

# **Abiocom**

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### **Disclosure Materials**

Certified B Corporations must complete a Disclosure Questionnaire to identify potentially sensitive issues related to the company (e.g. historical fines, sanctions, material litigation, or sensitive industry practices).

This component does not affect the company's score on the B Impact Assessment. If the company answers affirmatively to any items in the Disclosure Questionnaire that B Lab deems relevant for public stakeholders, then, as a condition of their certification, the company must:

- Be transparent about details of the disclosure issues identified on the company's public B Impact Report
- 2) Describe how the company has addressed this issue
- 3) Demonstrate that management practices are in place to avoid similar issues from arising in the future, when necessary.

In all cases, the Standards Advisory council reserves the right to refuse certification if the company is ultimately deemed not to uphold the spirit and integrity of the community.

In addition to the voluntary indication of sensitive issues in the Disclosure Questionnaire, companies pursuing Certification also are subject to a background check by B Lab staff. Background checks include a review of public records, news sources, and search engines for company names, brands, executives/founders, and other relevant topics.

Sensitive issues identified through background checks may or may not be within the scope of questions in the Disclosure Questionnaire, but undergo the same review process and are subject to the same possible review by the Standards Advisory Council, including ineligibility for B Corp Certification, required remediation, or disclosure.

This document contains a copy of the company's completed Disclosure Questionnaire and related disclosure documentation provided by the company



## **Disclosure Questionnaire**

#### **Industries and Products**

#### Yes No Please indicate if the company is involved in production of or trade in any of the following. Select Yes for all options that **Animal Products or Services** $\boxed{}$ **Biodiversity Impacts** Chemicals $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Alcohol Disclosure Firearms Weapons** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Mining** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Pornography** $\boxed{}$ **Disclosure Tobacco** $\boxed{}$ **Energy and Emissions Intensive** $\boxed{}$ Industries Fossil fuels $\square$ Gambling **Genetically Modified Organisms** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Illegal Products or Subject to $\boxed{}$ **Phase Out** Industries at Risk of Human $\square$ **Rights Violations Monoculture Agriculture** $\square$ **Nuclear Power or Hazardous** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ **Materials** Payday, Short Term, or High **Interest Lending Water Intensive Industries** $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ Tax Advisory Services

#### **Outcomes & Penalties**

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the company has had any formal complaint to a regulatory agency or been assessed any fine or sanction in the past five years for any of the following practices or policies. Check all that apply.		
Anti-Competitive Behavior		<b>V</b>
Breaches of Confidential Information		N
Bribery, Fraud, or Corruption		V
Company has filed for bankruptcy		V
Consumer Protection		V
Financial Reporting, Taxes, Investments, or Loans		N
Hazardous Discharges Into Air/Land/Water (Past 5 Yrs)		N
Labor Issues		
Large Scale Land Conversion, Acquisition, or Relocation		K
Litigation or Arbitration		V
On-Site Fatality		$\searrow$
Penalties Assessed For Environmental Issues		V
Political Contributions or International Affairs		N
Recalls	V	
Significant Layoffs		V
Violation of Indigenous Peoples Rights		V
Other		$\checkmark$



#### **Practices**

	Yes	No
Please indicate if the following statements are true regarding whether or not the company engages in the following practices. Check all that apply. If the statement is true, select "Yes." If false, select "No."		
Animal Testing		$\checkmark$
Company/Suppliers Employ Under Age 15 (Or Other ILO Minimum Age)		V
Company prohibits freedom of association/collective bargaining		<b>✓</b>
Company workers are prisoners		$\checkmark$
Conduct Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Confirmation of Right to Work		$\checkmark$
Does not transparently report corporate financials to government		$\searrow$
Employs Individuals on Zero-Hour Contracts		V
Facilities located in sensitive ecosystems		V
ID Cards Withheld or Penalties for Resignation		V
No formal Registration Under Domestic Regulations		V
No signed employment contracts for all workers		
Overtime For Hourly Workers Is Compulsory		
Payslips not provided to show wage calculation and deductions		N

