Sanctions & Trade Compliance Advisory

Expert sanctions compliance advisory in Bahrain. Navigate OFAC secondary sanctions, UN/EU sanctions screening, AML/CFT compliance, export controls, geopolitical risk, and trade compliance with Yasmi Co's specialized consulting.

SANCTIONS & TRADE COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

Protect your business from sanctions risk, geopolitical disruption, and regulatory enforcement. Yasmi Co delivers expert sanctions compliance advisory for businesses operating in Bahrain, the GCC, and international markets.

Active Sanctions Programs Globally

OFAC Fines Since 2009

Compliance Audit Success

Crisis Response Support

WHY SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE IS CRITICAL FOR BAHRAIN BUSINESSES

In an era of escalating geopolitical tensions, trade wars, and evolving sanctions regimes, non-compliance isn't just a regulatory risk — it's an existential threat. Bahrain's position as a GCC financial hub makes robust sanctions compliance essential for maintaining banking relationships and international market access.

OFAC SECONDARY SANCTIONS

Even without US operations, Bahraini firms transacting with sanctioned parties risk losing access to the US dollar clearing system — the backbone of international trade.

CBB REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT

Bahrain's Central Bank enforces strict AML/CFT and sanctions screening requirements under Volume 6 of the CBB Rulebook. Non-compliance triggers fines, license suspensions, and criminal prosecution.

GEOPOLITICAL VOLATILITY

Regional conflicts, maritime disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz and Red Sea, and shifting alliances create constant risk exposure for supply chains, contracts, and operations.

OUR SANCTIONS & TRADE COMPLIANCE SERVICES

SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM DESIGN

End-to-end design and implementation of Sanctions Compliance Programs (SCPs) — governance frameworks, escalation protocols, internal controls, and board-level reporting aligned with OFAC, UN, and EU requirements.

RESTRICTED PARTY & SANCTIONS SCREENING

Advanced counterparty screening against OFAC SDN, EU Consolidated, UN Security Council, and local sanctions lists. Ownership-based analysis using the 50% rule to identify indirect sanctions exposure.

AML/CFT COMPLIANCE FRAMEWORK

Comprehensive Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing programs aligned with CBB Rulebook Volume 6, FATF standards, and Bahrain's Legislative Decree No. 4 of 2001. KYC, CDD, EDD, and STR filing support.

EXPORT CONTROLS & DUAL-USE GOODS ADVISORY

Navigate complex export controls by the US BIS, Wassenaar Arrangement, and regional customs authorities. Product classification, end-use verification, license applications, and diversion risk analysis.

GEOPOLITICAL RISK & CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Real-time geopolitical risk monitoring, scenario planning, executive crisis briefings, and rapid-response advisory. Board-level intelligence reports addressing conflict escalation, sanctions shifts, and regional instability.

SUPPLY CHAIN SANCTIONS RISK ASSESSMENT

Map your supply chain beyond Tier-1 suppliers to identify sanctions-exposed entities, circumvention risks, and geographic exposure. Develop dual-sourcing strategies and buffer stock contingencies.

BUSINESS CONTINUITY & CONTINGENCY PLANNING

Business Impact Analysis (BIA), operational resilience frameworks, force majeure clause auditing, and disaster recovery plans tailored for volatile Middle Eastern environments. Maritime route and logistics contingencies.

DUE DILIGENCE & INVESTIGATIONS

Deep counterparty due diligence, beneficial ownership tracing, forensic investigations for potential compliance breaches, and retrospective "look-back" exercises. Pre-acquisition sanctions risk assessments for M&A.

COMPLIANCE TRAINING & CAPACITY BUILDING

Customized training programs for staff, senior management, and MLRO/compliance officers on sanctions awareness, AML obligations, red flag identification, and regulatory reporting requirements.

SANCTIONS REGIMES WE NAVIGATE

Our advisory covers all major international sanctions frameworks impacting businesses in Bahrain and the Middle East.

US OFAC

SDN List, Sectoral Sanctions, Secondary Sanctions, BIS Export Controls, and EAR/ITAR compliance.

