

The starting point and the issues

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Scheme Owners

IFOAM Organic guarantee system



Regulatory and other private schemes offered to Certification Bodies



Authorises Certification Bodies according to IFOAM and scheme guidelines



Certification Bodies

Audit producers of organic products



Certificate Holders

Produce and trade organic products

The starting point and the issues

- The journey to 2002**
- Status of organic control & regulations**
- How were we interacting?**
- What were the problems**

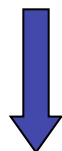
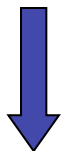
The journey to 2002

1920s

1970s

1990s

2002



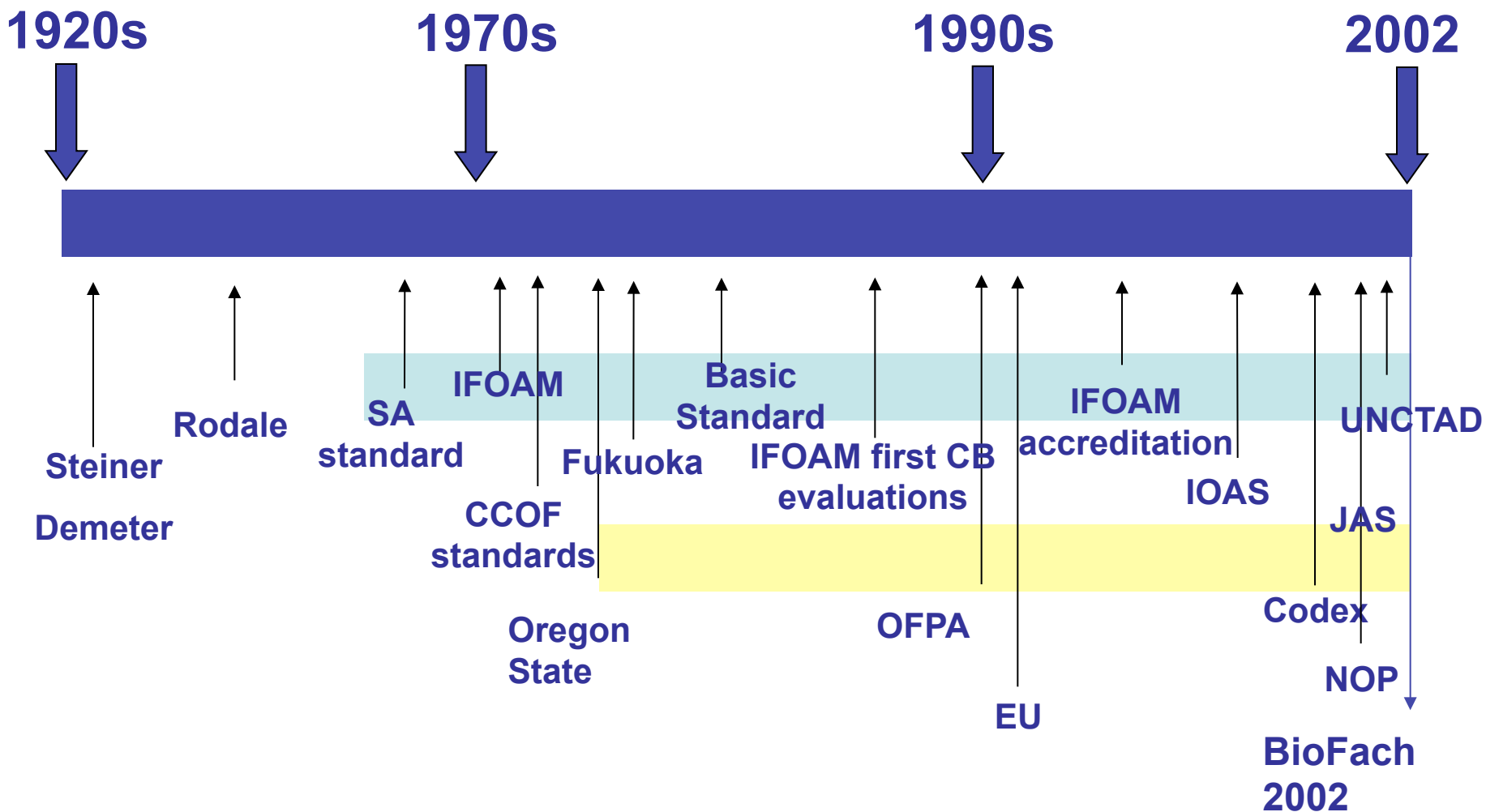
Ideology & farm level

Private sector standards and controls

National/international regulators

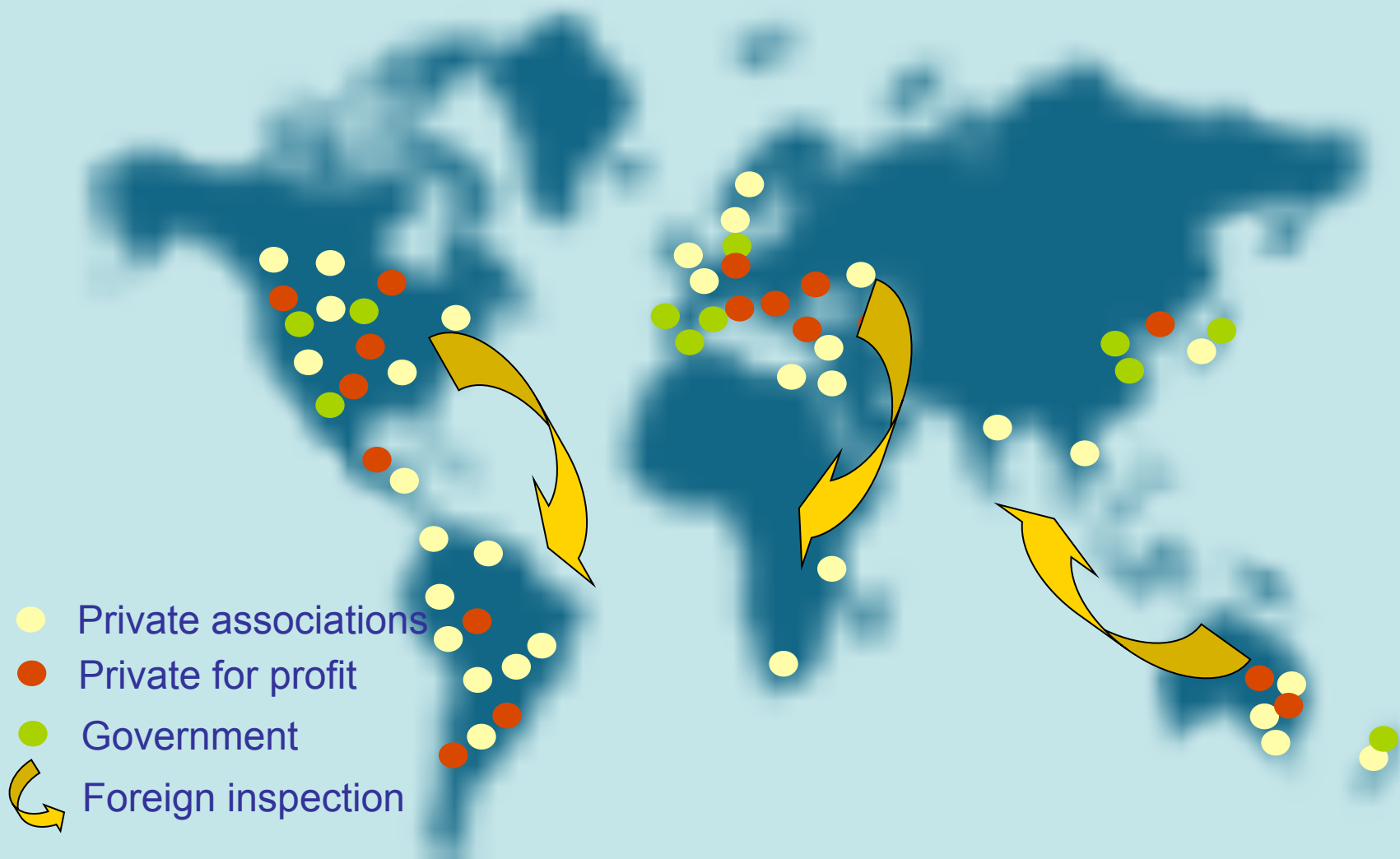
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The journey to 2002



