

DATA CATEGORIES

Our adverse media checks will only surface reports of only criminal activity that falls within the FATF guidelines for the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.

Who are FATF?

The Financial Action Taskforce is an intergovernmental organisation founded in 1989 to investigate and develop policies to combat money laundering. Recommendations made by FATF have strongly influenced and guided much of the AML legislation in the UK and the European Union.

Under the guidance note for assessing technical compliance with the FATF recommendations and the effectiveness of AML/CTF systems (last updated October 2021), the FATF has designated certain criminal activity as being closely associated with money laundering.

Our adverse media checks align with this guidance, to help ensure businesses are adhering to best practices while reducing any unnecessary burden on them.

CATEGORIES IN SCOPE

Terrorist Financing and Support
Violent Crimes with Terrorist Connections
Traffic and Distribution of Narcotics
Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
Illicit Arms Trafficking
Smuggling or Illicit Trafficking in Goods
OCGs and Gangs
Human Trafficking and Exploitation
Labour Trafficking and Exploitation
Sex Trafficking and Exploitation
Financial and Non-Financial Fraud
Money Laundering
Tax Offences
Embezzlement
Counterfeiting of Currency
High-Value Theft and Robbery
Insider Trading
Unexplained Wealth
Failure to comply with relevant financial regulations
Being Bribed
Bribing Another Person
Bribing a Foreign
Failure of a Relevant Commercial Organisation to Prevent Bribery
Corrupt Practices
Identity Theft
Cybercrime Scams
Hacking
Credit Card / Payment Fraud

CATEGORIES OUT OF SCOPE

Mass shootings and mass murder without terrorist connection
Violent crimes (murder, grievous body injury, assault) without terrorist connection
Hate speech, including racism and insulting religion
Criticism against politicians in relation to political views, policies and political agenda
Criticism against public officials for alleged incompetency and failure to perform their duties/ jobs
Criticism against countries and governments
Bankruptcy (except fraudulent)
Distressed companies, and anti-trust news
Anti-trust news (e.g. abuse of dominant market position, bit-rigging, price-fixing, etc.)
Sexual offences, including against children (except organised crime or modern slavery)
Misdemeanour including by low-level PEP (Tier 3) and candidates for public office
Petty crimes
Whistle-blowers, dissidents
Patent, copyright and intellectual property disputes
Civil court cases (except if categorised under category 4 – Financial Crime and Fraud and above the respective financial thresholds)
Animal cruelty and wildlife crime (except organised crime)
Nigerian scam schemes
Saudi royals and other high-net-worth individuals mistreating housekeeping or other personnel (except organised crime or modern slavery)
Traffic offences, DUI (including by PEPs)