	Yes	No
Sale of Data		V
Tax Reduction Through Corporate Shells		V
Workers cannot leave site during non-working hours		V
Workers not Provided Clean Drinking Water or Toilets		$\searrow$
Workers paid below minimum wage		N
Workers Under Bond		$\checkmark$
Other	$\checkmark$	

### Supply Chain Disclosures

	Yes	No
Please indicate if any of the following statements are true regarding your company's significant suppliers.		
Business in Conflict Zones		$\checkmark$
Child or Forced Labor		$\vee$
Negative Environmental Impact		
Negative Social Impact		$\vee$
Other		$\checkmark$



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

**Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Recalls** 

Issue Date	November 2021
Topic	Recalls of food supplements due to contamination with Ethylene Oxide (ETO)
Summary of Issue	The company is involved in the manufacturing and sale of certified organic and natural-origin products, including supplements and cosmetics. Abicom had to recall certain batches of supplements due to contamination with Ethylene oxide (ETO). These batches contained ingredients with ETO levels higher than the maximum regulatory limit of 0.05 mg/kg within the EU Regulation No. 396/2005. After conducting laboratory analyses, the Belgian food safety authority informed all member countries of the EU through the European Union Rapid Alert System. As a result, all countries, including France, were required to withdraw and recall all batches of supplements that did not comply with the analysis results.  The company reported the contaminated ingredients in their final products to the French Population Protection Department (DDPP), which registered the product recall on the official government website. The company's customers were informed and asked to withdraw the product from sale and provide information about their remaining stock. A monitoring table was set up between the Sales Administration department and the Quality department to track product returns by customers and ensure the recall of all affected products.
Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$ financial implication, # of individuals affected)	All affected batches have been withdrawn and recalled. The total revenue lost due to the recalled products in 2021 is 1,06%. The following is a breakdown of the cost of each recalled product: All vegetable charcoal, Organic hepato complex, Anti-hair loss complex, and Organic anti-stress complex.
Impact on Stakeholders	At the moment of the investigation, the French authorities reported that they were not aware of any reports of consumer poisoning with ethylene oxide in connection with the recalled products. The company has not been made aware of any reported illness associated with the recalled products. However, there is a risk associated with ethylene oxide (ETO). ETO is typically used as a bactericide and fungicide to combat bacteria, mould, and other fungi. ETO is also known to be a carcinogen, mutagen, and reproductive toxin when consumed in high amounts or over a prolonged period of time.



Implemented Management Practices	To ensure the no presence of ETO of the raw materials used, the company has implemented a control plan for their subcontractors. This plan requires subcontractors to provide third-party analyses that prove the absence of ETO in the raw materials. The company's control plan identifies risks such as ETO and PAH/AP, monitors substances and controls the traceability of the supply chain.  Currently, the company is enhancing its control plan by integrating it with the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.
Related Incidents (Yes/No)	No other related incidents.



## **Disclosure Questionnaire Statement**

### **Disclosure Questionnaire Category: Other - Cannabis Related Products**

Topic	Company sells cannabis-derived products in the form of CBD oils, soap and balms
Summary of Issue  Size/Scope of Issue (e.g. \$	Abiocom is a food supplement and cosmetic product wholesale / retail company. Their products of natural / organic origins are being marketed under multiple brand names: NUTRIVIE, BENECOS, AQUASILICE - GSIL, CAP COSMETICS, FLEURS DE BACH - PROVENCE SANTÉ, BIORELAX, P.O.P - POUDRE DE CHAIR D'HUÎTRES. The company participates in the design and formulation of products but the fabrication is contracted to a 3rd party company. Abiocom uses Hemp as one of the ingredients for their cosmetic and personal care products marketed under the brand "Nutrive"
financial implication, # of individuals affected)	2.0 % of the company of eventue to derived from the product.
Impact on Stakeholders	CBD is in the cannabis family and laws around CBD are in flux.
Implemented Management Practices	The company abides to all laws and regulations: the marketing of CBD in cosmetic products is authorized in France and Europe. You will find a letter from the lawyer of our CBD supplier mentioning the legal framework as well as the conformity of the ingredient because it does not contain THC (the rate must be less than 0.03% here in Europe) The company only sells cosmetics containing CBD without THC (psychotropic molecule, prohibited).