2002 – organic control & regulations

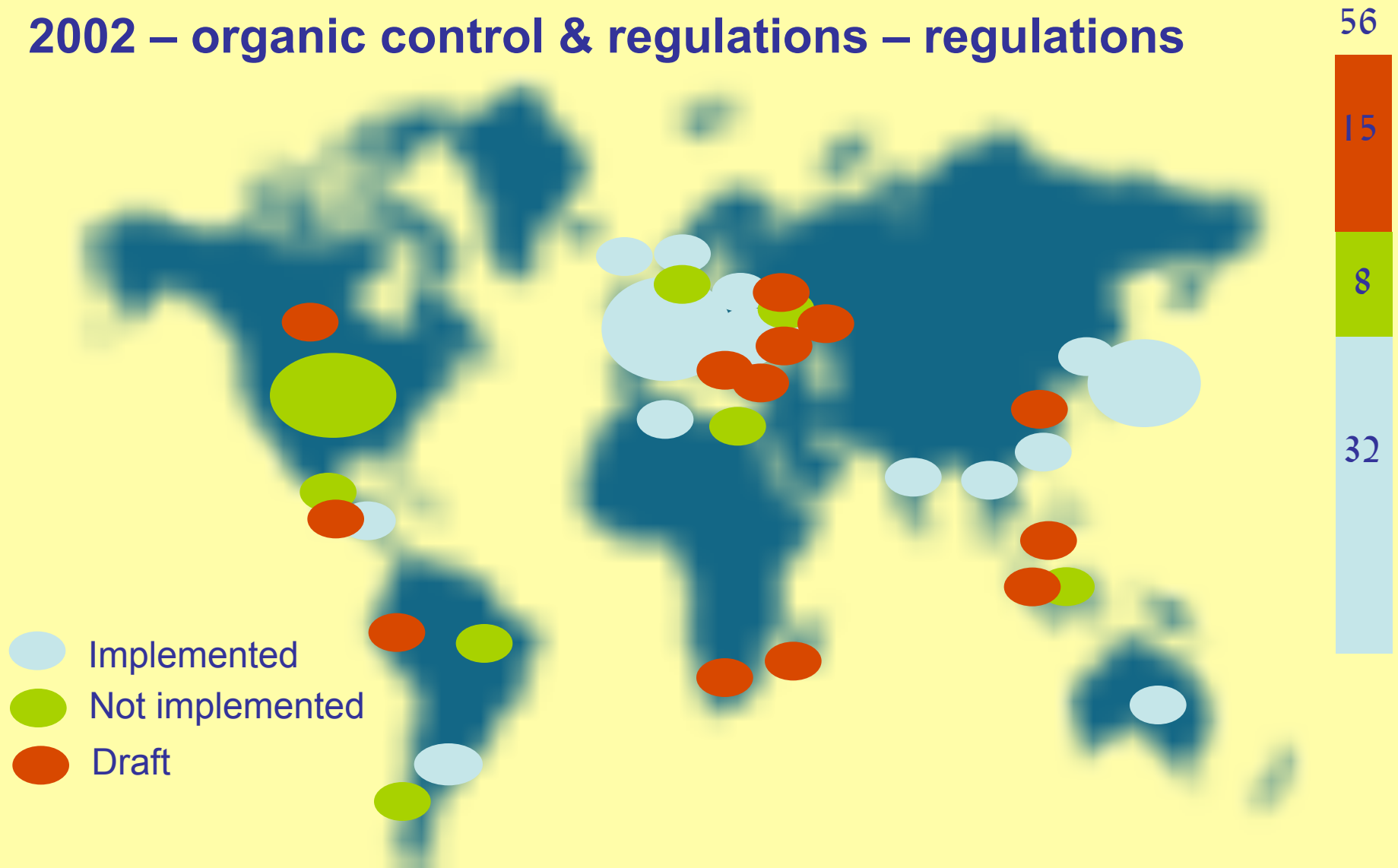
2002 – organic control & regulations – private sector



