



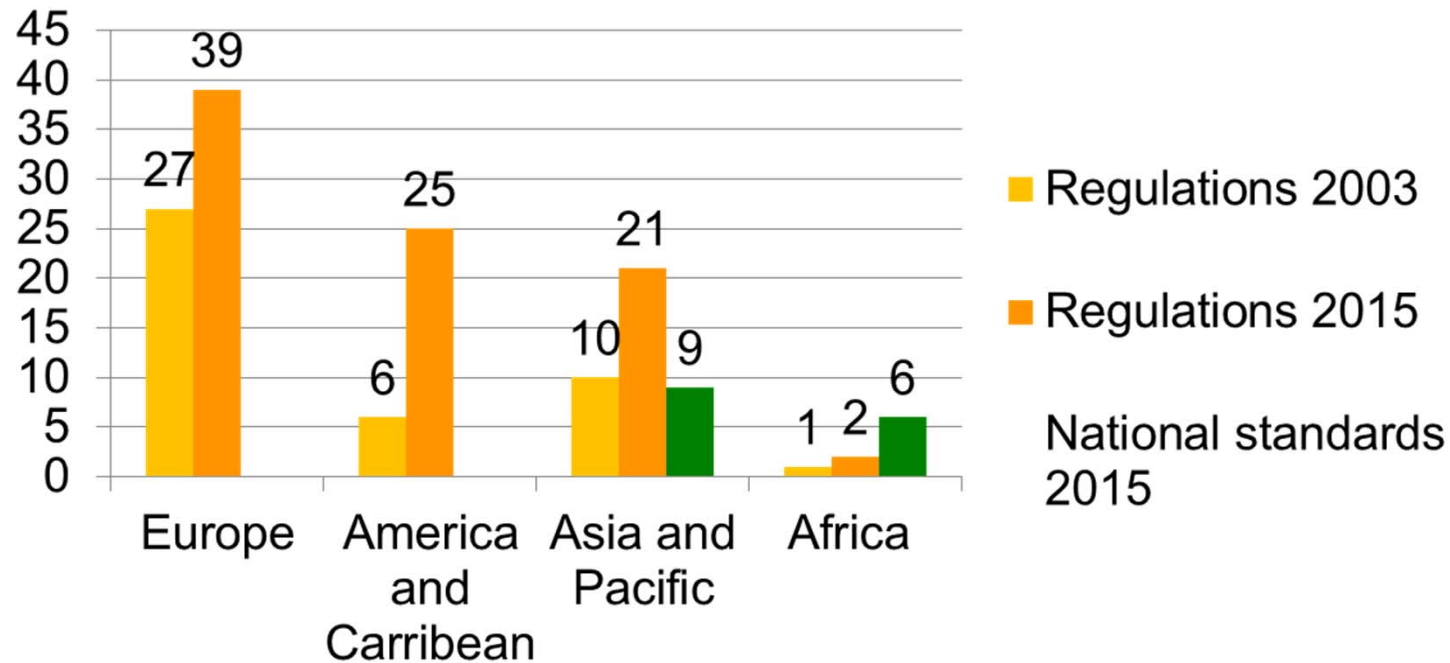
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Organic Regulations by Continent (2015)

