

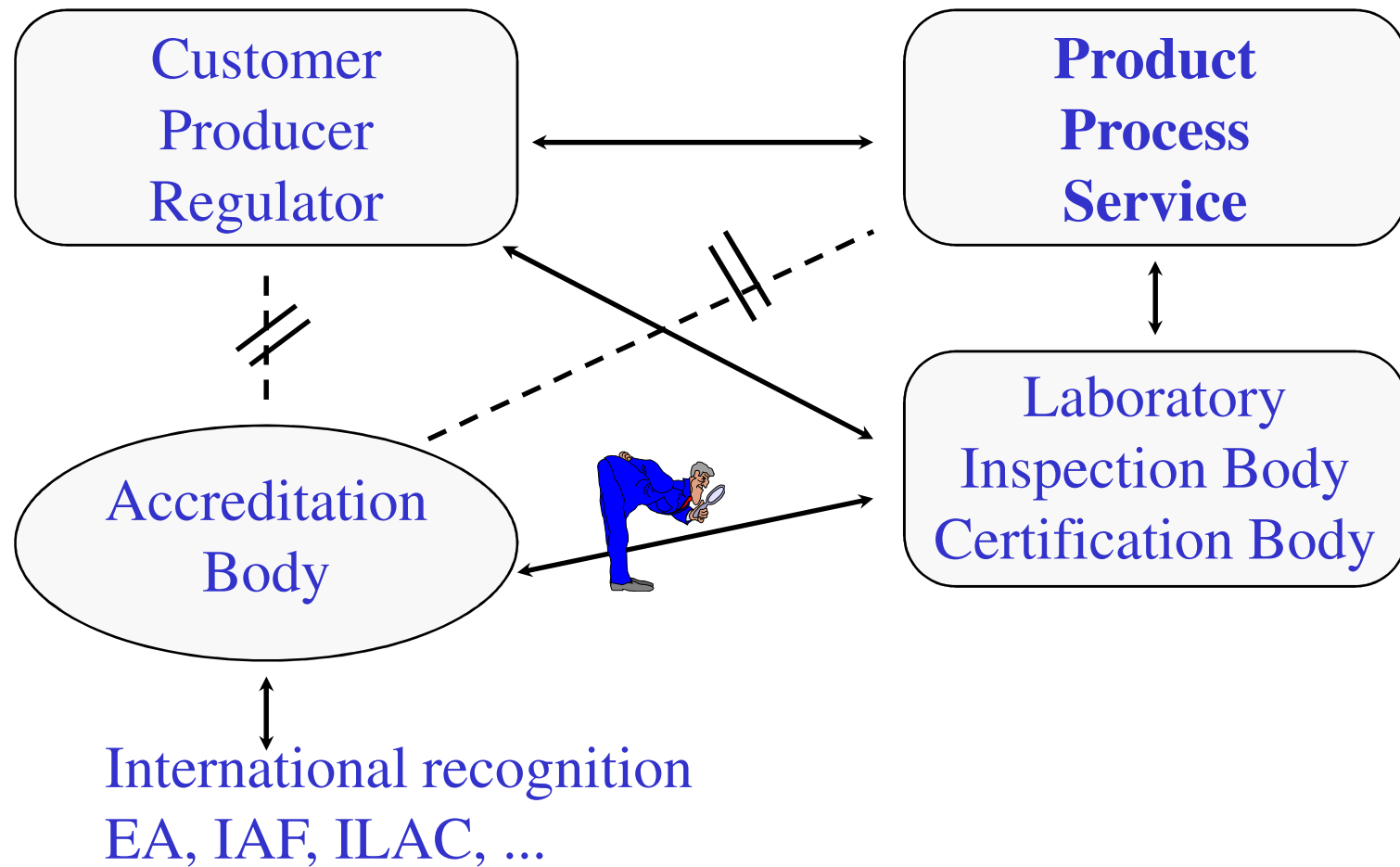


**European
co-operation for
Accreditation**

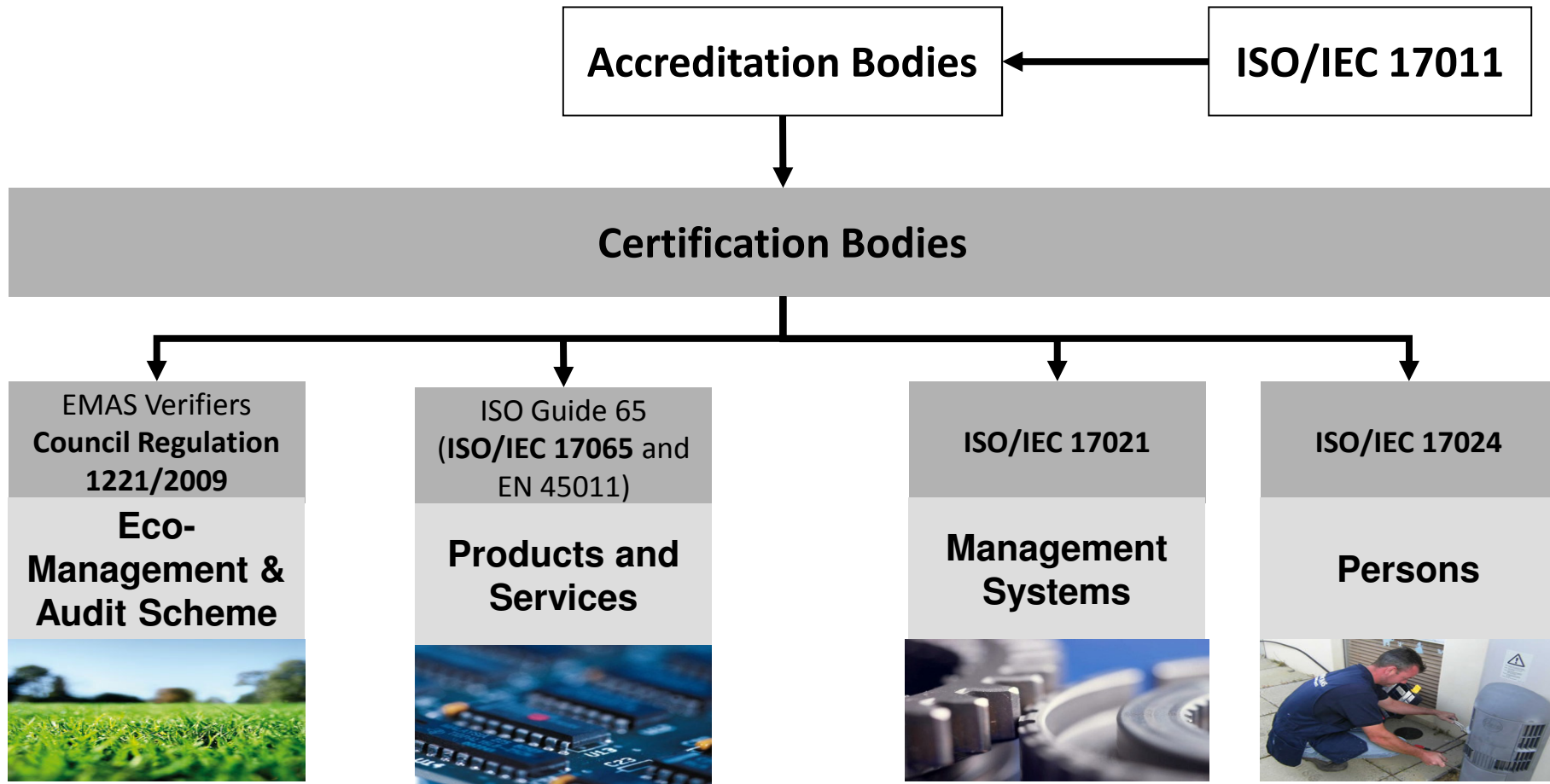
General information on Accreditation

- **The function of Accreditation**
- **Harmonization of Accreditation rules and procedures at supra-national level**