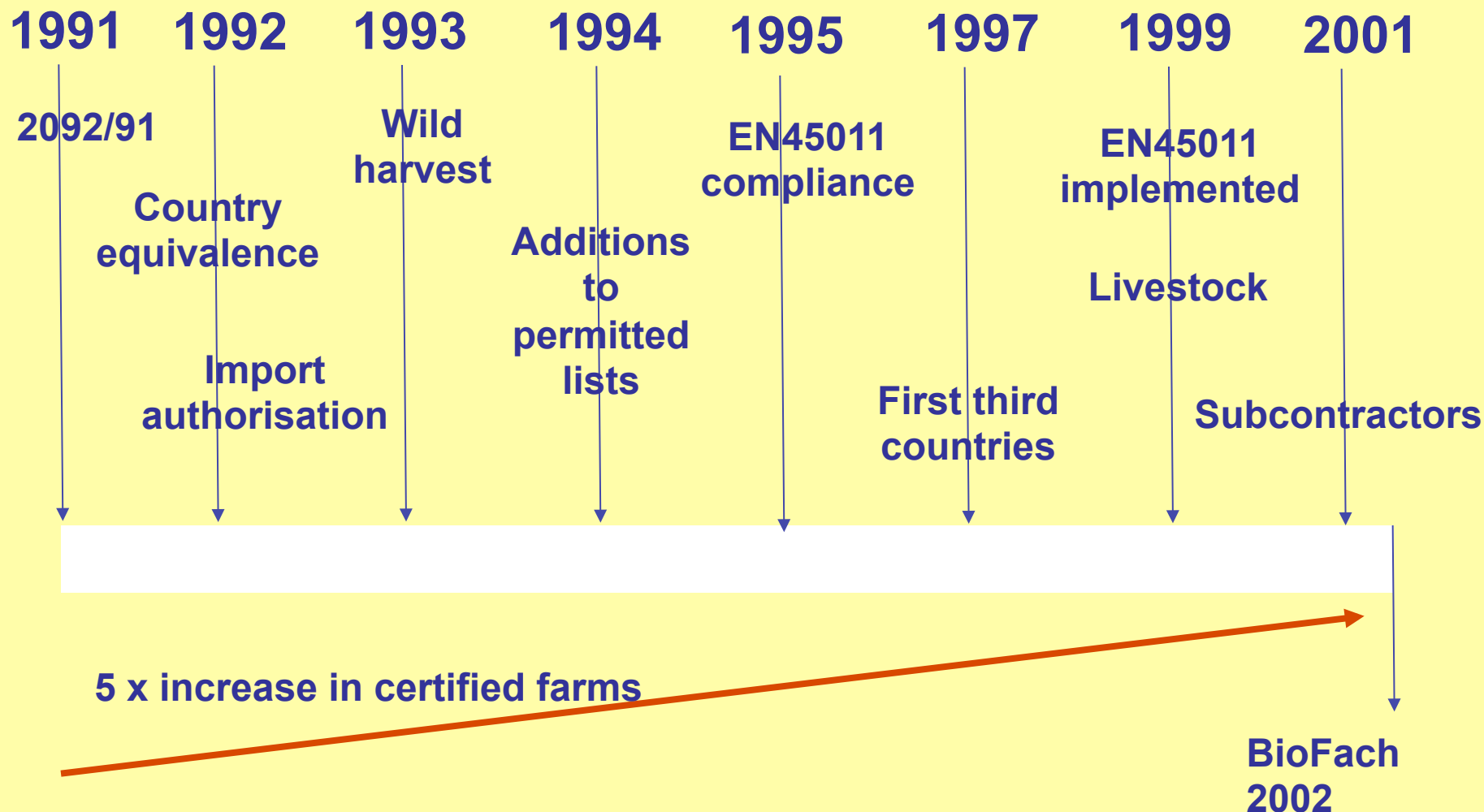
2002 – organic control & regulations – private sector

- 300+ CBs
- IFOAM accreditation – 29 CBs
- Many private standards
- CB ‘collaboration’
- International CBs
- IFOAM CBs – Multi lateral agreement
- UK Sainsbury’s campaign
- American Organic Standards
- CB as agents of government
- IFOAM regional variations
- Danish control system assessed by IOAS

2002 – organic control & regulations – regulations



2002 – organic control & regulations – regulations - EU





2002 – organic control & regulations – regulations - other

1990  2002

USA

OFPA NOSB  Proposed rule  NOP rule

Canada

Canadian Organic  Proposed Federal  Canada National
Advisory Board regulation standard
abandoned

