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UEBT online tool on Access & Benefit Sharing

UEBT TOOL ON ACCESS & BENEFIT SHARING (ABS) A UNIQUE TOOL FOR MONITORING AND ASSESSING ABS RULES

In 2021, UEBT is launching the 'UEBT tool on ABS', an online, continuously updated platform with information on rules on access and benefit sharing (ABS) around the world and insights into their scope, requirements and practical application.

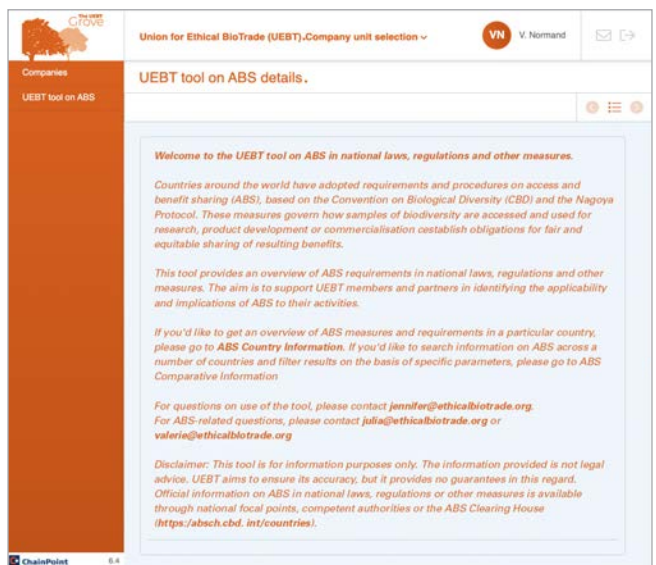
Available to UEBT members and other companies as an annual subscription service, it is a unique tool to help businesses in their due diligence on ABS.

BACKGROUND

Countries around the world are increasingly adopting measures on access and benefit-sharing (ABS) based on the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Nagoya Protocol.

These measures govern how samples of plants, plant-based compounds and other elements of biodiversity are accessed and used for research, product development or commercialization and establish obligations for fair and equitable sharing of resulting benefits.

Yet these measures can be difficult to track, and their scope and requirements vary greatly.



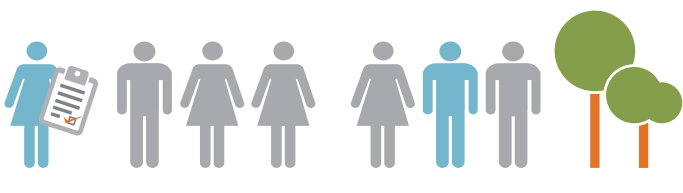
PURPOSE OF UEBT TOOL

The UEBT tool on ABS allows UEBT members and other companies to monitor evolving measures on ABS around the world and identify the applicability and implications of ABS measures to their activities.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The UEBT tool on ABS has two key functions:

- **ABS country information** which provides an overview of ABS requirements in national laws, regulations and other measures in countries around the globe.
- **ABS comparative information** which offer a tool to compare information across countries.



Above: ABS country information in the UEBT tool

ABS country information

- Identifies national ABS laws, regulations and other measures
- Indicates whether requirements on access, benefit-sharing and compliance are established
- Analyses scope of existing rules with regards to specific raw material and types of activities, including:
 - **Resources covered** (e.g. biological or genetic resources, derivatives, etc.)
 - **Species covered** (e.g. native or non-native, cultivated, etc.)
 - **Activities covered** (e.g. research and development, formulation, etc.)
- For strategic countries, outlines specific ABS requirements and the flow of ABS procedures.

Above: Example of ABS comparative information request

ABS comparative information

This function enables searching across multiple countries based on one or more criteria (e.g. Party to the Nagoya Protocol, existence of access requirements, scope of requirements cover derivatives).



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What does the UEBT tool on ABS offer?

- Continuous updates to reflect evolving ABS measures
- Notification of updates
- Possibility of exporting data in PDF
- Analysis of what ABS measures cover
- Insights into how ABS is being put in practice in strategic countries

What makes the UEBT tool on ABS unique?

- It is based on UEBT's extensive research, networks and expertise
- It includes information not available elsewhere in a consolidated manner
- It covers ABS measures and developments not yet officially reported to the ABS Clearing-House
- It is tailored for companies working with natural raw material in food, cosmetics, fragrance and flavor, and other sectors
- It reflects practical experiences in navigating ABS procedures
- It continues to improve with your feedback and suggestions.

How can I subscribe?

The UEBT tool on ABS is an annual subscription service, available to companies—both UEBT members and non-members.

Special fees apply for UEBT members and small and medium size enterprises.

More information

For more information about the UEBT tool on ABS and to subscribe, please contact abs@uebt.org

About UEBT

UEBT is a non-profit association that promotes sourcing with respect. Its mission is to regenerate nature and secure a better future for people through ethical sourcing of ingredients from biodiversity.