EU SANCTIONS

EU Consolidated List, sectoral restrictions, asset freezes, and trade embargoes affecting GCC trade corridors.

UN SECURITY COUNCIL

UN Consolidated List, arms embargoes, travel bans, and asset freezes mandated under Security Council Resolutions.

BAHRAIN CBB / LOCAL

CBB Rulebook Volume 6, AML/CFT Decree No. 4, FID reporting requirements, and MOIC DNFBP obligations.

HOW WE PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS

A proven 5-phase approach to sanctions risk management — from initial assessment to ongoing monitoring and crisis response.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Comprehensive sanctions risk assessment across operations, jurisdictions, counterparties, and product lines.

GAP ANALYSIS

Benchmark existing controls against regulatory requirements, FATF standards, and industry best practices.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Build tailored SCPs, compliance manuals, screening workflows, escalation trees, and board reporting frameworks.

IMPLEMENTATION

Deploy screening tools, train staff, integrate compliance systems with ERP/CRM, and establish monitoring dashboards.

ONGOING MONITORING

Continuous sanctions list updates, periodic health checks, regulatory intelligence alerts, and crisis rapid-response support.

INDUSTRIES MOST EXPOSED TO SANCTIONS RISK

We provide specialized sanctions advisory across all high-risk sectors in Bahrain and the GCC.

BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Correspondent banking, trade finance, remittance, insurance

ENERGY & OIL/GAS

Crude trading, petrochemicals, refining, LNG export

SHIPPING & LOGISTICS

Maritime trade, freight forwarding, port operations, warehousing

TECHNOLOGY & DEFENSE

Dual-use tech, AI, cybersecurity, aerospace components

CONSTRUCTION & REAL ESTATE

Development, contracting, building materials import

PRECIOUS METALS & LUXURY

Gold, jewelry, high-value goods (DNFBP obligations)

HEALTHCARE & PHARMA

Medical device import, pharmaceutical supply chains

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Legal, accounting, audit firms (FATF-regulated professionals)

SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE FAQ

DOES MY BAHRAIN COMPANY NEED A SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM?

Yes. All businesses in Bahrain — especially financial institutions, DNFBPs (accountants, lawyers, precious metals dealers), and companies with international trade — must comply with CBB AML/CFT regulations, screen against UN and local sanctions lists, and implement risk-based compliance frameworks. Failure to do so risks fines, license suspension, and criminal prosecution under Decree No. 4 of 2001.

HOW DO US OFAC SECONDARY SANCTIONS AFFECT BAHRAINI BUSINESSES?

Secondary sanctions target non-US entities that transact with sanctioned parties. For Bahraini companies, this means even indirect dealings with sanctioned persons or entities can result in being cut off from the US financial system, losing correspondent banking relationships, and facing enforcement actions — even without any direct US operations.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING A SANCTIONS COMPLIANCE AUDIT?

A sanctions compliance audit reviews your screening processes, KYC/CDD procedures, transaction monitoring systems, record-keeping practices, staff training records, and escalation protocols. We identify gaps, benchmark against FATF and CBB standards, and deliver a remediation roadmap with prioritized action items.

HOW CAN BUSINESSES MITIGATE GEOPOLITICAL AND WAR-RELATED RISKS IN THE GCC?

Mitigation includes supply chain diversification, dual-sourcing strategies, force majeure clause auditing, maritime route contingencies (Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz alternatives), buffer stock inventory management, crisis communication protocols, and board-level scenario planning for conflict escalation, sanctions expansion, and trade disruption scenarios.

IS YOUR BUSINESS SANCTIONS-READY?

Don't wait for an enforcement action. Our sanctions compliance experts can assess your risk exposure, design your compliance program, and protect your business from regulatory and geopolitical threats.

COMPLIANCE ADVISORY

AML COMPLIANCE

Anti-money laundering frameworks, KYC procedures, and CBB compliance.

RISK ADVISORY

Enterprise risk management and regulatory compliance frameworks.

BUSINESS ADVISORY

Strategic consulting for market entry, company formation, and growth.

Bahrain's trusted tax and business advisory partner.

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