

Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

Do Not Pay (DNP) Quick Reference Card

Frequently Asked Questions

What is OFAC?

The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury is responsible for the administration and enforcement of economic and trade sanctions against countries and groups that pose a potential threat to the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

What is in OFAC Data Source?

As part of its enforcement efforts, OFAC publishes a list of individuals and companies owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, targeted countries. It also lists individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists and narcotics traffickers designated under programs that are not country-specific. Collectively, such individuals and companies are called "Specially Designated Nationals" or "SDNs." Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from doing business with them.

What transactions are prohibited by OFAC?

Financial transactions and other dealings are prohibited with sanctioned or embargoed regions and governments. If needed, refer to the OFAC website in order to see which regions and governments have prohibited transactions and the details of these prohibitions.

Why does OFAC matter to my agency?

Failure to comply with OFAC regulations can result in substantial fines, possibly exceeding several million dollars. Agencies are responsible for ensuring payments comply with OFAC regulations.

How does DNP help our agency use OFAC as a data source?

The OFAC Public database is available in the DNP Portal for agency searches. (Note that OFAC does not contain TIN nor DUNS information. Therefore, any Online Search using only TIN or DUNS will not provide an OFAC match.)

How do I gain access to OFAC in the DNP Portal?

Agencies must apply and be approved to access OFAC in the DNP Portal. Contact your agency lead for more information.

Is there a cost for using OFAC?

No. OFAC is available at no cost to agencies enrolled in DNP.

For which modules is OFAC available in the DNP Portal?

The OFAC database is available in Online Search, Batch Matching, and Continuous Monitoring.

What do I do if I find a match in OFAC?

Your agency has its own internal controls to follow. Also consult the OFAC website for more information on how to validate a match along with the reporting requirements.

How frequently is OFAC updated within the DNP Portal?

Updates for the OFAC database occur on a weekly basis.

What kind of information does a match in the DNP Portal return?

When conducting searches, the DNP Portal returns the data elements listed on the next page.

Important OFAC Links

[Additional OFAC Information](#)

[When should I call the OFAC Hotline?](#)

[FAQ's](#)

Do Not Pay Links

General Data Correction Contacts

<https://fiscal.treasury.gov/dnp/privacy-program.html#data-correction-process>

FAQs

<https://fiscal.treasury.gov/dnp/faqs.html>

DNP Website

<https://fiscal.treasury.gov/dnp/>



Data Elements Returned in the DNP Portal for OFAC

When a match occurs, the search criteria along with the corresponding OFAC data elements will be returned through the search method utilized within the DNP Portal.

The following includes subfield data elements selectable within the Portal. All subfields are automatically included in the report generated by the Save/Print Detail hyperlink.

Data Element	Definition
Title	Position of the SDN (Specially Designated National) on the OFAC listing based upon citizenship, country, etc. Examples include Dr. and Director General. May be blank if SDN is not an individual.
Name	Name of Specially Designated National (SDN). This can be a person's name, business name or even the name of a vessel.
Type	Sanctions type: The only two valid values currently are I and B.
Type Description	Description of Sanctions type code: The only two valid values currently are Individual and Business.
Remarks	Text field for additional information concerning the SDN. Examples could include aliases, passport information position information such as "Secretary General" or "Military Leader", known organizations they are linked to, "all offices worldwide", and any other narrative information about a sanctioned party.
Address	
Address 1	Street Address Line 1 of the Specially Designated National.
Address 2	Second line of Street Address of the Specially Designated National.
Address 3	Third line of Street Address of the Specially Designated National.
City	City of the Specially Designated National.
State	State/Province of the Specially Designated National.
Zip	Postal Code of the Specially Designated National. This can be either a
Country	Country of the Specially Designated National.
Identifications	
Country	Country of Issue. Name of country that issued the ID/Registration document.
ID Type	Type of ID/Registration. Possible values include Passport, Cedula, and Driver's License Number.
ID Number	Number that appears on the ID/Registration document.
Issue Date	Issue Date of the ID/Registration document.
Expiration Date	Expiration Date of the ID/Registration document.

Birthdates	Definition
Date of Birth	Date of birth for Specially Designated National.
Birthplaces Data Element	
Place of Birth	Birth place location country information for Specially Designated National.
Citizenships Data Element	
Citizenship	Country of citizenship for a Specially Designated National.
Nationalities	
Nationality	Country of residence for a Specially Designated National.
Programs Data Element	
Program	Sanctions Program Name. It is a Specially Designated Nationals focus area. It indicates the sanctions program pursuant to which the person has been blocked, designated, or identified. Sample programs include: 561LIST, CUBA, DPRK (North Korea Sanctions Regulations), IRAN, JADE, NPWMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators Sanctions Regulations), and SYRIA.