



International Compliance Standards

- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- Basel Committee
- European Union
- Wolfsberg Group
- Regional FATF bodies (e.g. APG Asia Pacific Group, EAG Eurasian Group)
- Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)



Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

The 36 Members of the FATF

The FATF currently comprises 34 member jurisdictions and 2 regional organisations, representing most major financial centres in all parts of the globe.

Argentina	Finland	Ireland	Russian		
Australia	France	Italy	Federation		
Austria	Germany	Japan	Singapore		
Belgium	Greece	Republic of Korea	South Africa		
Brazil	Gulf Co-operation	Luxembourg	Spain		
Canada	Council	Mexico	Sweden		
China	Hong Kong, China	Netherlands, Kingdom	Switzerland		
Denmark	Iceland	of	Turkey		
European	India	New Zealand	United Kingdom		
Commission		Norway	United States		
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Portugal



- Provide guidance for antimoney laundering to government bodies around the world
- Set standards of legal, regulatory and operational measures for AML and CTF
- Taiwan just finished the APG mutual evaluation in 2018/2019



Anti-Money Laundering Guidelines



Monetary Authority of Singapore





香港金融管理局

Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-**Financing of Terrorism**

(For Authorized Institutions)

Revised October 2018

GUIDELINES TO MAS NOTICE 626 ON PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING AND COUNTERING THE **FINANCING OF** TERRORISM



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Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (For Licensed Corporations)

November 2018

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Hong Kong: Recent Guidance and Key Documents

- Guideline on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism (Revised – Oct 2018)
- Supervisory Approach on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism (New – Oct 2018)
- Frequently Asked Questions in relation to Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism, by the Hong Kong Association of Banks (New – Oct 2018)
- Transaction Screening, Transaction Monitoring and suspicious Transaction Reporting (Revised – May 2018)
- Guideline on Exercising Power to Impose Pecuniary Penalty (Revised April 2018)

Singapore: Recent Guidance and Key Documents

- Enforcement Report (April 2019)
- Guidance to Capital Markets Intermediaries on Enhancing AML/CFT Frameworks and Controls (Jan 2019)
- Guidance for Effective AML/CFT Transaction Monitoring Controls (Sep 2018)
- Sound Practices to Counter Proliferation Financing (Aug 2018)
- Circular on Use of MyInfo and CDD measures for Non Face-to-Face Business Relations (Jan 2018)



OFAC by the Numbers

OFAC civil penalties 2019 to date: 1.2 Billion USD



- OFAC sanctioned parties 2019 to date: 770+
- Current total number of people and entities actively sanctioned by OFAC: 7,900+
- New OFAC Programs and Executive Orders under Trump Administration: 14
- Entities under the OFAC 50% rules : 21,206



Who must follow OFAC sanctions?

US Persons	Non-US Persons				
"US persons" must always comply with OFAC regulations	Non-US persons must also follow OFAC rules under some circumstances				
 US Persons include: US citizens/permanent residents – regardless of their physical location All persons in the United States – regardless of their citizenship Entities domiciled in the US, including branches and offices of non-US banks Overseas branches of US banks In the case Cuba and Iran sanctions, US- owned or controlled companies overseas. 	 OFAC (and other US authorities) can assert jurisdiction over transactions involving a "US Element": US Persons The US financial system (any currency) US-origin goods and technology 				