Australia

National  AQIS  Export control
standard accreditation orders

Japan

 Extension of
JAS to
organic  Enforcement

Codex

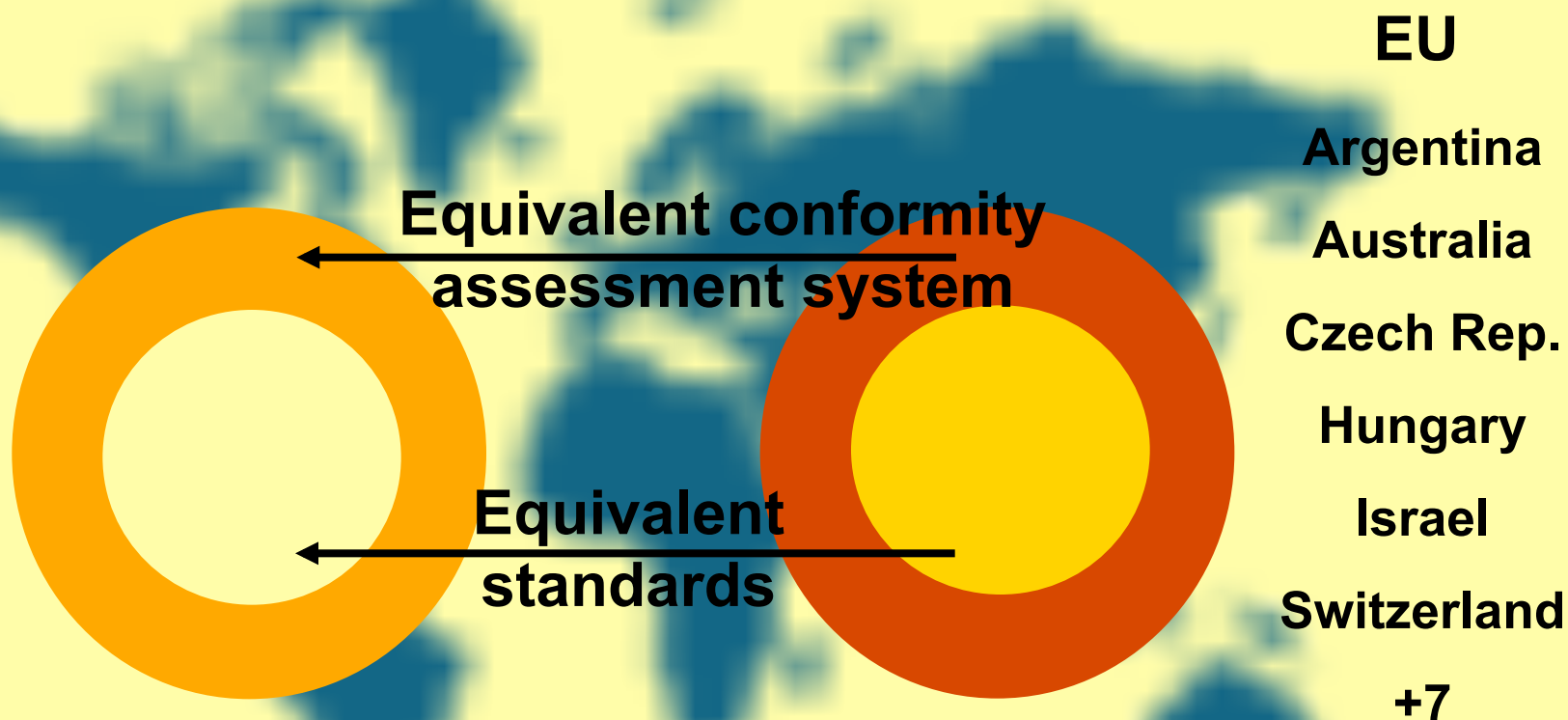
Codex organic  Codex  Codex
initiated adopted livestock

2002 – how were we interacting?

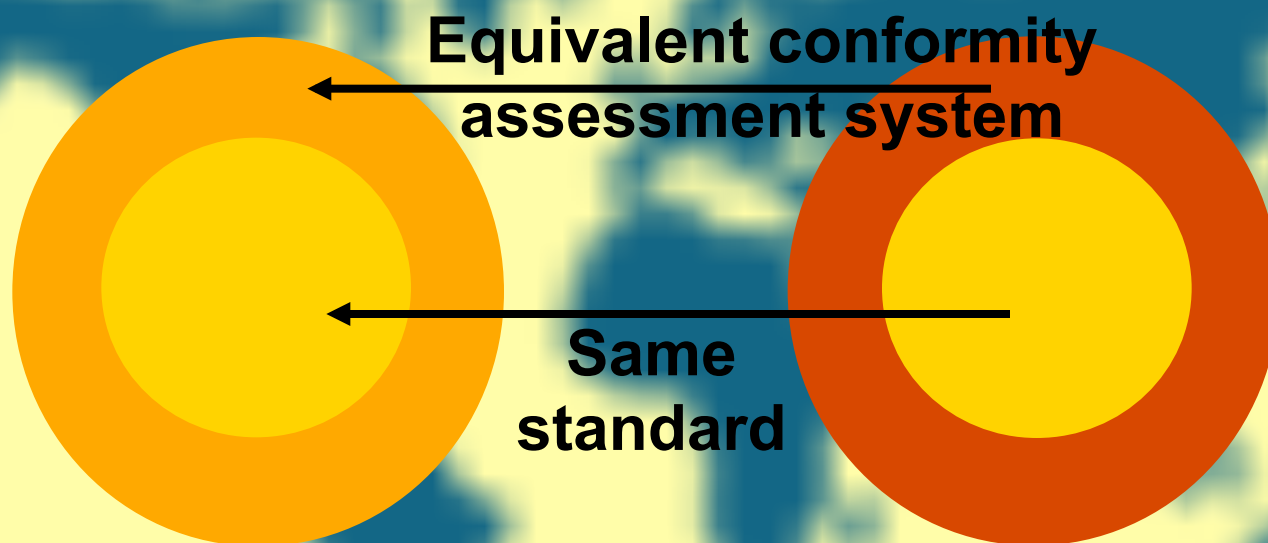
Harmonisation and equivalence – private sector

