The sanctions landscape is in constant flux. Being equipped with quality watch list data is essential for sanctions compliance programs. Harness the power of comprehensive, timely information with data from LexisNexis® Risk Solutions.

For a more detailed look at Sanctions activity in 2022, download our Sanctions Pulse e-book. The overwhelming weight of the Russia/Ukraine conflict: massive inflation of the sanctions lists. As the storm of Russia-related sanctions seemed to slow down toward the end of the year, regulators and agencies have continued to introduce and update sanctions lists at significantly higher levels than in previous years.

UN Updates: Scale & Nature of Changes
- 3,040 designations
- 2,932 designations
- 91 designations

OFSI Updates: Scale and Nature of Changes
- 5,674 net additions across the four lists (6,039 added; 365 removed)
- 56% increase in the number of list updates vs. 2021

Number of updates to the UN, EU, OFAC, OFSI (UK) lists
- UN: 3,586 updates
- EU: 1,532 updates
- OFAC: 1,093 updates
- OFSI (UK): 95 updates

997.5% increase in net designations vs. 2021
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Activity:
- Added
- Modified
- Removed

Key Takeaways
- More than 80% of new designations for tackling terrorist groups globally
- UN Updates: massive inflation of the sanctions lists, resulting in 91 designations
- UN, EU, OFAC, OFSI (UK) lists: significant increase in updates and designations
- Global human rights & anti-corruption sanctions
- Continued sanctions activity for tackling terrorist groups globally
- Haiti – new sanctions program at the UN Level. U.S. had the target
- Syria – recruiting mercenaries supporting Russia
- North Korea – intensifying ballistic & nuclear-related activities

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Taking the Pulse of Major Sanctions Lists
- Total
- UN
- EU
- OFAC
- OFSI (UK)

Net designations added
- UN
- EU
- OFAC
- OFSI (UK)

Updates...
- Added
- Modified
- Removed

Closing Thoughts
- LexisNexis® Risk Solutions regularly analyzes sanctions data from core regulators – the United Nations (UN), European Union (EU), Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), and the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) (UK) – to provide insights into the evolving sanctions landscape.
- The beginning of 2022 saw sanctions activity increase at an unprecedented scale, with regulators and agencies continuing to add, modify, and remove watch list data.
- Despite the ongoing situation in Ukraine, activity has slowed, and regulators and agencies have continued to add, modify, and remove watch list data at significantly higher levels than in previous years.