



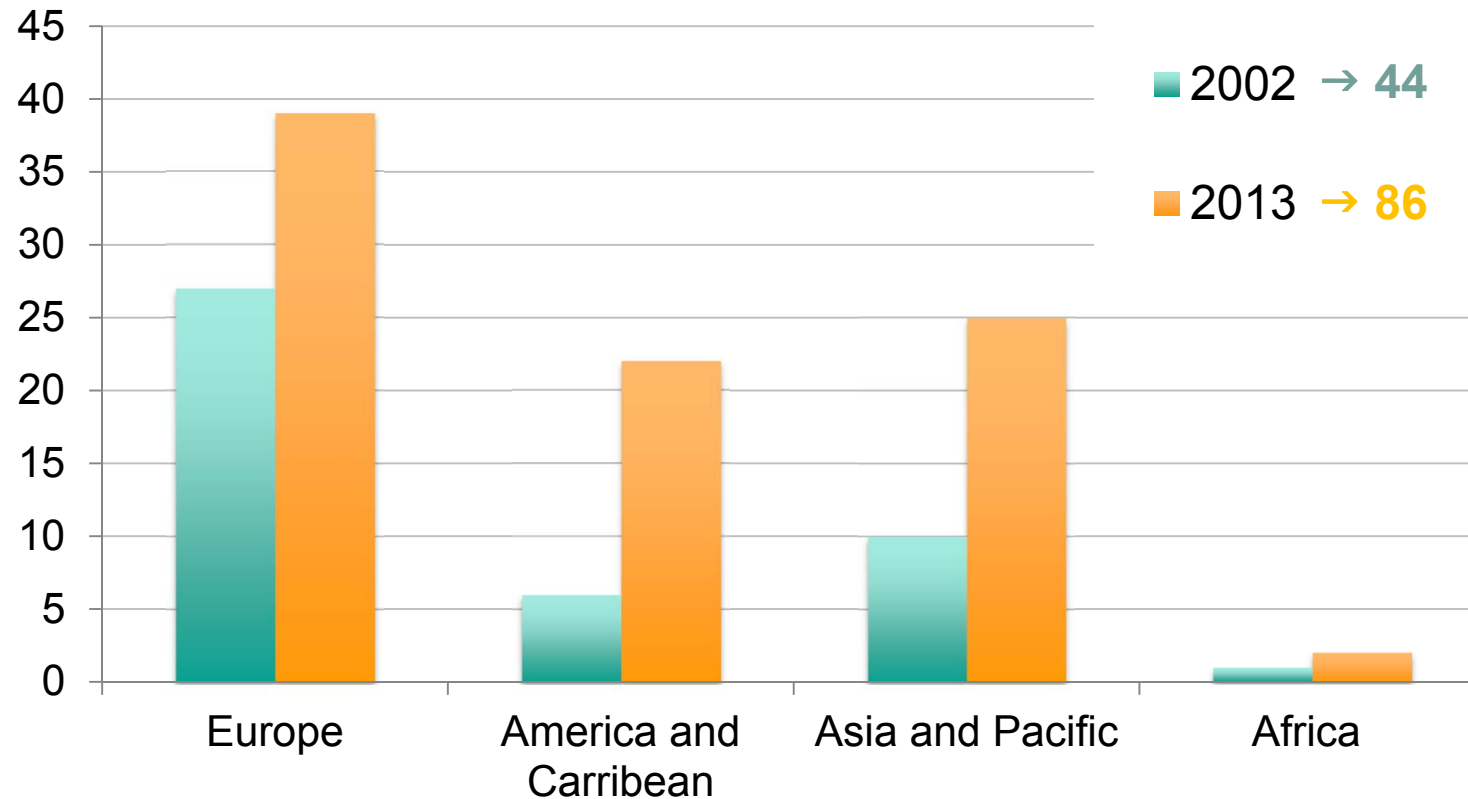
## The World of Organic Agriculture:

# Regulations and Certification Emerging Trends 2014

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# Organic Regulations by Continent (2013)