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- IFOAM CBs – Multi lateral agreement
- CB ‘collaboration’
- International CBs
- IFOAM regional variations

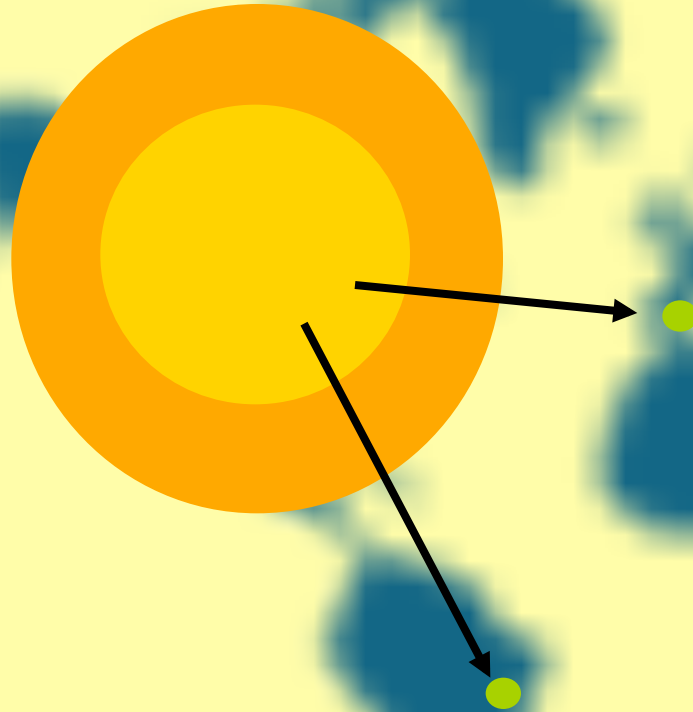
Harmonisation and equivalence – country to country



Harmonisation and equivalence – country system equivalence



Harmonisation and equivalence – direct accreditation



**Full compliance
with country
standard and
requirements for
certification**

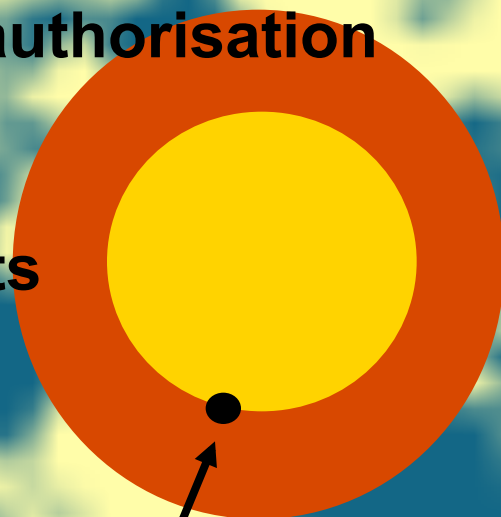
2002 – regulation of imports – other mechanisms

EU importer authorisation

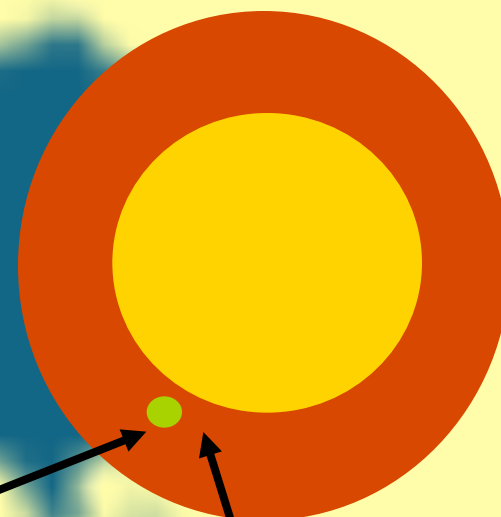
80 countries

80% of imports

90% via 4 MS



Case by case
review of CB
standard and
control
measures.