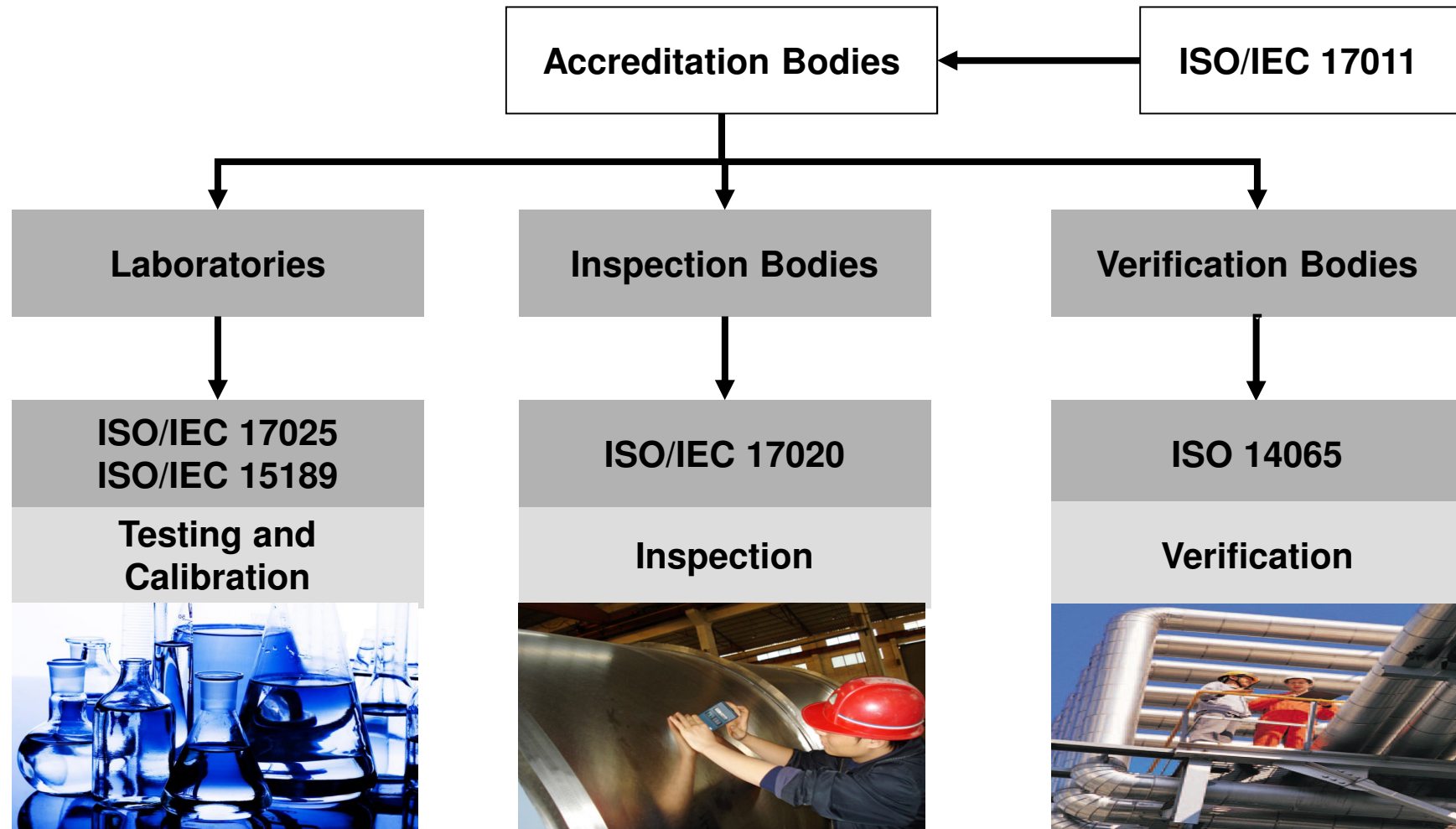
Who, what, how, why in the conformity assessment and accreditation arena ??????



Standards for accreditation ⁽¹⁾



Standards for accreditation (2)



The European Framework for Conformity Assessment and Accreditation

- The co-called “New Legislative Framework” or “Goods package”:
 - DECISION No 768/2008/EC**
 - REGULATION (EC) No 764/2008**
 - REGULATION (EC) No 765/2008**
- **Objectives:**
 - ✓ To stimulate the competitiveness and the growth of economy in Europe by facilitating the international circulation of goods
 - ✓ To reinforce the safety requirements for products and the responsibility of the economic operators

DECISION No 768/2008/EC

DECISION No 768/2008/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 on a common framework for the marketing of products, and repealing Council Decision 93/465/EEC

Requirements for conformity assessment bodies, notified bodies and notification authorities.

Accreditation as the preferred tool for demonstration of technical competence of conformity assessment bodies and as basis for notification

REGULATION No 764/2008/EC

REGULATION (EC) No 764/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 laying down procedures relating to the application of certain national technical rules to products lawfully marketed in another Member State and repealing Decision No 3052/95/EC

Mutual acceptance of products : article 5 :

“Member States shall not refuse certificates or test reports issued by a conformity-assessment body accredited for the appropriate field of conformity-assessment activity in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 765/2008 on grounds related to the competence of that body”

REGULATION No 765/2008/EC

REGULATION (EC) No 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the **requirements for accreditation** and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93

« the European Accreditation Model »

The international dimension ⁽¹⁾

The regional **cooperations** between national accreditation bodies:

EA	Europe	Accreditation of laboratories, inspection and certification bodies
SADCA	Southern Africal development Community in accreditation	Accreditation of laboratories and certification bodies
APLAC	Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation	Accreditation of laboratories and inspection bodies
PAC	Pacific Accreditation Co-operation	Accreditation of certification bodies
IAAC	Inter American Accreditation Co-operation	Accreditation of laboratories, inspection and certification bodies
ARAC	Arab Accreditation Co-operation	Accreditation of laboratories, inspection and certification bodies
AFRAC	African Accreditation Co-operation	Recently launched

The international dimension (2)

The worldwide network between regional **cooperation** bodies:

ILAC	EA, SADCA, APLAC, IAAC, ARAC + unaffiliated AB's	Accreditation of laboratories and inspection bodies (ILAC MRA)
IAF	EA, SADCA, PAC, IAAC, ARAC + unaffiliated bodies	Accreditation of certification bodies (IAF MLA)

The challenge :

**« tested, inspected, certified once, accepted
everywhere »**

Thank you very much for your attention

Questions?