



Biodiversity refers to the variety of life on earth, including diversity of ecosystems, genes and species, and ecological practices that support them¹.

The Avril Group transforms agricultural raw materials for use in human foods, animal nutrition and renewable energies and chemistry. Our activities are therefore profoundly linked to the living world, the source of all agricultural production. Avril recognizes the importance of conserving biodiversity and believes it is an important shared responsibility.

Avril supports the objectives of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), which promotes conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and its components. Avril also supports the principles of the Nagoya Protocol, which seeks to promote the fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising from the utilization of biological resources.

Within the frame of Avril's operations and Research & Development activities, the group may use compounds derived from natural resources and which involve genetic resources falling in the scope of CBD. Such compounds are obtained via third parties. In the sourcing process of such compounds, Avril takes all necessary steps to ensure that both the group and its third party suppliers are entitled to use said compounds, and that all the applicable laws and regulations are complied with, taking into account the key principles of the CBD.

In particular, Avril requires its third party suppliers to take measures to prove that said compounds provided to Avril have been accessed in accordance with CBD and Nagoya protocol, including obtaining prior informed consent to access genetic resources and seeking to establish mutually agreed terms for access.

In any case, Avril will comply with local legislations as they enter into force in the respective countries.

¹ Source: United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity