

The World of Organic Agriculture: Regulations and Certification Emerging Trends 2010

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Organic Regulations by Continent (2009)

Country	Countries with regulations	Contries per continent	Percentage
Europe	38	41	93%
America and Caribbean	18	35	51%
Asia and Pacific	13	62	21%
Africa	1	55	2%
Total	70	193	36%

Countries Drafting Regulations

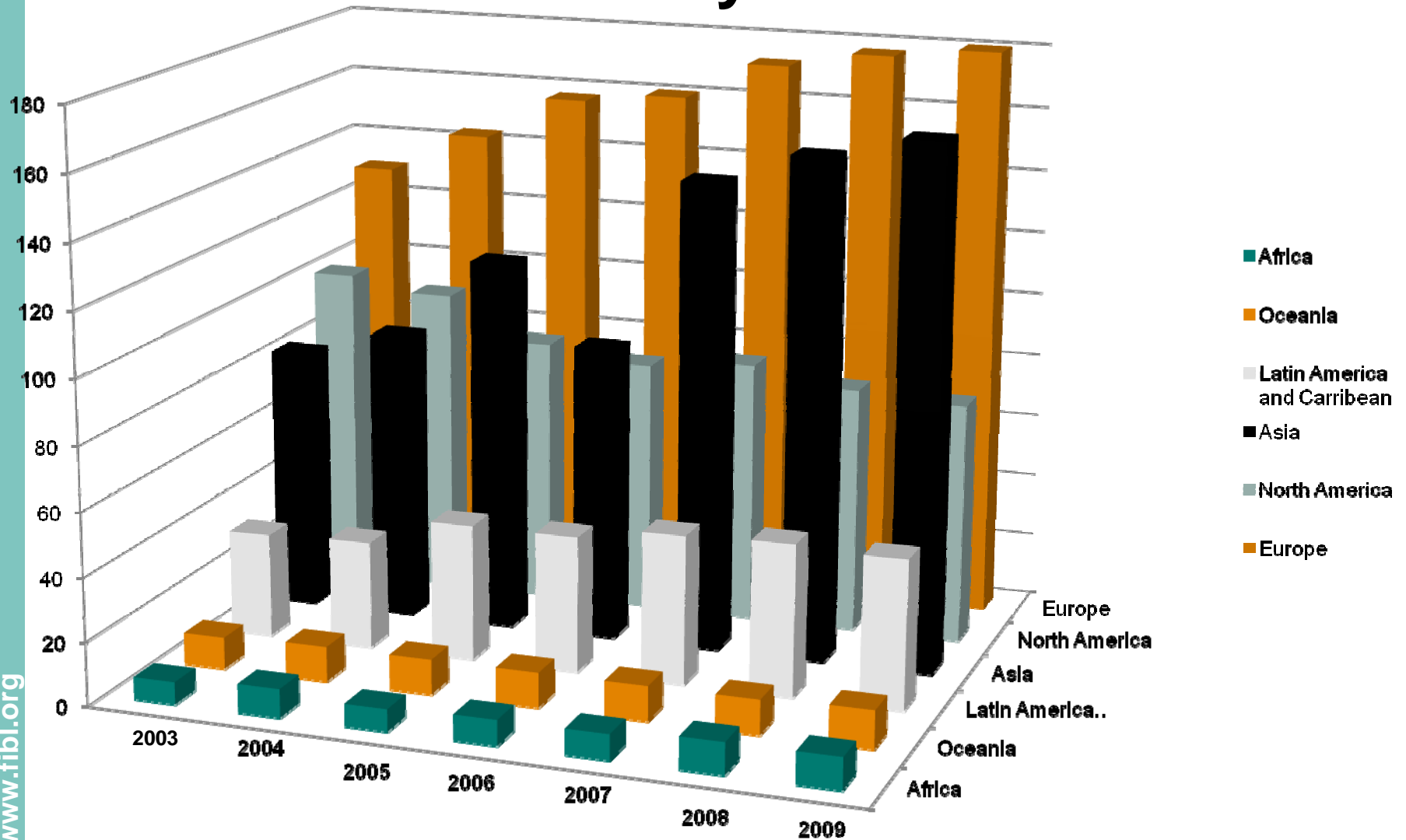
- › **Europe: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Russia, Ukraine**
- › **Asia: Armenia, Hong Kong, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Syria**
- › **America and Caribbean: Cuba, Nicaragua, St Lucia**
- › **Africa: Egypt, Morocco, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe**

Certification Bodies by Continent

Region	Total 2009	Total 2008	Total 2007	Total 2006	Total 2005	Total 2004	Total 2003
Africa	10	10	8	8	7	9	7
Asia	164	157	147	93	117	91	83
Europe	180	177	172	160	157	143	130
Latin America and Caribbean	47	48	47	43	43	34	33
North America	76	78	83	80	84	97	101
Oceania	12	11	11	11	11	11	10
Total	489	481	468	395	419	385	364

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Trends in Regulations:

A move towards mutual recognition

› US

- › First equivalency agreement with Canada**
- › Exemption for animals treated with antibiotics**
- › Negotiations with the EU**

› Canada

- › Approval of accreditation bodies**
 - › First equivalency agreement with the US**
 - › Exemption: Sodium Nitrate, hydroponic or aeroponic production, livestock stocking rates**



› Australia

- › Unilateral acceptance of US NOP, EU Reg, JAS, New Zealand, Canada for imported products**

European Union



- **List of control bodies for equivalence**
 - **72 applications until 31.10.2009**
 - **Publication expected in 2010**
 - **Evaluation by the Commission**

- **Third Country List**
 - **8 countries listed (Tunisia added in June 2009)**
 - **next country to be added : Japan**
 - **19 applications**
 - **soon expected: Canada, negotiations with the US**
 - **recent progress on other countries (China, Turkey, Peru, Chile)**

› **South Korea**

- › **From 2011 accreditation according to South Korean standards required (no equivalence agreements)**

› **Taiwan**

- › **Unilateral acceptance of 17 countries including US and several EU countries for crop products, for livestock only
US, AUS, NZ**

› **Chile**

- › **Accreditation only by an IAF member**

Global Organic Market Access (GOMA)

- **Initiative of FAO, IFOAM, UNCTAD**
- **Based on achievements of International Task Force on Harmonization**
 - **Accepting diversity in organics by equivalency approach**
 - **Elaboration of Equitool**
 - **Adoption of the International Requirement for organic certification bodies (IROCB)**

Summary

- › Dynamics in approval of national regulations and approval of CB's slowed down
- › More countries are working on import schemes
- › Progress in mutual recognition among main market players
- › The world's first fully reciprocal agreement between regulated organic systems (CAN – US)?
- › Increase of accreditation requirements but also increased opportunities for getting multiple certification with one inspection

South Korea

GlobalGap

National Reg

Canadian Reg

US NOP

EU Regulation

Certification Body

