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Inquirehire Advisory: OFAC Requirements for Auto Dealerships

OFAC stands for the Office of Foreign Assets Control under the US Department of Treasury. OFAC manages and enforces economic and trade sanctions against targeted foreign countries, terrorists, narcotics traffickers, and weapons traders. OFAC has the ability to freeze foreign assets under US jurisdiction.

OFAC restricts financial transactions with entities or individuals on the Specially Designated Nationals List (SDN list). In addition to companies controlled by targeted countries, the SDN list also includes individuals or groups not associated with a specific country. The SDN list is extensive and is frequently updated. Financial transactions with individuals or groups on the list are restricted. Conducting a transaction with a restricted person or entity can carry civil penalties up to \$1 million, and criminal penalties up to \$10 million and/or 10 to 30 years in prison.

All persons and entities within the US must comply with OFAC. Auto dealerships can be affected because vehicle purchases via cash are a common money laundering method. Auto dealerships should verify all cash transactions for vehicles against the SDN list.

Inquirehire provides a fast and cost effective way to access the SDN list via our Global Report product. The Global Report is an automated name match solution, and is available for \$10.00 per search. The Global Report is available through your existing Inquirehire account. Inquirehire recommends a Global Report search in event of a cash transaction for a vehicle.

To learn more about OFAC, the SDN list, or the Global Report, contact Alan Kinsey at 563-323-5922 or 800-494-5922.

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