No of Countries with Organic Regulations: 2002 versus 2013

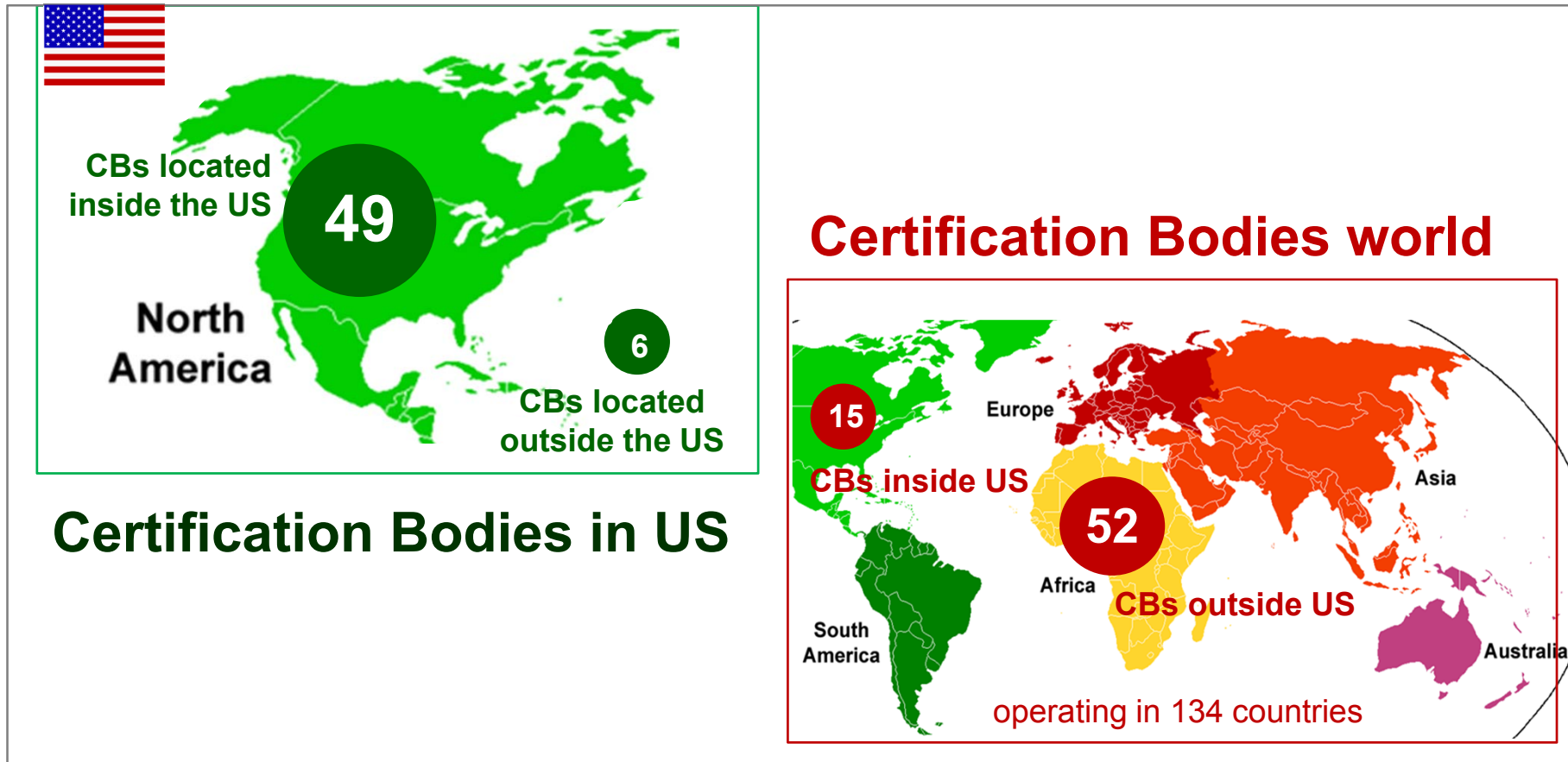


