

# Exporting to Europe –

**What will change under the revised EU Regulation?**

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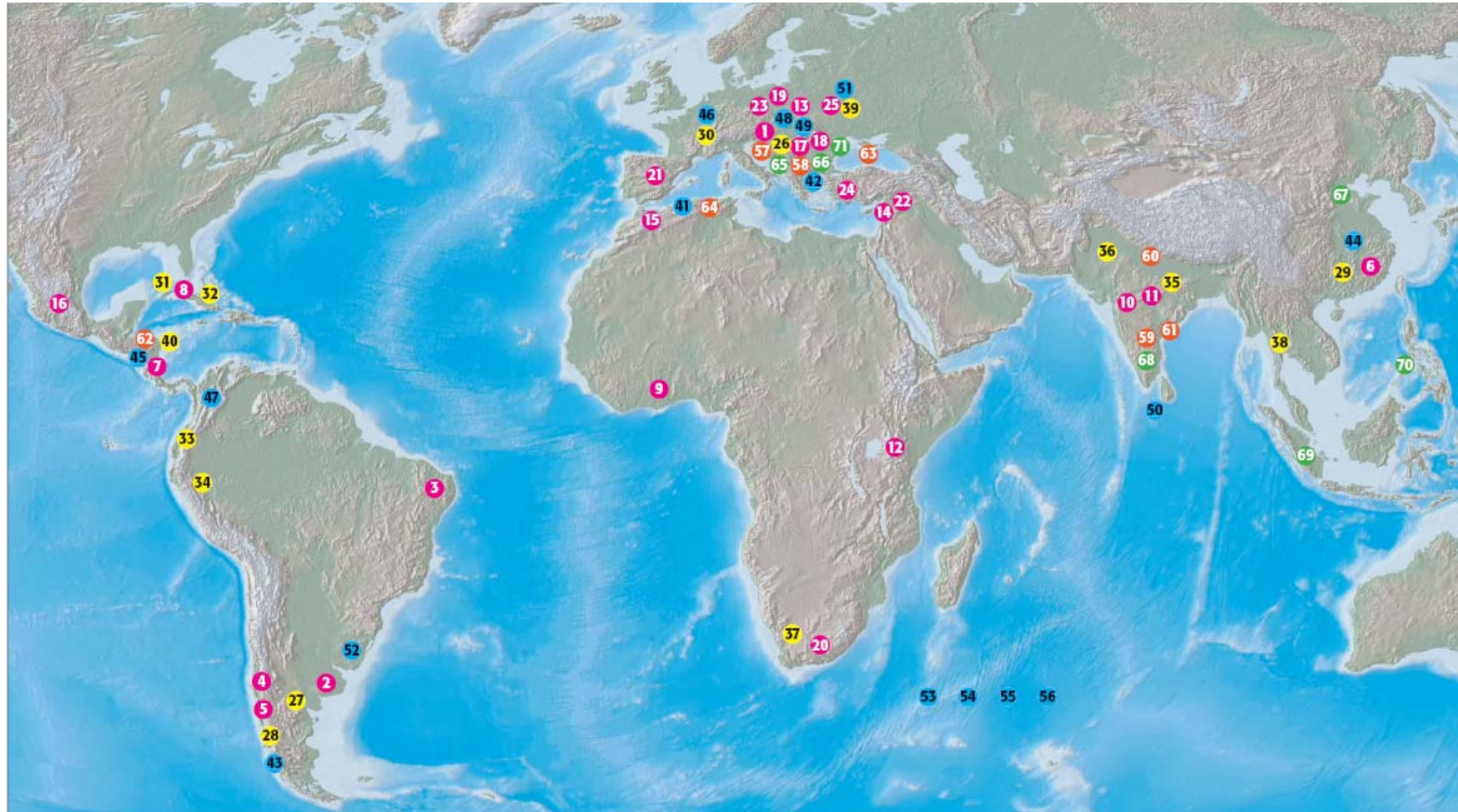
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# **Impacts of the new regulation for traders and certification bodies**

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# Impacts for Traders

- > **no more import permits**
  - > **bureaucracy**
  - > **delays in issuing import permits**
  - > **varying provisions im EU member states**
  - > **work and costs**
- > **easy check whether certification body is approved**
- > **no risk whether products can be imported**
- > **consideration of EU to take into account the advantages of electronic certification**

# Open questions for trade

- > in case of equivalency procedures original certificate has to accompany imports
- > what documents are requested in case of compliant procedures („documentary evidence“)?

# Next steps for traders

- > **checking validity of import permits (any authorization granted prior 31.12.06 will expire latest on 31.12.07)**
- > **re-apply for import permits where necessary**
- > **wait until list of approved inspection bodies is published**
- > **import permits will expire latest 24 months after publication of list with „equivalent inspection bodies“**

# Certification Bodies

- > **potential for clear (?) procedures and requirements**
- > **direct approval of certification bodies**
  - > **no dependencies on EU-importers**
  - > **lists of approved bodies are available for clients and traders (proof of qualification)**

# Questions for CB's

- > **Can foreign certification bodies be compliant with the EU-Regulation?**
- > **What kind of „necessary information“ is requested – which accreditation bodies are accepted?**
- > **Will the EU implement a list of equivalent certification bodies?**
- > **What are the implementation procedures?**



# Implementing Rules – what is needed?

- > needed prior approval of any inspection bodies
- > specify procedures for application of CB's
- > implement continuous oversight system for all certification bodies
- > specify criteria for accreditation bodies
  - > Taking into account qualification and experience of accreditation bodies with EU Regulation 2092/91
  - > Focusing on practice of inspection rather than documentary system
- > provide a tool for assessing equivalency (see IFOAM/ITF activities)
- > EU Commission needs to have sufficient capacities

# Council Regulation (EC) No 1991/2006

## > Download:

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