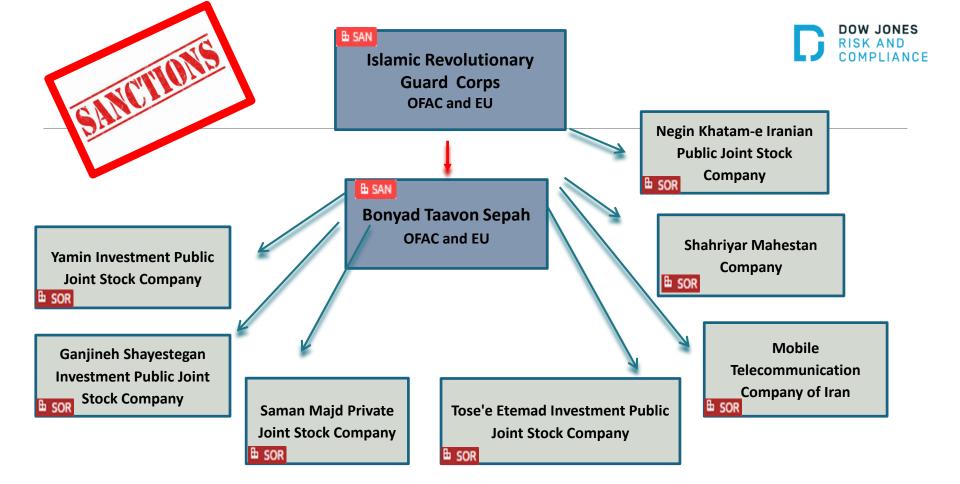
OFAC 50% Rules

- Companies owned or controlled by people or entities sanctioned by OFAC or EU:
- Minimum ownership stake of 10%
- A sanctioned individual has a possible controlling interest
- Involved over 21,000 entities across 78 countries











Red Flags of Sanctions Due Diligence

Some Examples:

- □ **High-risk locations** (*e.g.*, Dandong, Jinzhou, Shenyang, etc)
- **Shared company addresses**, phone numbers, emails
- **No online presence** or apparent business marketing
- **Dormant accounts** with sudden **spikes in transactions**
- □ Ship-to-ship transfers / automatic identification system (AIS) deactivation
- Beneficial owners, directors, or officers who are sanctioned persons or who are located in sanctioned territories
- Adverse media about sanctions or sanctions evasion
- □ Website or marketing material highlighting activities with sanctions targets.

Reference:

FinCEN, Advisory on North Korea's Use of the International Financial System (Nov. 2017)

https://www.fincen.gov/sites/default/files/advisory/2017-11-02/DPRK%20Financing%20Advisory%20FINAL%2011022017_0.pdf

OFAC, State Department, Coast Guard, Sanctions Risks Related to North Korea's Shipping Practices (Feb. 2018)



Commercial IMPACT

Loss of use of funds

- Other party notices violation
- Your customer needs to be made whole
 - And maybe leaves you

Loss of correspondents & other partners

- Your lack of care cost them
- Your business may not be worth it
- You have now lost (some of) your access to that market





Regulatory IMPACT

- Can be fined(?)
 - Even with no offices there
- Loss of access to foreign markets
 - And that is why ZTE paid its fine
- Can be sanctioned yourselves
- Personal liability, too
- Ignorance is not an excuse
 - Larger & more sophisticated firms need more sophisticated compliance, too





Think beyond your core business

Sanctions exposure may present:

- Account withdrawals and refunds

 e.g. through securities accounts and insurance policies (especially cash-value life insurance), for example.
- Insurance claims payments
- Third party payouts

Also good ways to launder money



How to Apply Risk Based Approach?

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Main Principals on AML:



Companies should consider the uniqueness of their business and customer portfolio, and adopt the Risk Based Approach in their AML program

Risk Assessment / Risk Based Approach

Scope of Due Diligence

Based on the nature of customers and transaction to conduct different levels of CDD/EDD, and ongoing monitoring.

Companies should keep the full audit trail in their AML screening program, and keep the customer assessment profiles for at least 6 years.

Record Keeping/ Internal Audit

Red Flags

Companies should be aware of the following Red Flags in their AML program, e.g. subject of transaction has abnormal background, suspicious transaction patterns, etc



Identifying risks to your business

In general, parties to keep out for are in three categories:

- Look for people who have more opportunity to break the law
- Look for people with history of regulatory troubles.
- Look for companies with commercial difficulties

Do you want their business?