No of Countries with Organic Regulations: 2003 versus 2015



Countries Drafting Organic Regulation

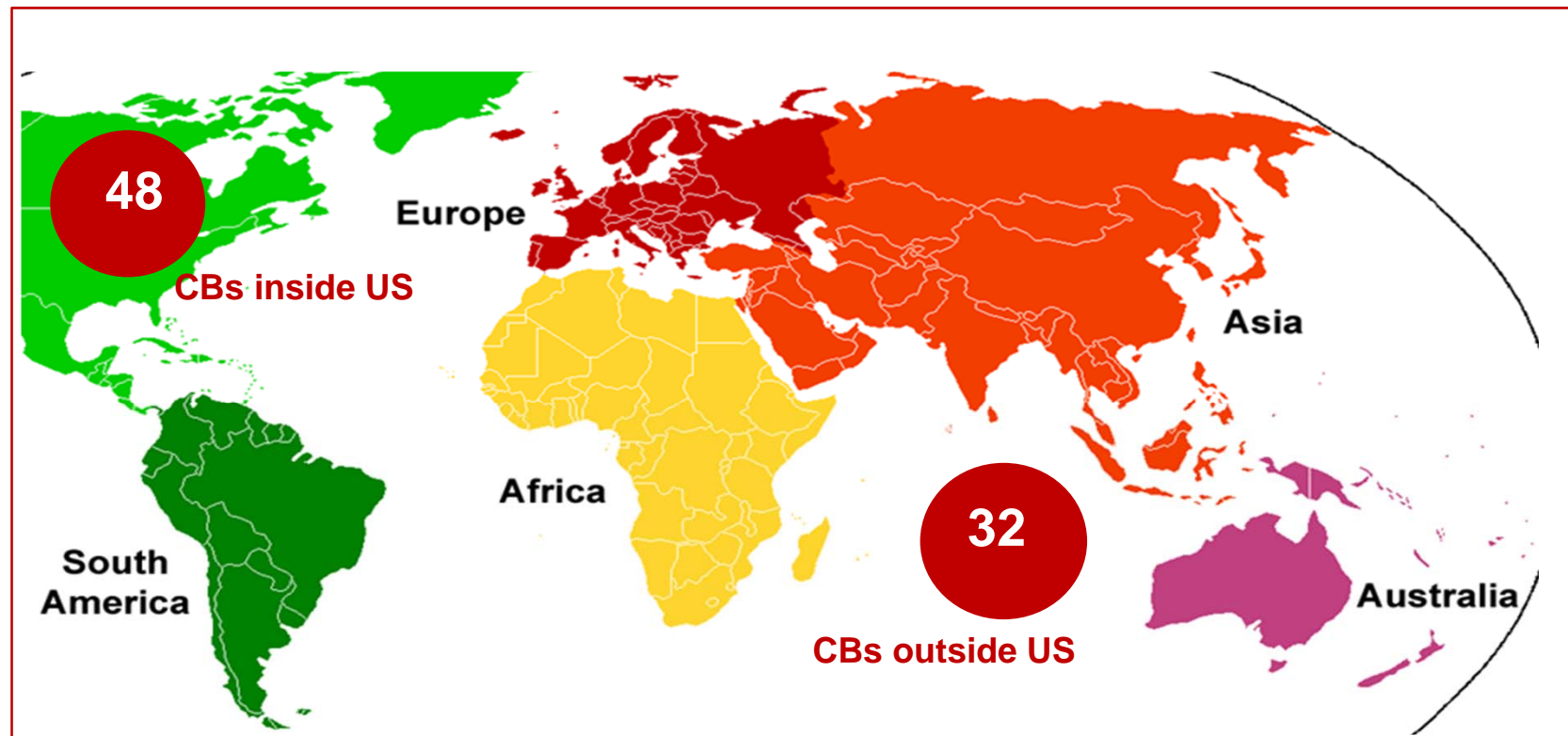




US: 80 approved CBs



Certification Bodies recognized for US NOP certification

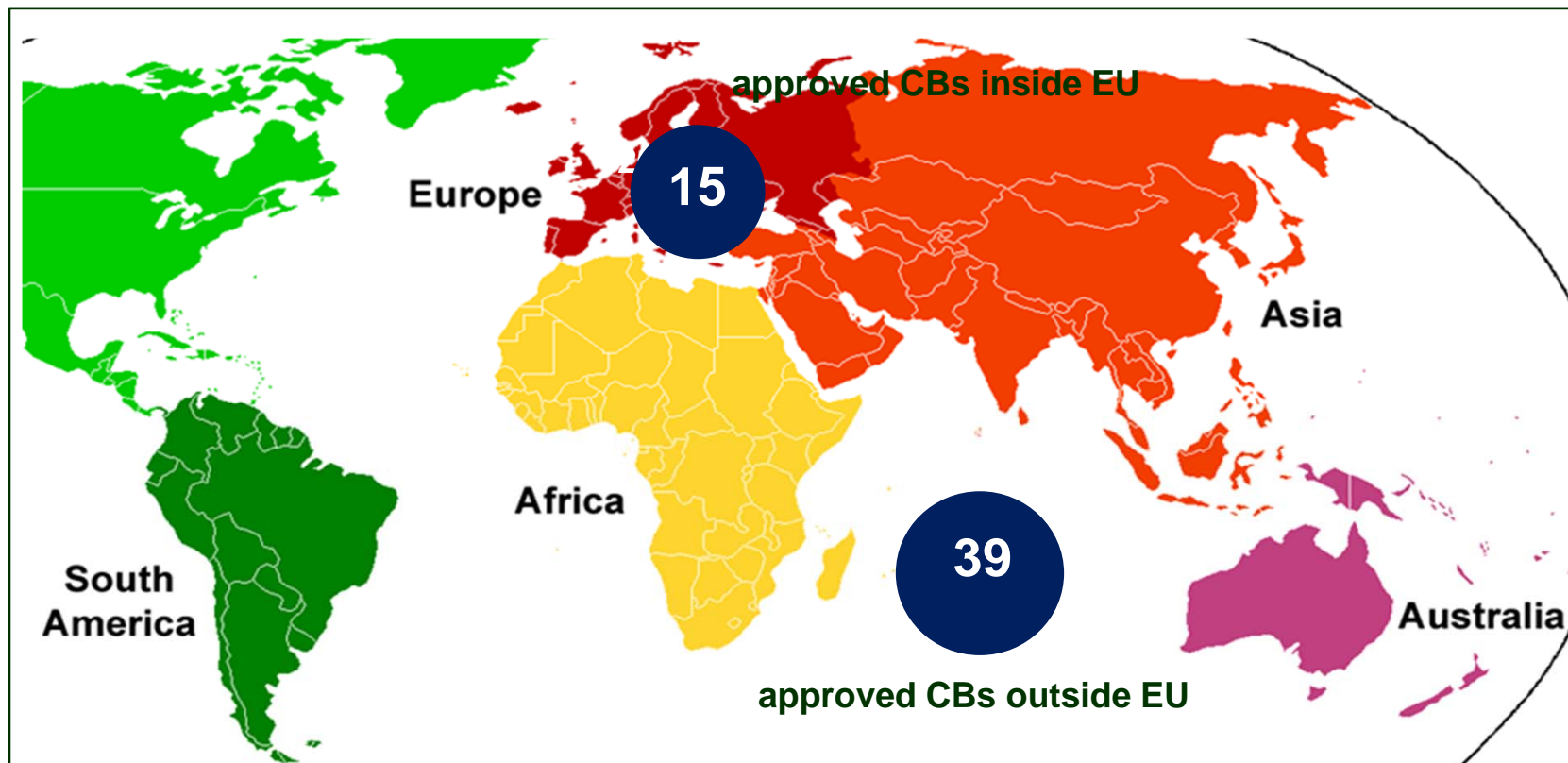




EU: 54 approved CBs for imports



Certification Bodies recognized for Imports to the EU

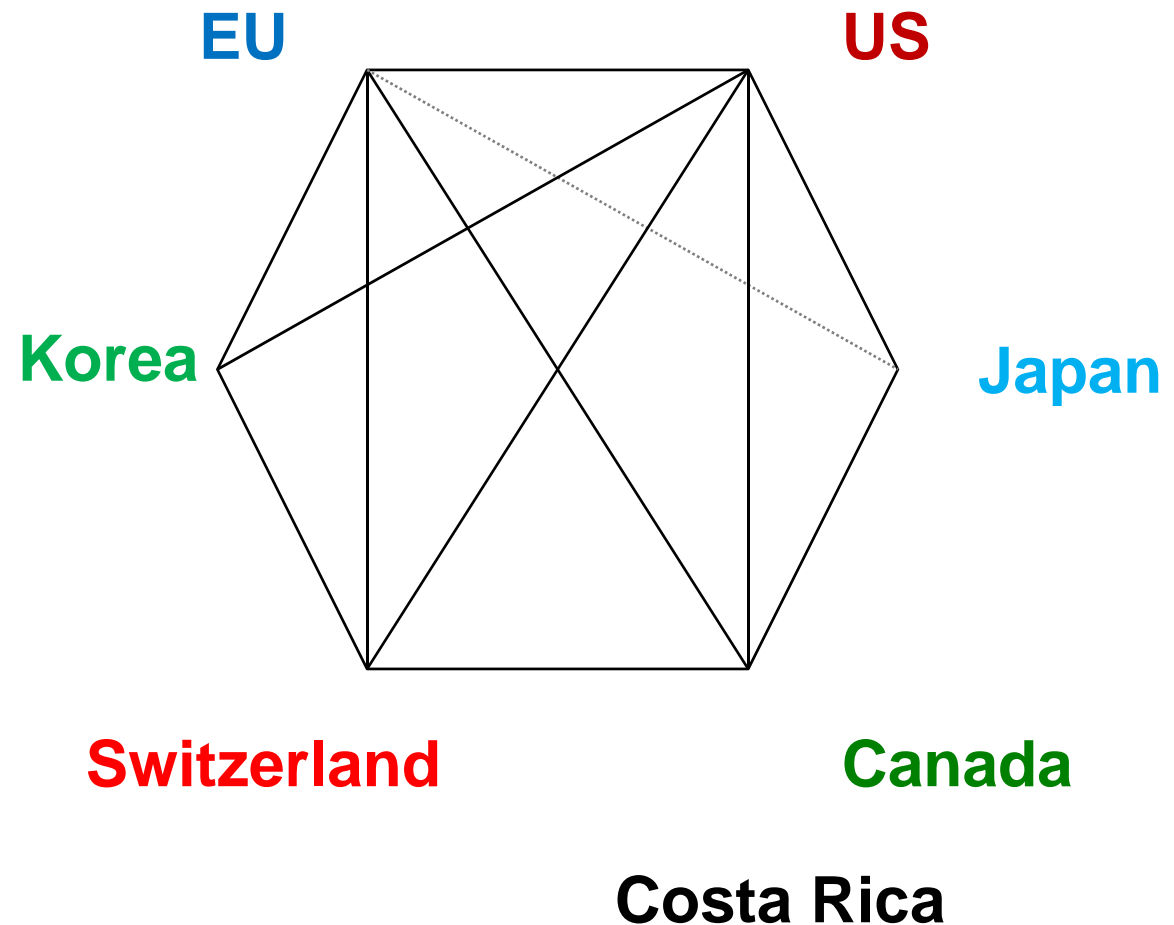


Trends in regulations: Bilateral agreements among governments

- › Based on Equivalency
 - US – US - CAN (2009)**
 - › US - EU (2012)
 - › US - Japan (2014)
- › Critical points are usually excluded (e.g. antibiotics)
 - › US – Korea (2014)
 - › **US – Switzerland (2015)**
 - EU - Switzerland (2002 – trade agreement)**
