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The nature of the PAC MLA and its Benefits to Business

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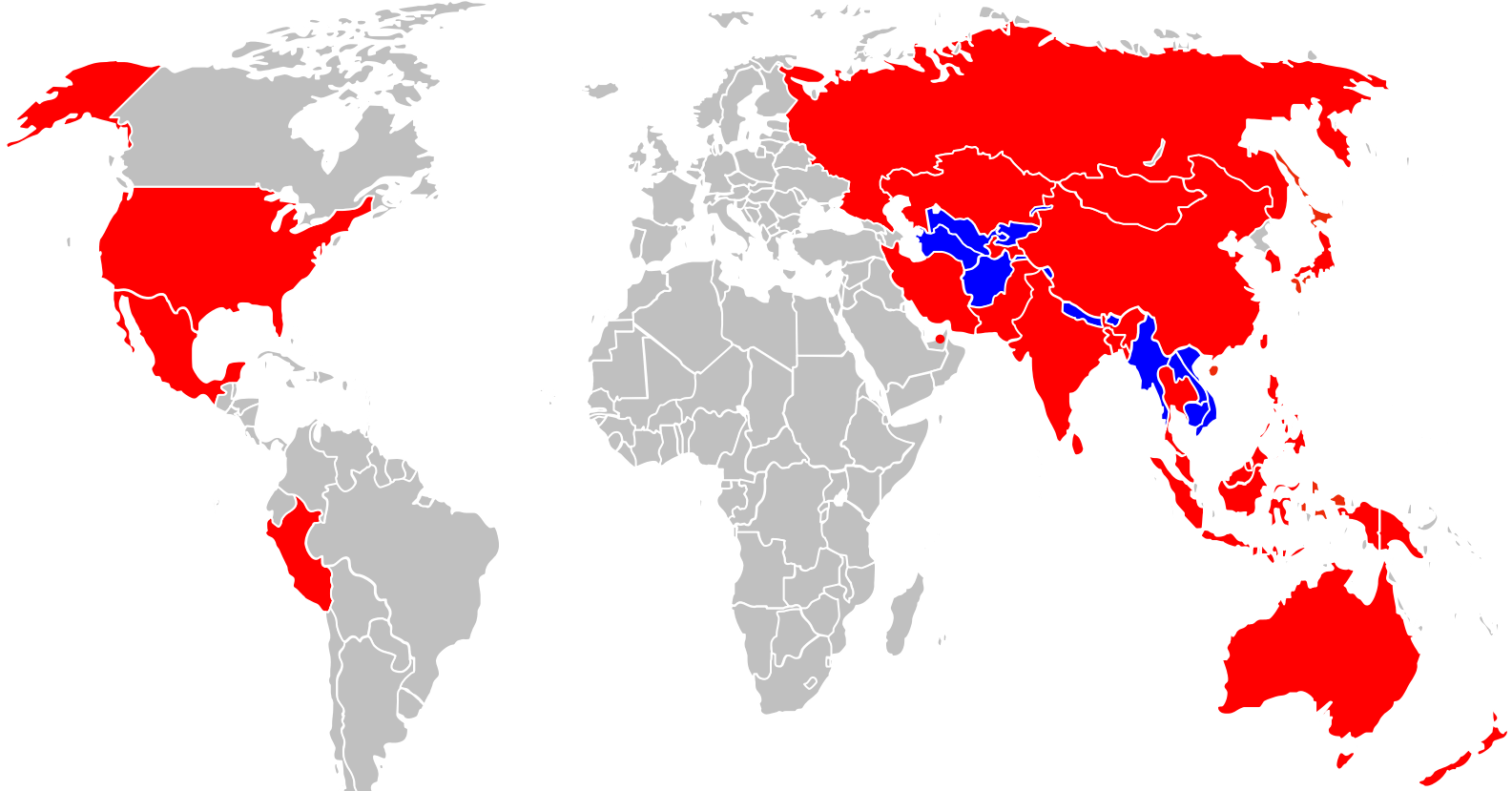
Introduction

Organization:

