

Sanctions Risk Assessment Checklist



Know Your Customer requirements are so familiar within the banking industry that they are often referred to using the acronym, KYC. Outside that industry, however, the term is used less frequently. To better assess sanctions compliance risk, however, organizations spanning many industries need to be acquainted with KYC—as well as other key knowledge areas—to better assess the risks they face. Here’s what should be on your risk assessment checklist:

Know Your Customers & Third Parties

It’s not just customers that put your organization at risk. Your supply chain and other third parties on which your company relies also pose a risk.

- Have individuals and entities been checked against published sanctions and SDNs lists?
- Do you have visibility into the controlling interests behind individual customers, suppliers or other third parties?

Know Your Product or Service

- Does the product or service you provide have a dual-use or military application?
- Does the product or service require an export license?
- Is the product or service subject to an embargo?

Know the Receiving Country

- Is the country a known facilitator for sanctioned countries or regimes?

- Is there a payment risk?
- Is the country’s legal system reliable?
- Does the country have an elevated corruption risk?

Know the End-Use

- Have you confirmed the intended end-use of the product or services?
- Are there sanctions that might apply to that end-use?
- Do you have an end-use statement and sanctions clause built into your sales contracts?

Know the End-User

- Can you verify whether the end-user and its ultimate beneficiary are subject to sanctions?
- Do you have an end-user statement and sanctions clause built into your sales contracts? This is particularly important if the end-user is unknown.

Know the Transaction

- Is this an allowable transaction under applicable sanctions?
- Are there any sanctions applicable to the location of the delivery?
- Will third parties, such as agents acting on your company’s behalf or transporters moving your products, be involved in the transaction?

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Batch Screening	Manage large volumes of risk checks against negative news, as well as global sanctions, PEPs, blacklists and watchlists.		✓	✓	✓	✓
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Risk Scoring	Quickly understand risk potential with data-driven risk scores based on negative news, sanctions, PEPs, watchlists, blacklists and financial information.		✓	✓	✓	
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Alerts/RSS Feeds	Use timely Alerts or RSS feeds directly into ERM and CRM systems to stay tuned in to potential risk red flags over time.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bulk, Rest or Constant-Call APIs	Power machine learning algorithms and analytics engines by ingesting critical risk-related datasets.					✓
Analytics Dashboard	Gain a holistic view of risk with built-in data analysis.		✓	✓	✓	
Built-in Negative News	Save time searching for potential risk with news that is flagged based on risk-related keywords and semantic analysis.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Customizable Negative News	Refine risk keywords to narrow the scope of results to the risk factors that matter most to your business.	✓				✓

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