Contracted
inspection

Recertification

2002 – what were the problems?

**‘we developed a sane system for agriculture
but an insane system to regulate it’**

**‘the globalisation of certification
requirements must accompany the
globalisation of organic trade’**

‘a bilateral solution for multilateral trade’

What were the problems?



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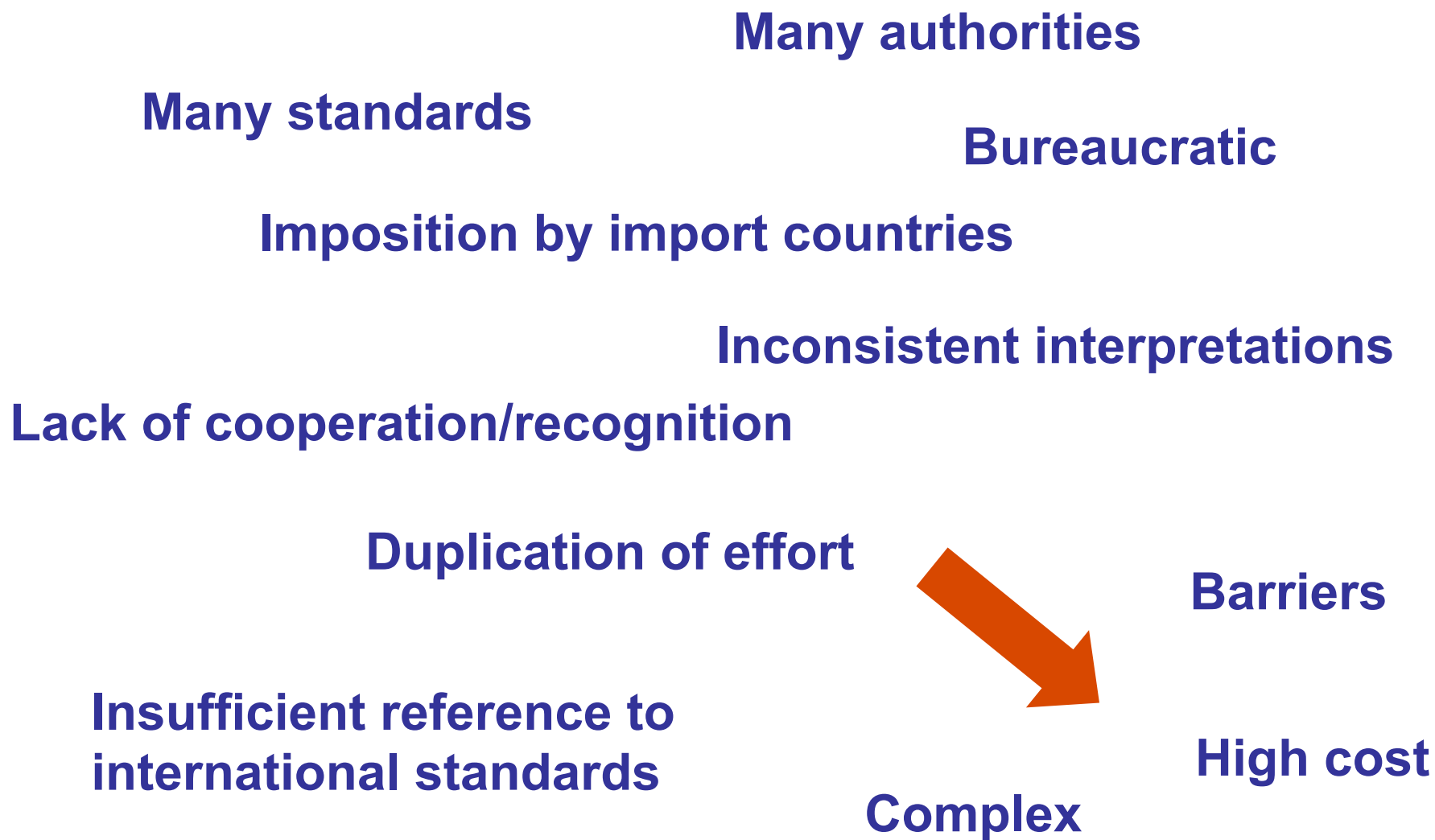