- ❑ An **association of accreditation bodies for certification** in the APEC member economies and other interested parties

Mission Statement:

- ❑ To represent **the interests of Asia and / or Pacific economies** nationally, regionally and internationally in the area of certification / registration body accreditation and related activities, **in support of APEC, IAF and WTO/TBT aims and objectives.**



- Established in 1995
- Membership comprises 29 Full Members and 7 Associate Members

Objectives

- ❑ to facilitate trade and commerce among economies in the Asia and Pacific region.
- ❑ to create, through its membership of the IAF, **a global system** that grants international recognition of certification or registration of management systems, products, services, personnel and other programs of **conformity assessment**.

The PAC MLA

The PAC MLA (Multilateral Recognition Arrangement)

- is a **formal arrangement** among PAC members
- is based on the **equivalence** of accreditation programs operated by accreditation body members,
- is verified through **peer evaluation** among those accreditation body members
- Is **recognised** as a regional arrangement by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and its membership worldwide



Established MLA Programs

PAC currently operates Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MLAs) in the following three areas:

- ❑ **Quality Management Systems (QMS)**
 - 15 members and 3 Applicants
- ❑ **Environmental Management Systems (EMS)**
 - 13 members and 3 Applicants
- ❑ **Product Certification Systems**
 - 16 members and 3 Applicants



Newly launched MLAs

- Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)**
 - launched in June 2012

- Greenhouse Gases (GHG)**
 - launched in June 2012

MLAs under development

- Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)**
- to be launched in 2013

- Certification of Persons**
- to be launched in 2013

Benefits of the MLA

For Government and Regulators

- Flexible alternative to Legislation
- Facilitator of trade
- An efficient monitoring tool

For Business

- **Greater acceptance of products and services opening up market access**
- **Avoid costs associated with multiple testing, inspections or certifications**
- **Informed procurement selection**

For Consumers

- Public confidence in goods and services, despite complex global marketplace
- Minimises product failures or recalls

UNIDO survey



ISO 9001—Its relevance and impact in Asian Developing Economies

Based on Project TE/RAS/09/003
A survey covering quality management system:
development, certification, accreditation and
mutual benefits

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Key findings

- Economic benefits
- Credibility of ISO 9001
- Positive purchaser perceptions

JAS-ANZ Survey - ISO 9001

- Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ)**
- Monash University, Australia conducted a detailed study of 1300 JAS-ANZ accredited ISO9001 certifications**
- 326 of the 1300 Questionnaires were returned (approx 25%)**
- Responses mainly from domestic CBs.**



ISO 9001

- Enhance company image
- Meet customer demands
- Provide a foundation for continuous improvement



ISO 9001 Benefits

- Process management
- Customer relationships
- People management
- Product management

ISO 9001 Impact

- Product performance
- On-time delivery
- Brand image
- Product innovation
- Sales
- Cost effectiveness



ISO 14001

- To **improve** corporate image
- To **identify** areas for improvement
- To **comply** with regulatory requirements

ISO 14001 Benefits

- Compliance with legislation
- Reduction in organisational risk
- Fulfilling customer expectations



ISO 14001 Savings

- \$0 - \$5,000 (36%)
- \$5,000 - \$20,000 (33%)
- \$20,000 - \$100,000 (15%)



Rationale to develop a new MLA

- Recognised need in the region for a MLA
(complements stated APEC priorities)**
- International Standard is available for use**
- Membership of PAC are performing
accreditations to this standard**

