

The Access and Benefit-Sharing Clearing-House (ABSCH)

MODEL CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES, CODES OF CONDUCT, GUIDELINES, BEST PRACTICES AND/OR STANDARD (A19A20)

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Title

Recognition of European Commission of the CETAF Code of Conduct Best Practice on ABS as best practices under Regulation (EU) No 511/2014

Summary

The CETAF Code of Conduct and Best Practices on ABS (CETAF CoC) has been recognized as best practices under (EU) Regulation No 511/2014, as per Commission Decision dated 10 May 2019. This first and unique recognition credits the understanding of the community of scientists and research organizations united under CETAF (Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities), on how to address due compliance with EU ABS Regulations. The CETAF CoC is based on commonalities in existing collection management criteria and research workflows, policies and standards in Natural History Collections and Botanic Gardens, including how samples are handled, processed and submitted to uses which constitute utilisation in the sense of the NP, as well as on ABS-compliant workflows, such as exchange of living plants under IPEN, and the standardized routines for sample submission to BOLD. The CETAF CoC gathers common principles, a glossary of terms and model MTAs. the Best Practice guide (Annex 1) helps to manage obligations, offers guidance to negotiate agreements with provider country authorities and others and to meet their resulting responsibilities. Annex 2 is a "Statement of Use of Biological Material" which explains the use to which material is put in member institutions. Annex 5, "Practical Advice for ABS Management for Museums, herbaria and Botanic Gardens" collects examples of tools in practice and a list of necessary activities in various workflows. The package also includes different Material Transfer Agreements (MTA) to facilitate documenting the transfer and exchange of biological material. The CETAF CoC gives response to European legislators, but also places in context shared principles for modern management of biological and DNA collections and accommodates the needs and requirements of advanced molecular research.Regulation.

Link to the resource(s)

[European Commission Decision_CETAF CoC on ABS_10May2019.pdf \(English\)](#)

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Codes of conduct

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Access to genetic resources (Article 15 of the CBD)

Access to genetic resources

For non-commercial use

Access to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, including prior informed consent or approval or involvement

For non-commercial use

Benefit-Sharing

Mutually agreed terms

Non-monetary benefits

Compliance

Codes of conduct, guidelines, and best practices and or/standards

Non-commercial purposes

Academic research

Identification and taxonomy

Plants

Animals

Fungi

Users of genetic resources

sectoral
transfer/exchange of genetic resources

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Further Information

Questions about the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing or the operation of the Access and Benefit-sharing Clearing-House may be directed to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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