

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 Senior Agency Outreach Liaison 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

Data Element	Description
Party ID	Internal identifier within DNP
Name	Name of SDN - individual or entity
Type	Either "B" for Block, or "I" for Individual
Title	Title
Address	Street address of the SDN
Program Name	Sanctions Program Name
Remarks	Additional information about the SDN

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 in the table below.

Important OFAC Links

[Additional OFAC Information](#)

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

[FAQ's](#)

Do Not Pay Links

General Data Correction Contacts

<https://donotpay.treas.gov/Privacy.htm>

FAQs

<https://donotpay.treas.gov/FAQs.htm>

DNP Website

<https://donotpay.treas.gov/>

Much of the information on this page is from OFAC's website, <https://www.treas.gov/about/organizational-structure/offices/Pages/Office-of-Foreign-Assets-Control.aspx>.