# Countries Drafting Organic Regulation



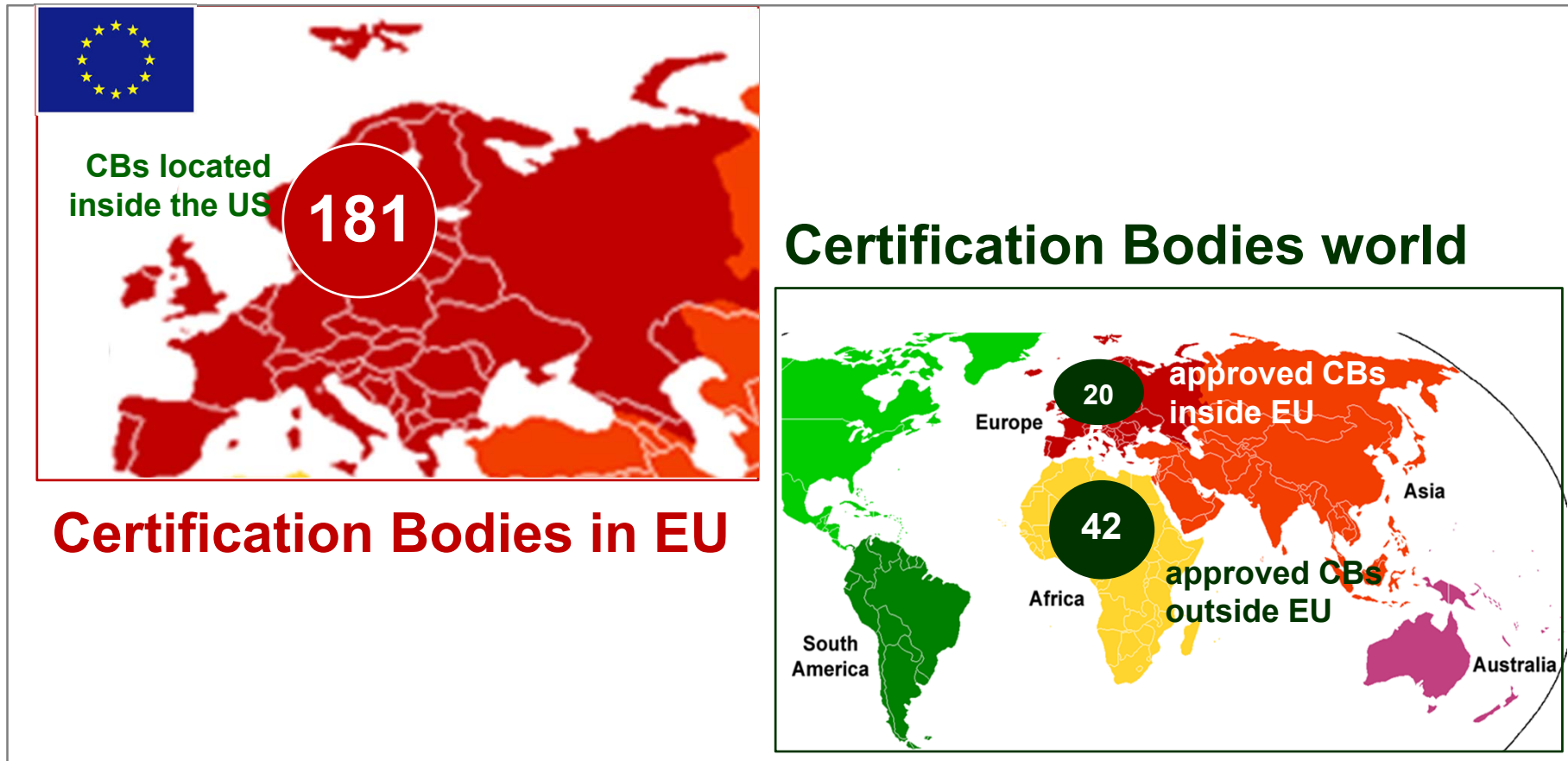


# US: 101 approved