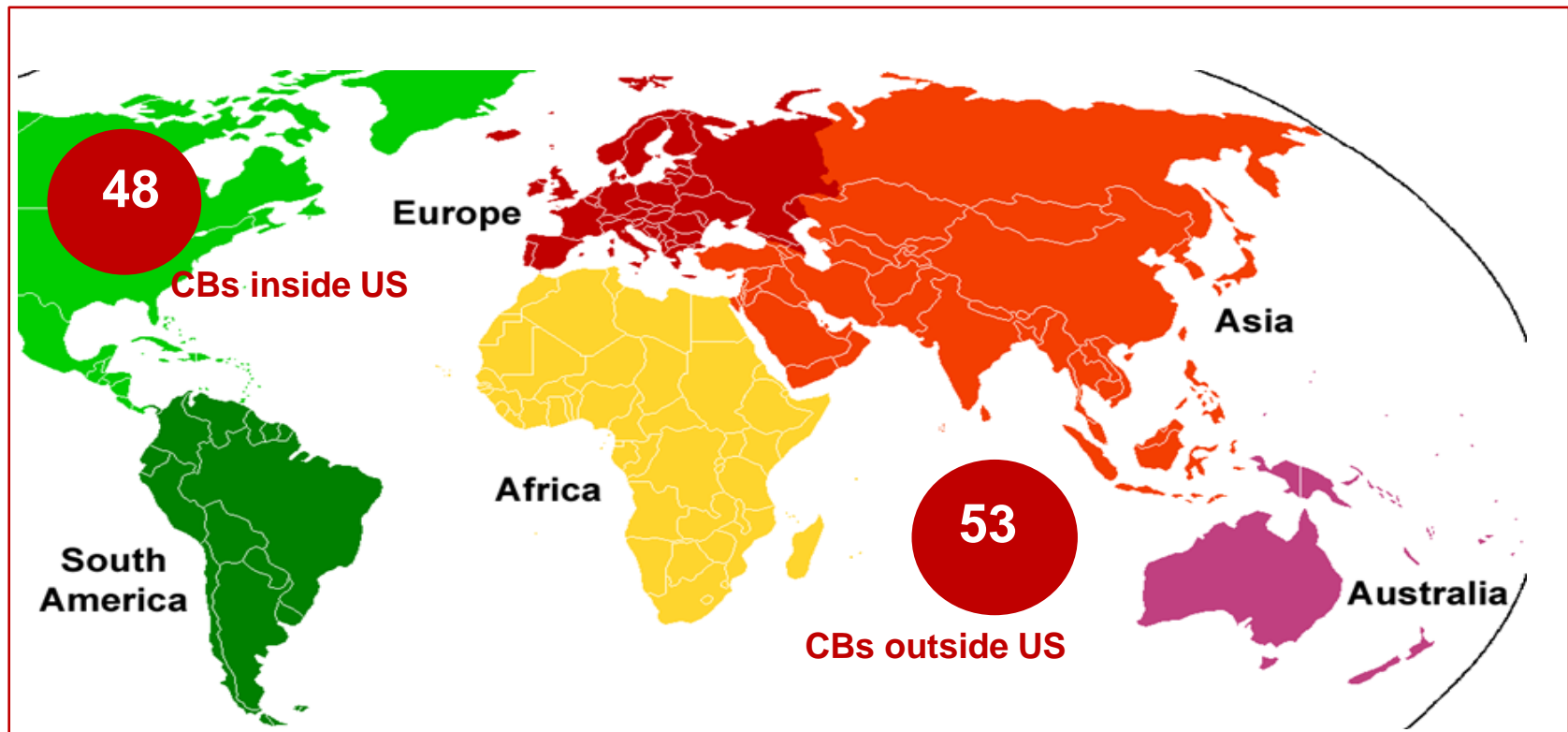




US: 101 approved CBs



Certification Bodies recognized for US NOP certification

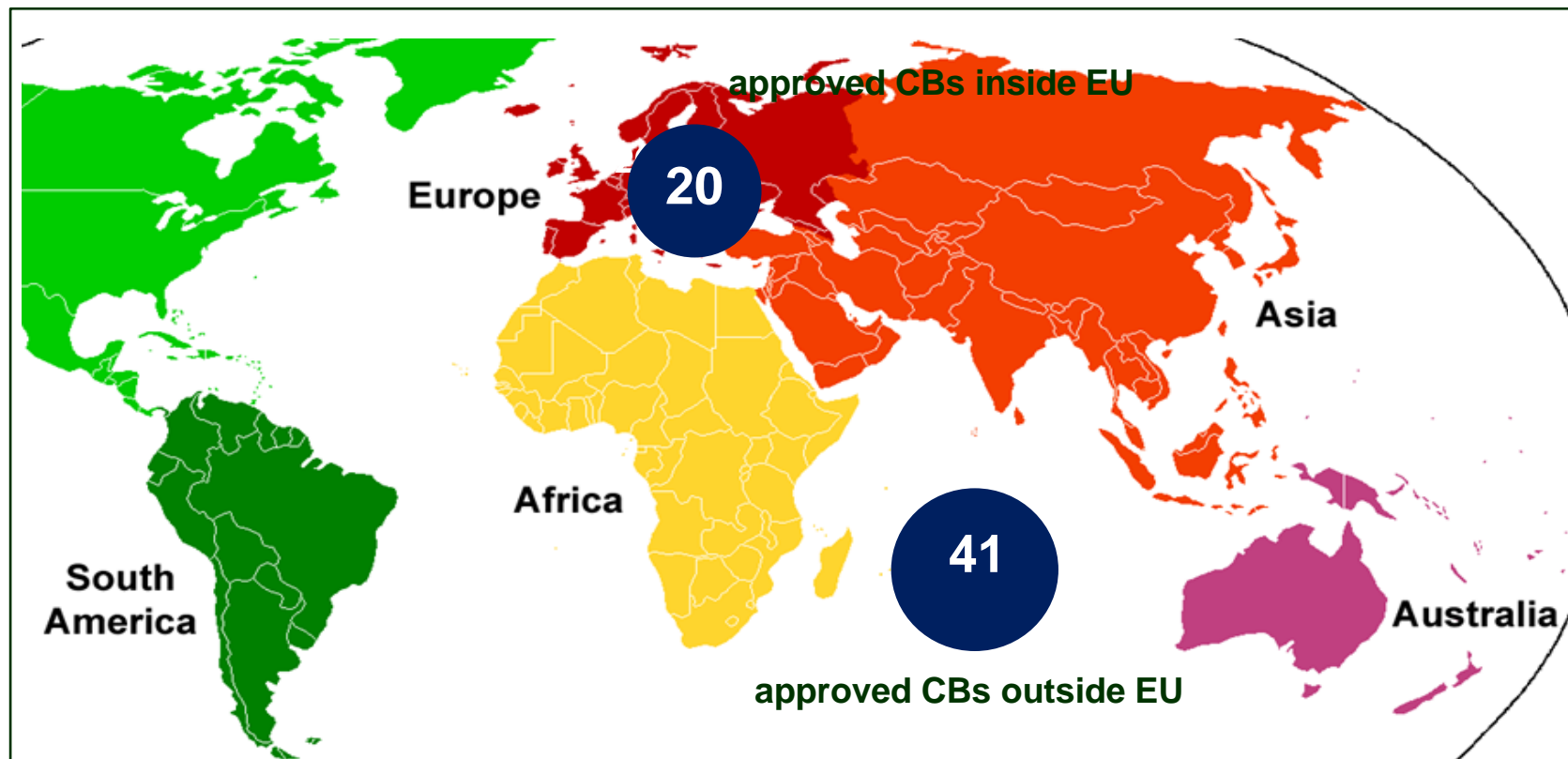




EU: 223 approved CBs



Certification Bodies recognized for Imports to the EU



Trends in Regulations: US (NOP)



- › **Focus:**
 - › **Compliance and enforcement**
 - › Data and information technology
 - › Guidance documents
 - › Clearer standards
 - › **Broader scopes**
 - › **Market access**
 - › Local and regional producers
 - › Equivalency arrangements



Trends in Regulations: EU



- › **New import scheme is implemented**
 - › **Import authorizations expired by 01.07.2014**
 - › **Certification has to be done by certification bodies authorized by the EU (third country list, list of CB's)**
 - › **In-conversion products can no longer be imported from most countries**
 - › **CB recognition does not include in-conversion products**
 - › **For most Non-EU countries CB's are only approved for plant products and partly processing (no animal husbandry, no feed, no seeds)**



