

Office of Foreign Asset Control (OFAC)

The Department of the Treasury is responsible for deciding whether foreign business entities are permitted to engage in business with the United States. CRS is now offering access to this product!

OFAC Screening Process

Our sanctions list tool utilizes a string-matching method to identify possible matches between words or characters entered into search. This search has a Minimum Name Score feature, a sliding scale to set a fuzziness rating, to measure the closeness of any potential match. This feature allows the Sanctions List Search to identify misspellings or other texts that are incorrectly inputted.



Control List Searches

The OFAC API provides an automated method of searching the U.S. Treasury's Office of Foreign Asset Control's List.

- Identity relational and behavioral anomalies
- True name and synthetic fraud
- Application velocity
- SSNs belonging to deceased persons or minors
- SSN issuance and misuse
- Address misuse
- Consumer statements on credit files
- Identity verification issues
- Phone number misuse

OFAC Providers

The Department of Treasury provides OFAC background checks. The background checks involve criminal background checks. Criminal background checks use the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List).

OFAC checks for trade and asset restrictions covering:

- Afghanistan
- Balkans
- Belarus
- Burma
- Central Africa
- China
- Congo
- Cuba
- Ethiopia
- Hong Kong
- Iran
- Iraq
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Mali
- Nicaragua
- North Korea
- Russia
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Ukraine
- Venezuela
- Yemen
- Zimbabwe