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OPSS Update on Compliance with the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) in the UK

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Who we are

DEFRA

- Policy lead
- National Focal Point (NFP)



BEIS – Office for Product Safety and Standards

- Competent National Authority (CNA)
- Implementation and enforcement
- Technical and product based regulations with environmental focus



Scope

Users should exercise due diligence and assess whether they are **in scope** of UK ABS compliance measures

- Place of access
- Date of access
- Type of material
- Intended use

Our Evolving Approach

**Awareness
raising**



**Enforcement
projects**

ABS Compliance Audits

- Publicly available info used to identify potentially in scope projects
- Require a list of projects involving genetic resources
- Require evidence to demonstrate due diligence
- Currently focussing on organisations receiving grants, future projects aimed at other sectors



ABS Compliance Audits – Frequent Challenges

1. A central list of projects involving genetic resources
 - a) Internal guidance / procedures for identifying in-scope projects
 - b) Centralized system / database to store relevant info

2. Awareness of what may be considered as in scope

3. 'Due diligence'
 - a) Evidence to prove compliance with the regulations, **or**
 - b) Evidence to prove work is out of scope of the regulations

Resources



Updates to online material – join the LinkedIn group for notifications: [Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing: Compliance Forum](#)



Check our website: www.gov.uk/abs



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Recording of previous ABS webinar:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4FfR-QkHMWI>



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Thank you!

Any Questions?

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