Trends in Regulations: EU



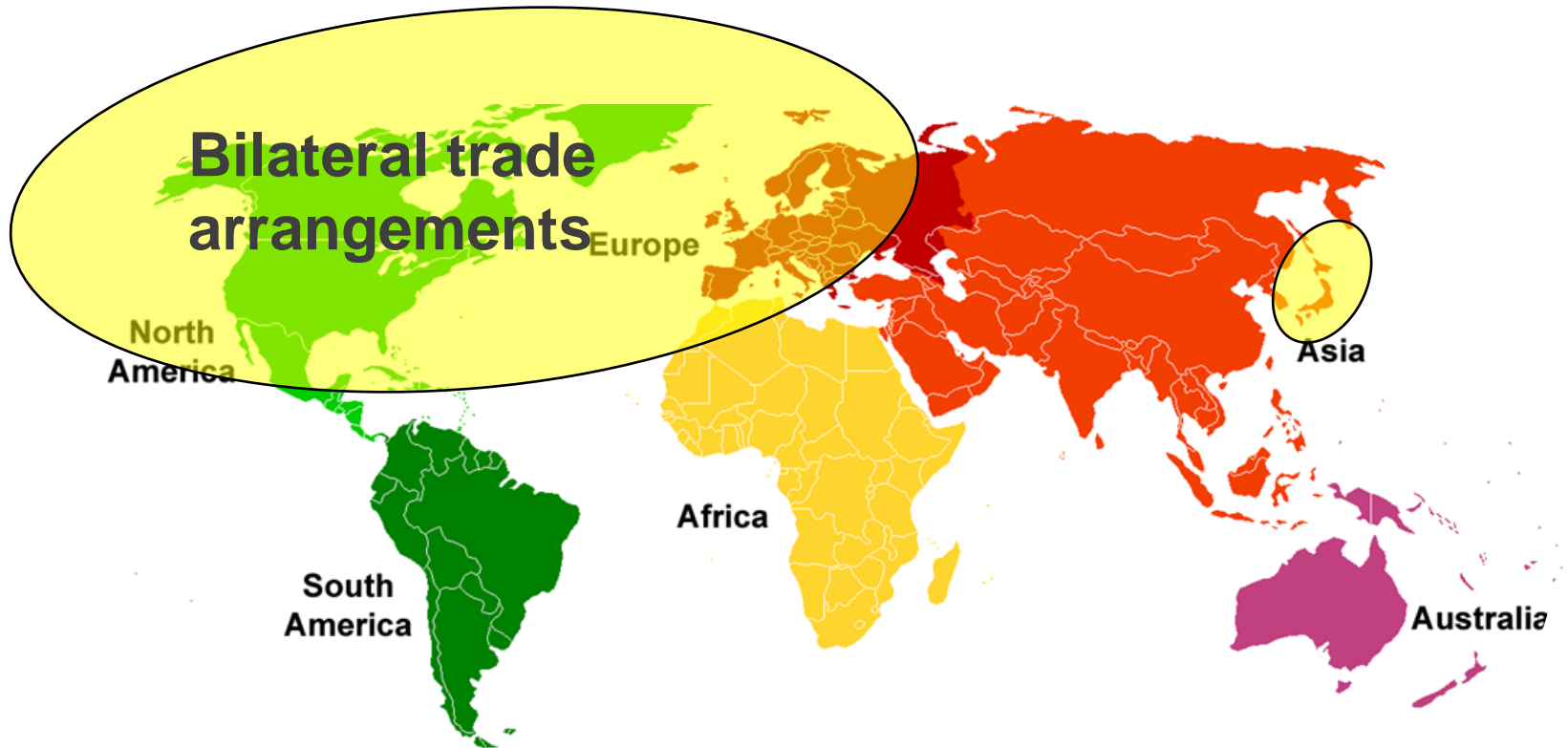
- **Complete Revision in negotiation**
 - **In negotiation since 2014, strong opposition by some Member States, IFOAM**
 - **Reduction of exemptions**
 - e.g. part conversion, tethering of animals...
 - **Introduction of residue limits for organic products**
 - **Bilateral agreements with other countries**
 - Replacing the unilateral recognition
 - **Unlimited recognition of CB's**
 - no scopes and countries restrictions
 - **Introduction of compliance scheme for imports**
 - Replacing the equivalence approach

Trends in regulations:

Bilateral agreements among governments

- › Based on Equivalency
 - US –**
 - › **US - CAN (2009)**
 - › **US - EU (2012)**
 - › **US - Japan (2014)**
 - › **US – Korea (2014)**
 - EU -**
 - › **Switzerland (2002 – trade agreement)**
 - › **US (2012)**
 - › **Korea (2015)**
 - CAN –**
 - › **Switzerland**
 - › **EU**
 - › **Costa Rica**
 - › **Japan**
- › Critical points are usually excluded (e.g. antibiotics)

Trends in regulations:



- › Equivalence within the main markets
- › Compliance for third countries
- › Asia, Africa: national standards/frameworks instead of labeling legislation

Trends and Conclusions

- Mutual recognition arrangements among main markets (US, EU, Canada...)



- Compliance for imports: hurdles for smaller players increase



Thank you very much!

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