Firms under commercial pressure



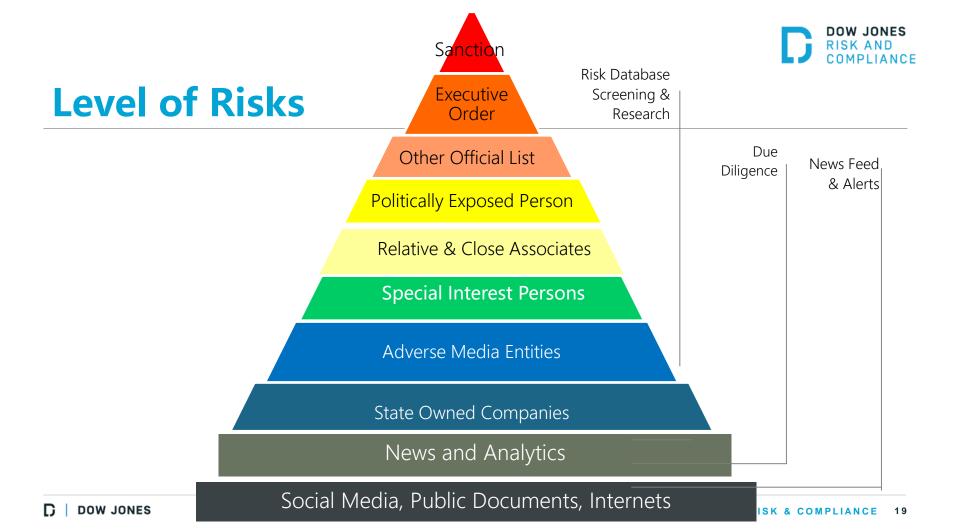




More specific...

- Politically Exposed Persons (PEP)
- PEP's families and close associates
- Government officials (susceptible to bribery)
- Fugitives from justice, or with prior criminal activity
- Person (or Firm) debarred from some activities (e.g. exports, or participation in World Bank contracts)
- Companies with commercial difficulties







Definition of PEPs

- FATF Recommendation #6 →
 23 Job Categories of PEPs
- Guideline by local regulators, e.g. Taiwan, Malaysia, Macau, etc
- HKMA : ""An FI should implement appropriate risk management systems to identify PEPs. Under-classification of PEPs poses a higher ML/TF risk to the FI whilst over-classification of PEPs leads to an unnecessary compliance burden to the FI and its customers."



How to minimize false positive, and speed up the client on-boarding process?

Application of 2nd Identifier Info



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Applying Enhanced Due Diligence

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EDD Guideline by Regulators



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What is Enhanced Due Diligence (EDD)?

- EDD measures should be applied to a business relationship or transaction to mitigate and manage the high ML/TF risks in:
 - > a situation that by its nature may present a high ML/TF risk;
 - a situation specified by the regulator in a notice in writing
- The extent of EDD measures should be **proportionate**, **appropriate** and **discriminating**

Examples of potentially higher risk factors include:

- (a) customer risk factor
- (b) product, service, transaction or delivery channel risk factors
- (c) country risk factors

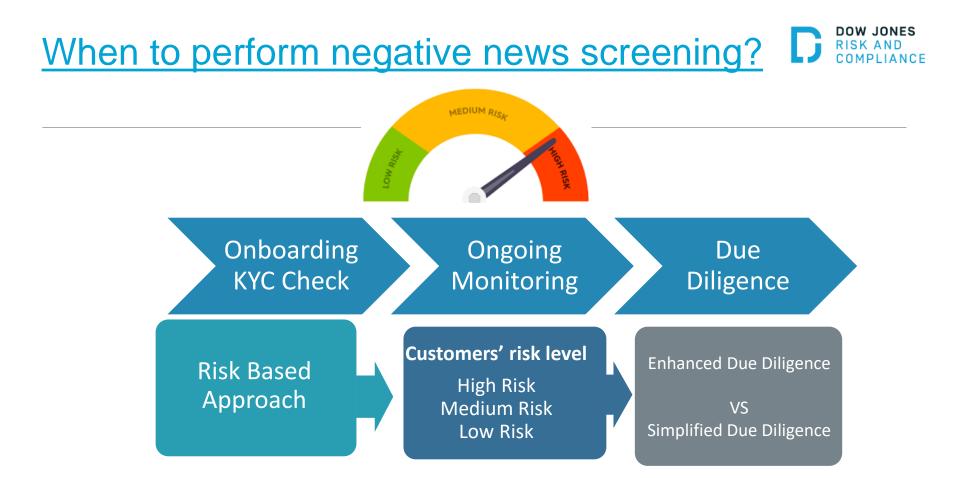


Examples of possible EDD measures include:

- (a) obtaining additional information on the customer (e.g. occupation, volume of assets, information available through public databases, internet, etc.), and updating more regularly the identification data of customer and beneficial owner;
- (b) obtaining additional information on the intended nature of the business relationship;
- (c) obtaining information on the source of funds or source of wealth of the customer (see paragraphs 4.9.22 and 4.9.23);
- (d) obtaining information on the reasons for intended or performed transactions; or
- (e) requiring the first payment to be carried out through an account in the customer's name with a bank subject to similar CDD standards.



HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY 香港金融管理局 Source: https://www.hkma.gov.hk/media/eng/doc/key-information/guidelines-andcircular/guideline/g33.pdf





Customer distribution under Risk Based Approach





The Challenges



DATA VOLUME

Millions of news articles a day yet just 0.87% relate to financial crime. Global sanctions and PEPs change constantly.



CLIENT VOLUME

50% of client searches return more data than analysts can read, 30% of searches return no results at all.



FALSE POSITIVES

Simple name matching returns thousands of false positives. <1% of returns relate to actual clients.



UNSCALABLE PROCESS

Resources simply cannot scale fast enough to deal with demand, leading to continuous bottlenecks within workflows.

For millions of clients, risk screening cannot scale.



CASE STUDY 1

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Search by negative keywords



Free Text Search

Query Genius (1)

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Search Period : Past 5 years

Negative Keywords Template :

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CASE STUDY 2

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Search by negative news subjects



RISK & COMPLIANCE

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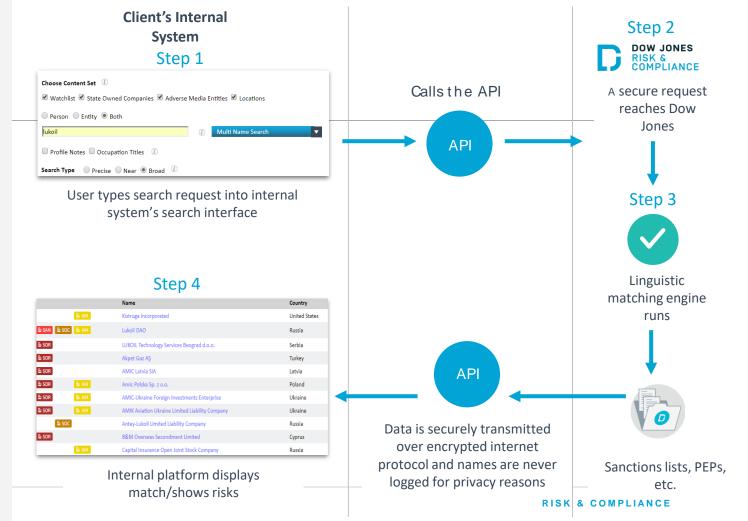
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See how we could speed up the KYC process in a few seconds?

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COMPLIANCE

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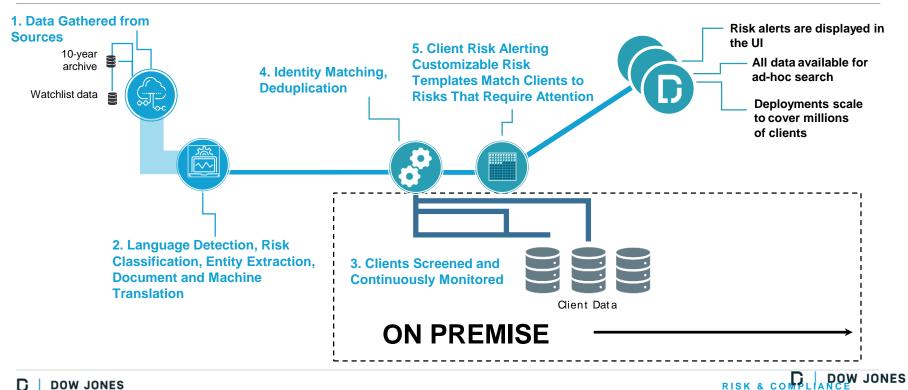