 - › Canada (2011)
 - › US (2012)
 - › **Korea (2015)**
 - CAN – US (2009)**
 - › EU (2011)
 - › Switzerland (2012)
 - › Costa Rica (2013)
 - › **Japan (2015)**

Trends in regulations: Bilateral agreements among governments

- › Agreements among few active players/strong markets
- › Ensuring market access both ways





Trends in Regulations: EU



- **Strong efforts to strengthen control system**
- **Ongoing negotiations for revision of EU Regulation (Trilog)**
 - **Imports still an issue of negotiations**
- **Specific guidelines for additional controls for organic products from**
 - **Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Russian Federation**

Trends in Regulations: Eastern Europe/Central Asia

- › **EU:**
 - › Guidelines for additional controls for imports in EU
 - › Guidelines for additional checks by CB's in the countries
 - › Withdrawal of recognition of ETKO (CB) due to serious deficiencies in the checks carried out and a substantial number of non-conformities
- › **Ukraine:** Law adopted but not implemented
civil dialogue on revision
- › **Kasachstan:** New legislation adopted on 27.11.2015
- › **Russia:** Negotiations on draft ongoing

Outlook

- **Revision of EU Regulation most likely completed in 2016**
- **Revised import scheme in EU (transition period still in negotiation)**
- **Bilateral agreements sought with relevant export countries**

Thank you very much!

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