ILO Launches New Database

Explore Labour Provisions in Trade Agreements

The ILO Labour Provisions in Trade Agreements Hub provides public access to a comprehensive database on labour provisions. The Hub is based on a typology that offers a wide range of search options through a user-friendly search tool. The tool allows for a range of queries and results based on the text of all regional trade agreements reported to the WTO.

The typology developed for the Hub organizes the text of labour provisions into the three main categories of Obligations, Monitoring and Cooperation, and Dispute Settlement Mechanisms. These lead to a further 74 sub-categories.

The text of labour provisions is supplemented with links to relevant committee reports, public submissions, and labour disputes triggered under trade agreements.

The Hub is designed to assist policymakers, technical experts, representatives of workers’ and employers’ organizations, and civil society with analysing and understanding trade agreements that include labour provisions.

The Hub is designed to allow users to:

• Navigate and analyse the text of labour provisions across trade partners and over time,
• Extract data and trends,
• Search specific terms, and
• Download relevant information.
The Hub’s display features include an interactive map, text table, and trend graphs for easier navigation and greater clarity.

An interactive map offers a quick overview of trade partners’ trade agreements with labour provisions, enabling the selection of specific agreements. A text table underneath the map also lists the trade agreements. The text of labour provisions is available either within the text table or on a separate page.

Trend graphs display the evolution of trade agreements over time, revealing the number of agreements with labour provisions to those without – domestically, regionally, or globally according to the chosen filters.

The Hub is designed to be updated frequently to account for future developments.

The Hub is available at https://www.ilo.org/LPhub.

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