CASE STUDY 4

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SaaS Deployment



Essential Program Elements

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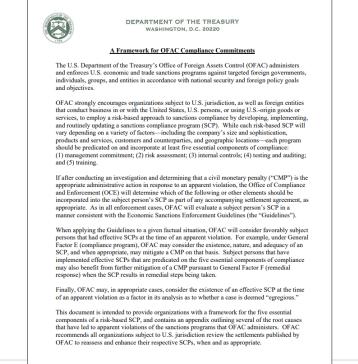
OFAC Guidance on Sanctions Compliance Program

On 2 May 2019, OFAC the **"Framework for OFAC Compliance Commitments"** outlining the features of a **sanctions compliance program** that will be considered as part of the OFAC Enforcement Guidelines for both US and non-US companies.

The five key elements include:

- Senior Management Commitment
- Sanctions Risk Assessment
- Internal Controls
- Testing and Auditing
- Training

<u>Source: https://www.treasury.gov/resource-</u> center/sanctions/Documents/framework_ofac_cc.pdf





Elements of every AML program

• There are 4 required elements of every AML program:

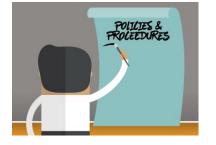


1. Designated Officer

A designation of a responsible party – the AML officer, who probably also covers your sanctions area as well

2. Policies and Procedures

- AML is Risk-Based, Sanctions less so
- Creates Clarity & Consistency
- Produces Predictable Results
- But... requires oversight & updating









3. Independent Testing

- Independent testing of your program
- Test program controls & effectiveness regularly
- The one who do the test can be internal or external as long as it's independent

4. Training

- Who gets trained? Everyone
- > When? At least on a regular basis
 - Yearly is the norm
- What? Depends on job function
 - Customer Service vs Compliance



- Who got trained (& who was absent) & when
- The training materials
- Post-training certifications & results





Good Practices

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1. Screen Frequently

- Forewarned is forearmed
 - More time to react (other than sanctions)
- > Spreads out the work, manages staff better

2. Use High-Quality Data

- > Accuracy, completeness, timeliness
- You can make better decisions
- You can make faster decisions

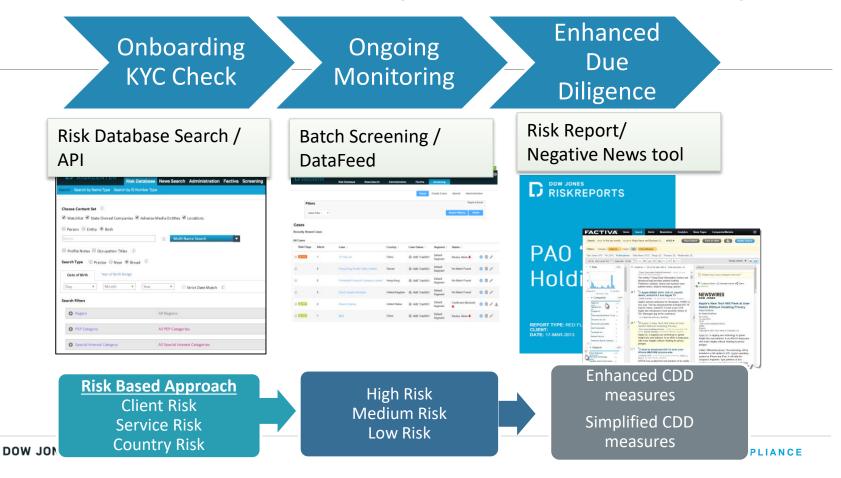
3. Use high-quality tools

- Drives efficiency
 - Reporting & MIS
 - Workflow
 - False positive reduction tools



Workflow of Customer Due Diligence & Record Keeping







4. Document everything

5. Documenting Decisions

- What was the issue
- What were the options
- What you decided
 - And who and when
- ➢ Why you did it

6. Standardize

- Not required but smart
- > Better for you, auditors, regulators
- Standardize what? How work is conducted & documented
- Demonstrates consistency, diligence

Compliance is Good Business

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Summary

- You learn of potential issues early
- > You know your customer better
 - You can tailor offerings better
 - You can price more efficiently
 - Better relationships last longer



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