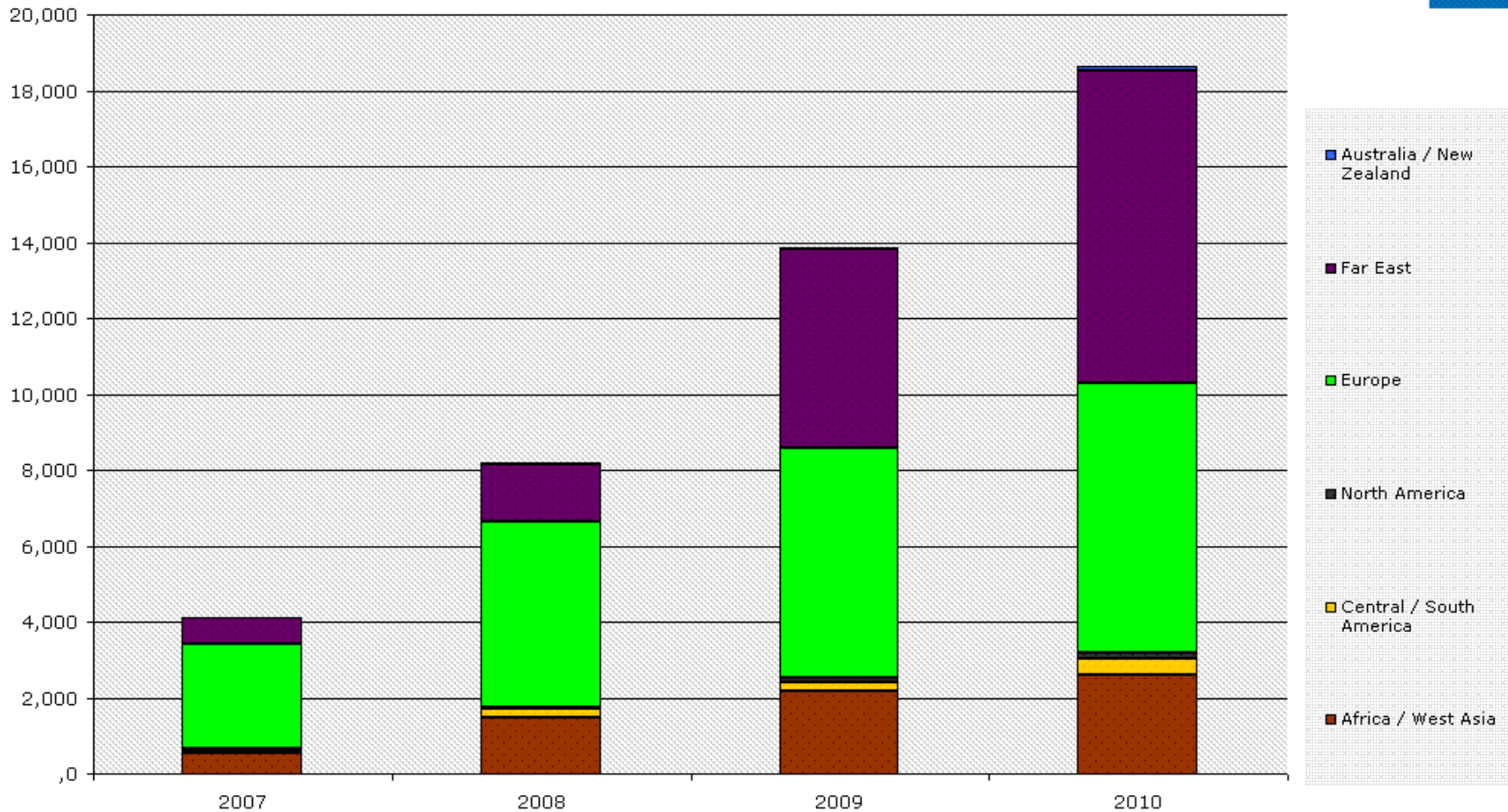
Why ISO 22000?

- Food Safety is a global and local issue encompassing agriculture, processing, storage and distribution, testing, labelling, and hygiene.**
- Subject to all of the accreditation disciplines; certification, testing and inspection.**
- It is relevant to all world economies, whether developed or developing.**

ISO Survey 2010 on FSMS certificates

ISO 22000 - Worldwide total

Resource: ISO Survey 2010



ISO 22000: Food safety management systems - Requirements for any organization in the food chain

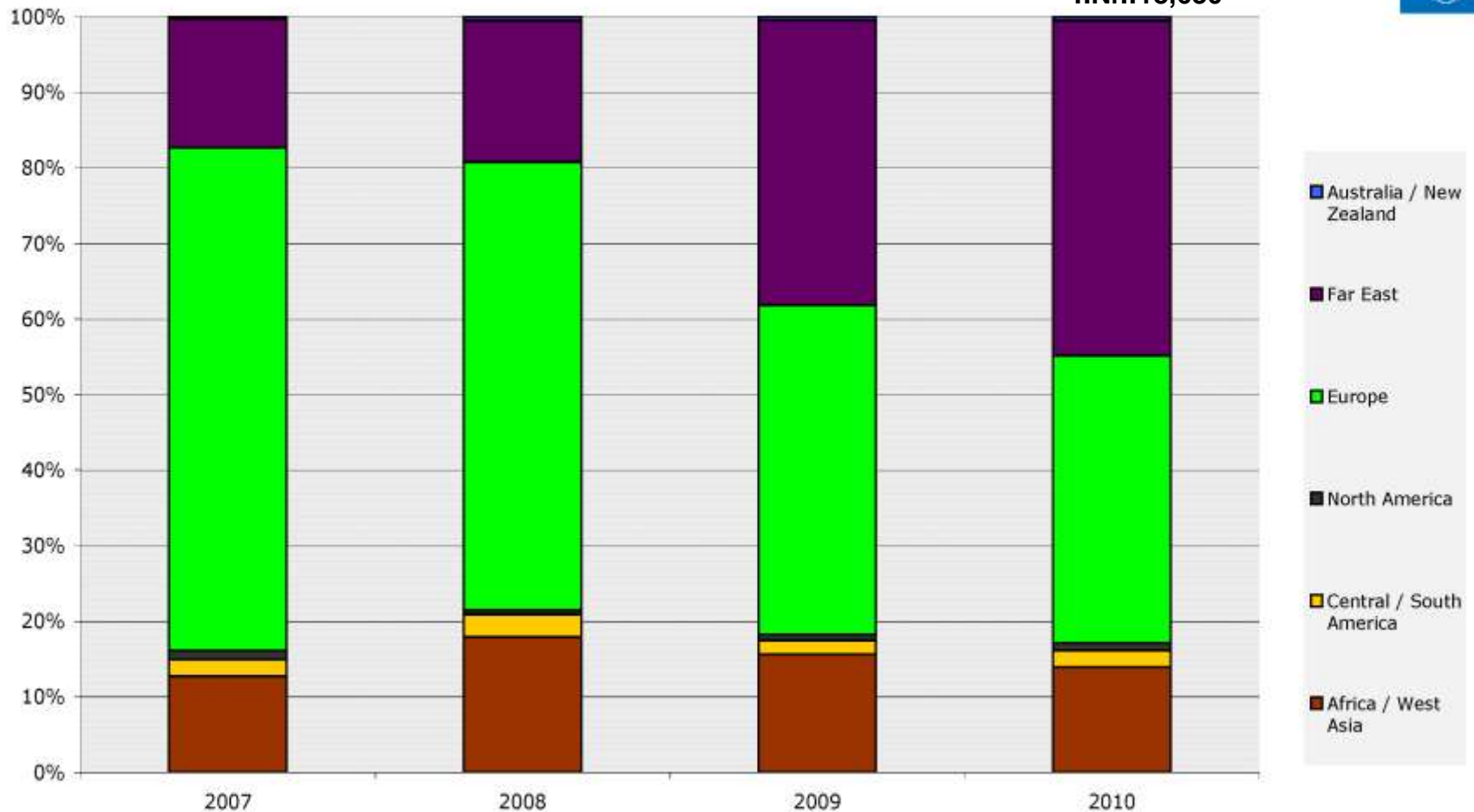
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ISO 22000 - Regional share

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Indirect Benefits

- ❑ The MLA offers member accreditation bodies the opportunity to build capacity in key areas.
- ❑ Numerous capacity building programs flow through to the certification body level and trickle down to industry.

Conclusions

- **MLAs create an opportunity for regional members to develop their capacity to respond to regulatory, industry and community needs in priority areas.**
- **The direct benefits are derived from improved individual organisational performance.**
- **The indirect benefits are derived from the capacity building and maturing market capability.**



Thank you