CBs



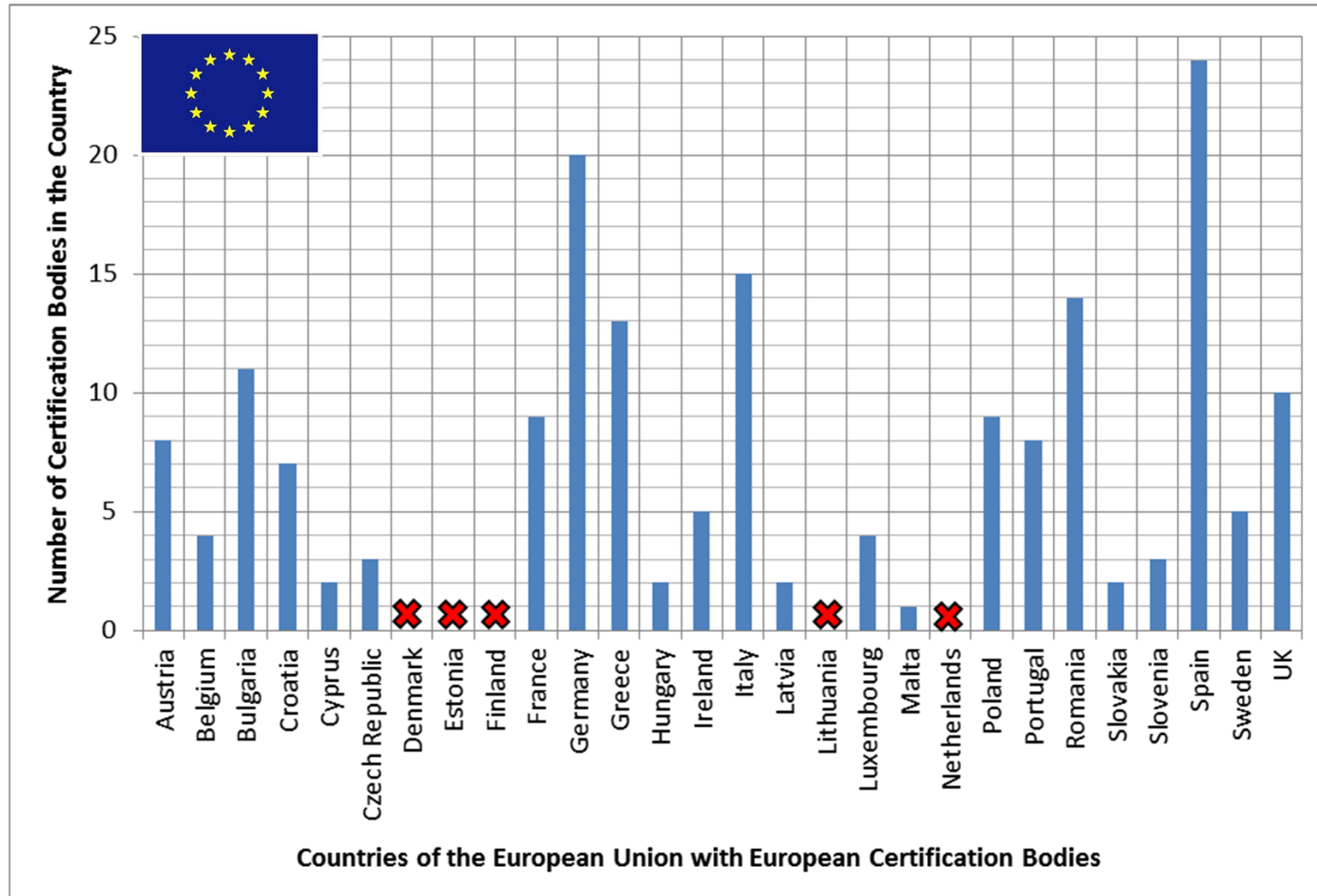


# EU: 223 approved CBs



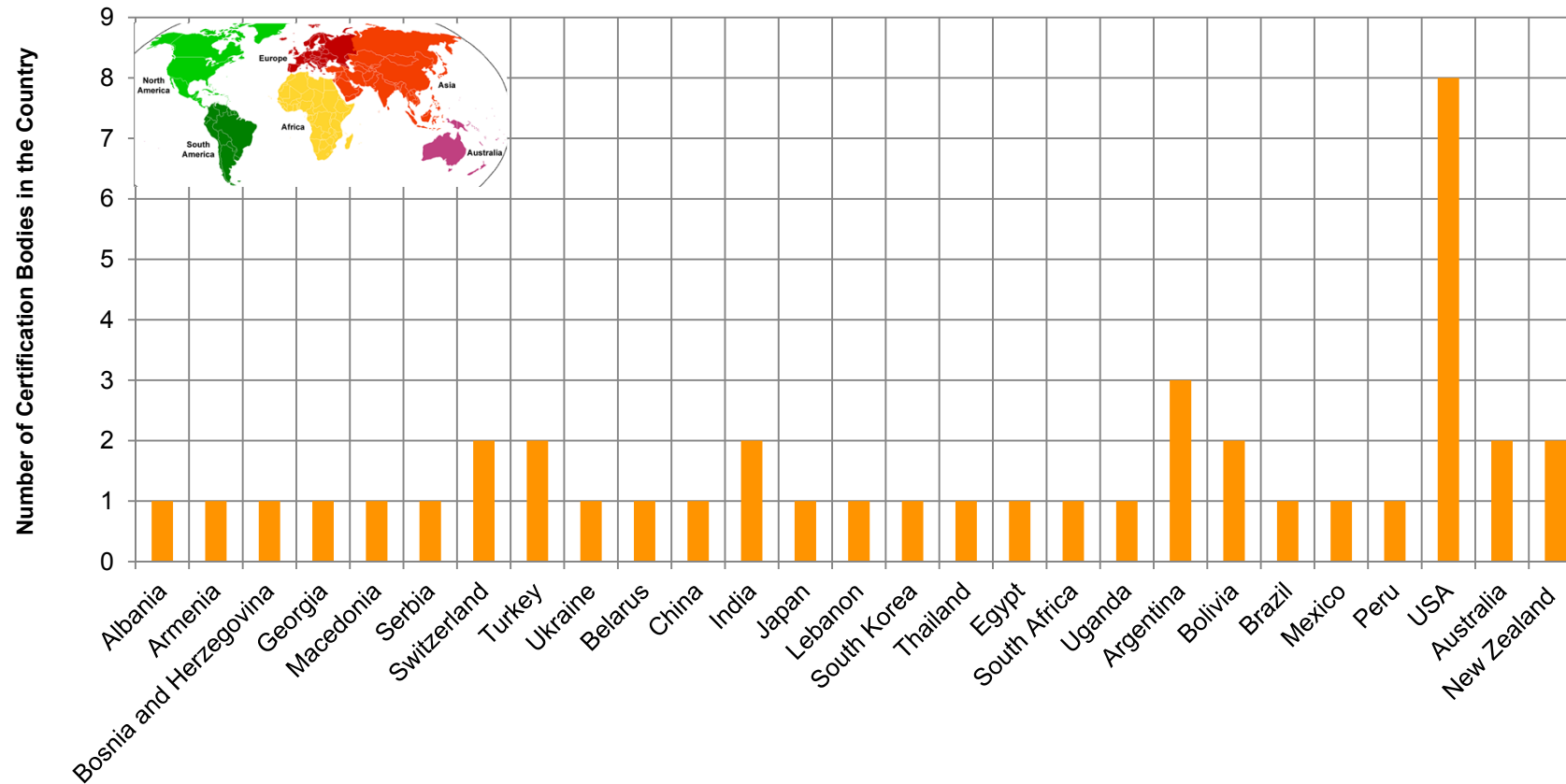
# Origin of approved EU CBs

(1-24 CBs approved per MS; ✘ 5 MS without private CB)



