Overview

Adverse media screening forms a crucial part of customer or third-party due diligence processes to uncover potential risks indicating a party’s alleged involvement in criminal activity, which could give rise to financial, reputational or other types of risks to your business.

Refinitiv® World-Check® Risk Intelligence data combines the best of structured and unstructured adverse media data to help you to comply with legislation and protect your organisations from financial crime and reputational harm.

- Official lists
- Sanction, watch, regulatory and law enforcement lists.

- PEPs, RCAs, SOEs and SIEs
- Politically exposed persons, relative or close associate, state-owned entities and state-invested entities.

- Structured adverse media content
- Content captured in World-Check data, reported in the reputable media as being accused/questioned/investigated/arrested/charged/convicted of an action which fits the World-Check inclusion criteria.

- Media check
- Unstructured text-based content such as news content, provides coverage of media content including financial crime and reputational risks.

- All adverse media content including non-financial (reputational risks)
Adverse media content included in the Refinitiv World-Check Risk Intelligence database is associated to pre- and post-conviction stages.

With the introduction of our Special Interest Category feature, you will now be able to get an even more granular view of the reason for the record’s inclusion and its associated potential risk or risks.

**Helping to solve the challenge**

Based on the regulatory guidance around media screening requirements and following consultation with our customers, to find out what risk areas were of concern and relevance to them and their business, we have created a sophisticated taxonomy or categorisation scheme that applies to records within World-Check including but not limited to adverse media records.

Using a combination of AI, natural language processing, machine learning, specific taxonomy and human review, records have been tagged according to the risk category or categories they represent.

**The Special Interest Categories at a Glance**

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Clear indicators of potential risk

The Special Interest Categories feature allows you to select and filter the special interest categories that have relevance to your business’s risk-based approach and legal/regulatory requirements. The feature will be available across all delivery methods, platforms, APIs and data feeds.

By being able to select topics of interest, and to essentially slice and dice the data according to your specific needs, you will get a far more granular view of potential risks associated to both the pre- and post-conviction records included in the World-Check database. This targeted approach to screening, with the ability to exclude topics from your screening universe, has the added benefit of reducing false positives and alleviating remediation workload.

Records returned in your (screening/name matching) results will have clear indicators – the indicators vary according to your delivery methods – together with the description of the special interest categories associated to them.

Benefits at a glance

• Fully customisable
  You have the ability to select specific special interest topics to include in your screening criteria in line with your company screening needs and regulatory requirements.

• Identify and assess risk faster
  Records have clear indicators together with the description of the special interest categories associated to them.

• Reduce false positives and alleviate remediation workload
  By filtering and selecting specific risk areas, you are able to ensure that you screen against only the potential risk areas that are of concern to your business, ensuring targeted results.

• Uncover other potential risk information
  Results include any special risk categories associated to a record, even if that category was not selected at the outset, to provide a full overview of potential risks.

• Varied delivery methods
  The feature is available across all delivery options, include data feeds, APIs and platforms.

• Peace of mind
  Partner with a trusted provider that has been delivering timely and accurate adverse media data for over two decades and is used by the world’s largest financial institutions and companies.

To unlock the feature’s full capabilities, you will need to be a World-Check Advanced level subscriber. To find out more, speak to your representative.