



ASSESSING INGREDIENT SOURCING PRACTICES

UEBT VERIFICATION

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Companies increasingly prioritise their sourcing of ingredients to respect people and biodiversity. UEBT provides practical and comprehensive approaches to validating supply chain practices against the requirements in the UEBT standard.

Companies can choose the approach that best fits their strategy. UEBT offers different types of assessments, with different sets of requirements from the UEBT standard:

- **Responsible sourcing requirements** – these are requirements in the UEBT standard that are good for mitigating negative impact, meeting due diligence programmes, or for managing risk.
- **Ethical sourcing requirements** – these include all of the responsible sourcing requirements plus requirements that promote positive impact for people and biodiversity.

THE UEBT ETHICAL BIOTRADE STANDARD

UEBT has set an Ethical BioTrade Standard with good practices for people and biodiversity.



Sustainable use of biodiversity

Respect for Biodiversity



Biodiversity conservation



Legal compliance



Fair and equitable benefit sharing

Respect for People



Systems for ethical sourcing



Clarity of land tenure



Respect for worker rights

Assurance based on internationally recognised standards

UEBT can validate companies' supply chains through verification services. Verification is based on either the responsible sourcing requirements or the ethical sourcing requirements. The process pinpoints strengths and weaknesses for continuous improvement and provides an independent check for a company.

What is assessed?

The focus of verification is on the practices carried out by farmers, farm workers, wild collectors and local processing companies sourcing from them.

How verification works

Verification is different from our UEBT certification programmes.

While certification always looks at all the requirements in the UEBT standard and external certification bodies conduct the audits, UEBT verification focuses on either set of requirements above. UEBT experts can conduct the verification audit and provide recommendations for improvement.

If a company asks for an attestation of the level of performance against the requirements, UEBT can attest to these levels and issue an official document stating this. Frequency of the verification can be less than yearly (as is required in traditional certification).

Companies can choose either:

1 RESPONSIBLE SOURCING REQUIREMENTS

Purpose

To meet company **due diligence** programmes, to manage risk, and to ensure no negative practices.

This focuses on **all of the responsible sourcing requirements from the UEBT standard**. It includes requirements on basic human rights and critical social and environmental considerations that need to be checked along supply chains.

1 + 2 ETHICAL SOURCING REQUIREMENTS

Purpose

To **promote positive impact** for people and biodiversity.

This focuses on **all of the responsible sourcing requirements, plus additional social, environmental and economic criteria** that contribute to positive impact.

Continuous improvement

With verification, UEBT prepares a report with recommendations and can support your company in defining and implementing improvement measures.

Claims

Business-to-business claims or internal communications are possible based on the UEBT attestation of the verification, but there are no labelling opportunities. These claims are only allowed off-pack.

In addition, limited off-pack text claims are allowed for business-to-consumer communications but only when certain conditions are met.

Contact

Contact us to get started at verification@uebt.org

1 Responsible Sourcing Sample requirements¹

FOR DUE DILIGENCE

- Land conversion and deforestation
- Protected areas
- Endangered and threatened species (CITES)
- Prohibited agrochemicals
- Invasive species and GMOs
- Threats to biodiversity
- Water quality
- Soil health
- Prices based on cost calculations
- Quality and traceability
- Legal compliance
- Human rights
- Labour rights
- Worker rights
- Child rights
- Discrimination
- Worker health and safety
- Legal requirements on access and benefit sharing
- Rights of indigenous peoples and local communities

¹Request the full set of requirements at verification@uebt.org

2 Ethical Sourcing Full requirements in the UEBT standard

FOR POSITIVE IMPACT

The **Responsible Sourcing** requirements plus...

- Conservation and enhancement of biodiversity
- Climate adaptation
- Integrated pest management
- Use of agrochemicals (fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides)
- Reduction of synthetic herbicides and fertilizers
- GHG emissions reduction
- Energy use optimisation
- Waste reduction
- Local employment
- Value-addition for local producers
- Food security
- Long-term contracts
- Support for local development
- Living income or living wages
- Equitable sharing of benefits
- Respect for traditional knowledge



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