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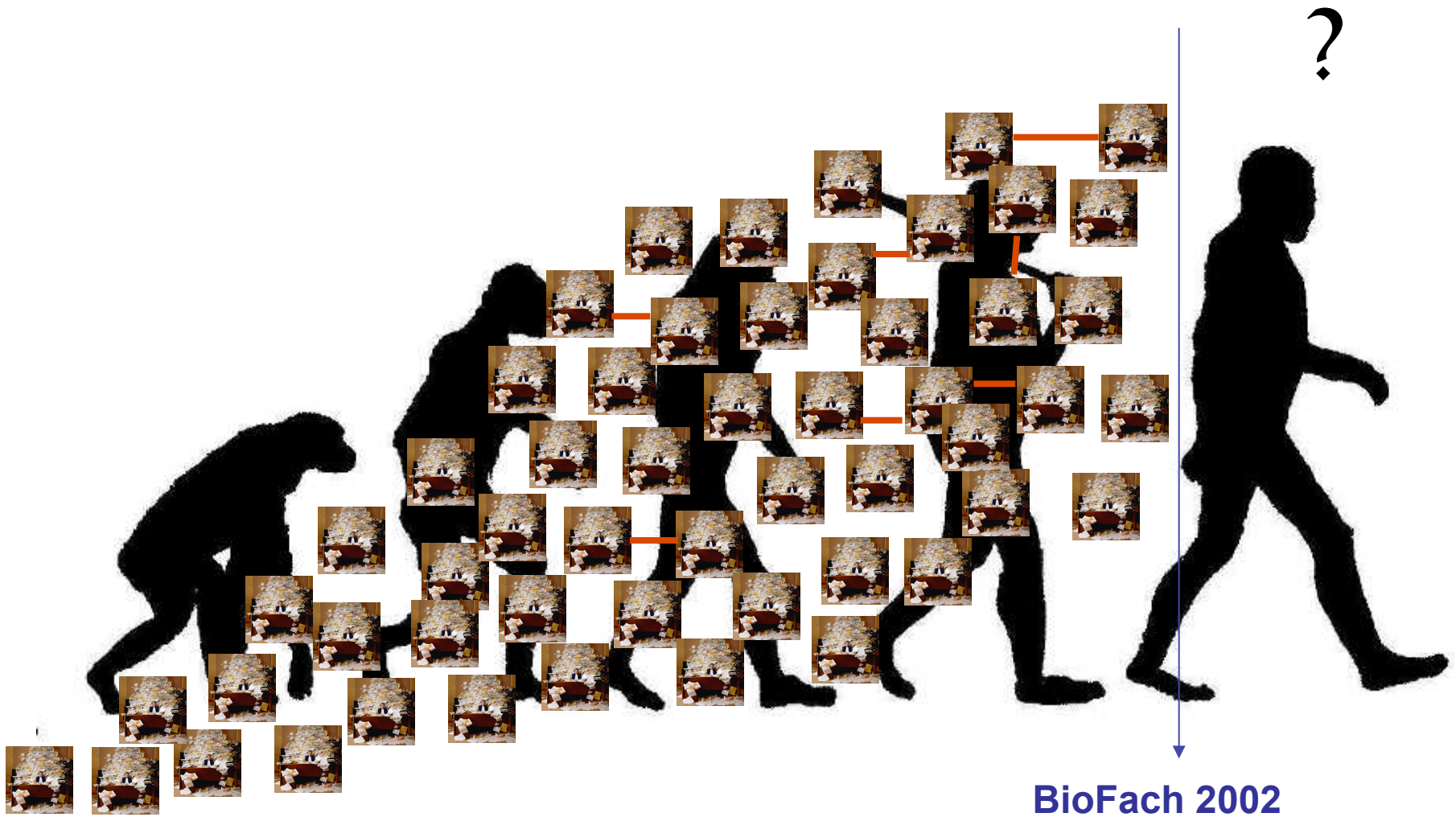
Private

What were the problems?



What were the problems?

- Grass roots and democracy**
- Starting point was always self-focused**
- Unwillingness/inability to reference international systems**
- Equivalence is hard to do and hard to sell**



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