# Origin of approved Non-European CBs

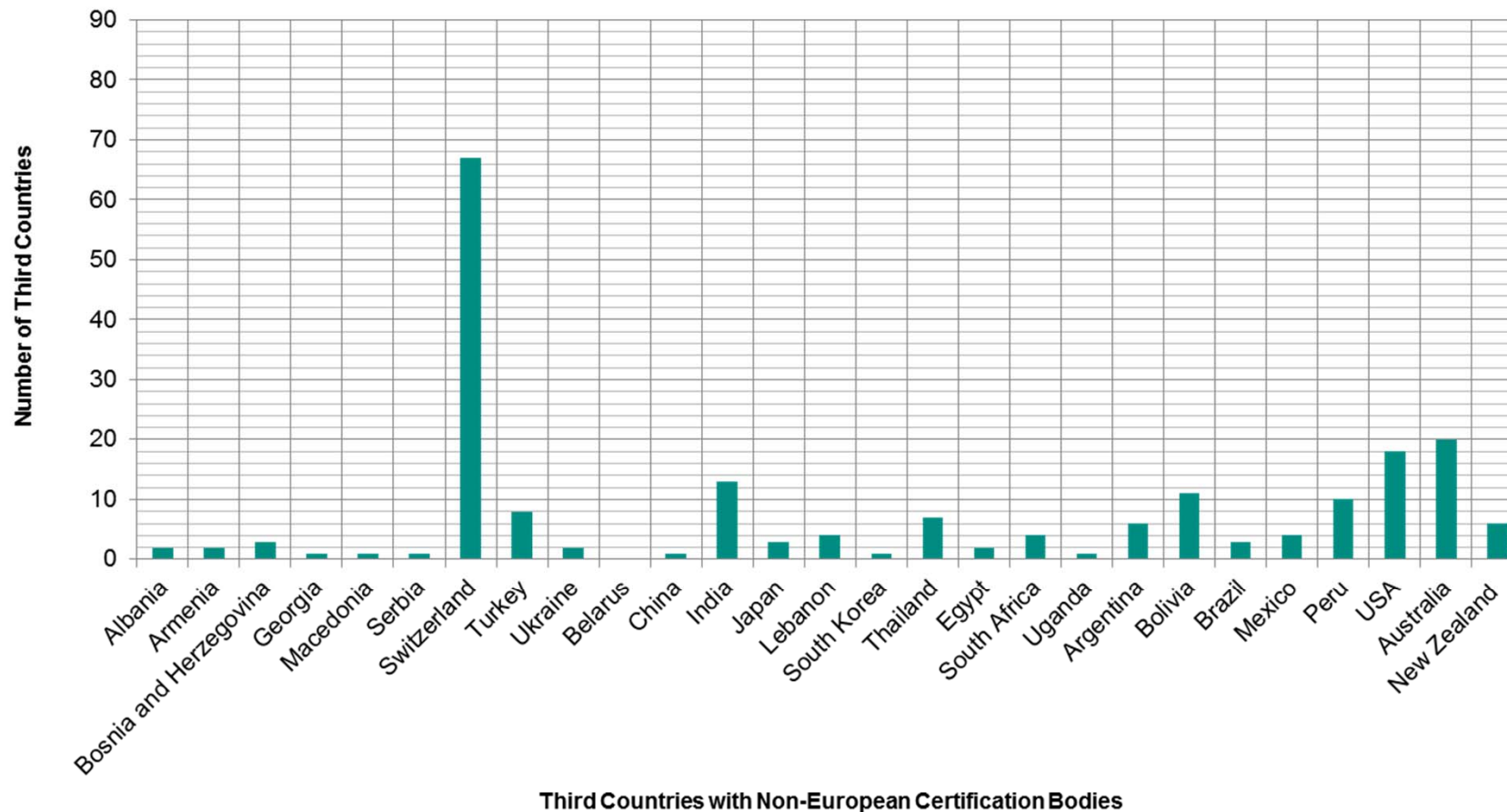
Article 10 of Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008 (red bar)



Third Countries with Non-European Certification Bodies

# Countries covered by Non-EU CBs

mostly operating in own country/region







# Trends in Regulations: US (NOP)



## › Focus:

- › clearer standards (guidance documents and broader scopes (aquaculture, pet food))
- › compliance and enforcement
- › Data and information technology
- › market access (local and regional producers, equivalency arrangements)

## › Imports: Equivalency arrangements:

- › Canada
- › EU (01.06.2012)
- › Japan (01.01.2014)
- › In preparation: Korea, Costa Rica



## Trends in Regulations: EU



- **New import scheme is implemented**
  - **Import authorizations expire by 01.07.2014 the latest**
  
- **Complete Revision in preparation**
  - **Draft will be published in March 2014**
  - **Reduction of exemptions (e.g. part conversion, tethering of animals...)**
  - **Introduction of compliance scheme for imports**
  - **Bilateral agreements with other countries**
  - **Strengthening authorities role in control system**

# Trends and Conclusions

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



- Compliance for imports: hurdles for smaller players increase



# Thank you very much!

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