# THE PATH TO COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION MANAGEMENT





Organizations are plagued by a flood of compliance-based requirements driven by laws, contracts, standards, and other influencers. By following the path to effective Compliance Obligation Management (COM), the organization and subject matter experts can work in a synergistic way to retune the compliance program, mitigate risk, and satisfy regulators, auditors, directors, and other stakeholders,

### **IDENTIFY AND UNDERSTAND**

### **RISK FACTORS**

- Fines & Penalties
- Reputation Risk
- Ineligibility for Contracts
- Insurance Availability
- Event Response Costs
- Business Interruption

#### **INFLUENCERS**

- International Mandates
- Fed/State/Local Regulations
- Industry Guidelines
- CSR Initiatives
- NGO Expectations
- HR/EE Requirements
- Third-Party Relationships

# **COMMON COM ACTIVITIES**

- Policies & Procedures
- Guidelines & References
- Attestations
- Computer-Based Training
- Classroom Training
- Incident Reports
- Escalations
- Awareness & Alerts



in risks, influencers, and requirements is essential



**Enhance investigations** and matter management upported by a robust hotline or whistleblower methodology



Include support for ESIGN or other means to ensure attestation validity

**VERIFY CERTIFICATIONS** 

**AND POLICY ATTESTATIONS** 

**USE SUBJECT** 

MATTER EXPERTS



The diversity of COM requirements demands support for multiple learning management systems for employees, vendors, and agents who have COM activities.

Tag all content for easy keyword

of COM influencers and ensure all

search to support constant monitoring

policies and training requirements are

**TRAIN AND EDUCATE** 

**DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT** 

**APPROPRIATE COM ACTIVITIES** 

## **BOARD AND CEO BENEFIT**

The ability to demonstrate that COM awareness, proactive measures, and constant performance measurement protect the organization.

**GENERATE EXECUTIVE** 

#### MANAGEMENT BENEFIT

Automated assignment of COM requirements ensures that the right training, education, and awareness is provided to every new hire and throughout their lifecycle.

**ENHANCE ACTIVITIES BY INTRODUCING AUTOMATED WORKFLOW** 



Automated

escalations.

reminders and

Internal and External Data Integration.



**ROLL OUT** 

**PROCEDURES** 

External System Alert Integration.

**DISPARATE DATA INTEGRATION** 



Audit

Trail

# 2 TRANSFORMATIVE WORKFLOW

Dynamic workflows automate routing of requirements and utilize rules, conditions, and permissions to provide greater efficiency and operational performance.



**CONTINUOUS SCORECARDING** 

# **MANAGED AUDIT PROCESS**

Any organization can improve its internal and external systems through audits. Operational history, easily navigated audit trails, and general process understanding can strengthen two-way communication and inspire teamwork based on trust. Whether it is compliance, quality, safety, environment, or data security, audit reports are necessary to improve business operations.

# ensure that business users can design, maintain,

**3** EFFECTIVE REPORTING

Report across business or operational units to

and publish reports to improve the organization's ability to make strategic decisions.

**DEVELOP KEY** PERFORMANCE INDICATORS **DASHBOARDS** 

**CROSS-FUNCTIONAL** 

**ALIGNMENT** 

Searchable performance history across all events and



Immediate visibility to operational performance

## **Key Elements of an Effective COM System**



### Cloud-Based Storage & Data

The cloud offers boundless capacity: maintaining security requirements and respecting compliance mandates. Cloud-based storage reduces costs and minimizes the complexity required to deliver services, making organizations more agile and productive.

## **Dashboards & Reporting**

Today's users need the ability to control the visualization and analysis of their data in real-time. Flexible, tailored dashboards and integrated reports allow executives and managers to quickly drill down and assess areas of concern and operational progress.



## **Alerts & Notifications**

Throughout the COM process, various events require the generation of automatic alerts and notifications for submissions, approval and items for review, or critical incidents and other escalations that require immediate attention.



### **API Connectors**

A robust application programming interface (API) is essential for high-performing COM execution. APIs allow for seamless internal and external interoperable applications, data sources, Web services, and legacy systems.



### **Training & Certification**

A robust education and certification solution will support multiple LMS and provide access to irrefutable certification methodology, whether the training was instructor-led, self-paced, or delivered online.

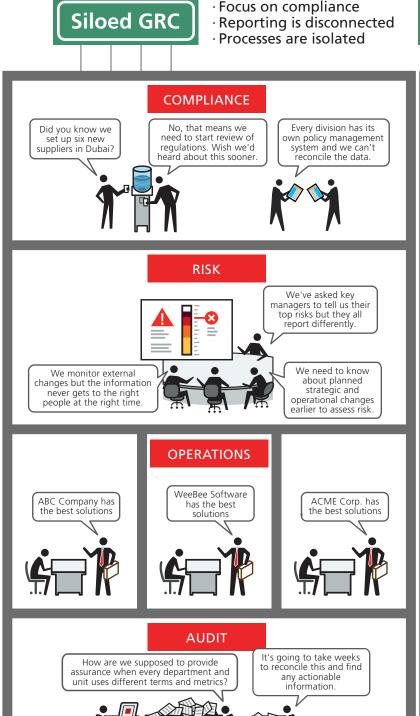
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As organizations mature their approach to GRC, they transition from a structure of siloed departments and units to a fully engaged business operation where everyone has a part in managing risk, ensuring compliance and contributing to performance outcomes. This leads to greater confidence, agility and resilience - advantages that ensure success.



The Journey to Advantaged GRC

Managed GRC

We need to set up

company-wide

policies and training

o address this issue

· Focus is on risk

**COMPLIANCE** 

**RISK** 

**OPERATIONS** 

**AUDIT** 

INCIDENTS

type location sever

This can impact the business, but we can't reconcile the

data from different regional

It's easier to complete our

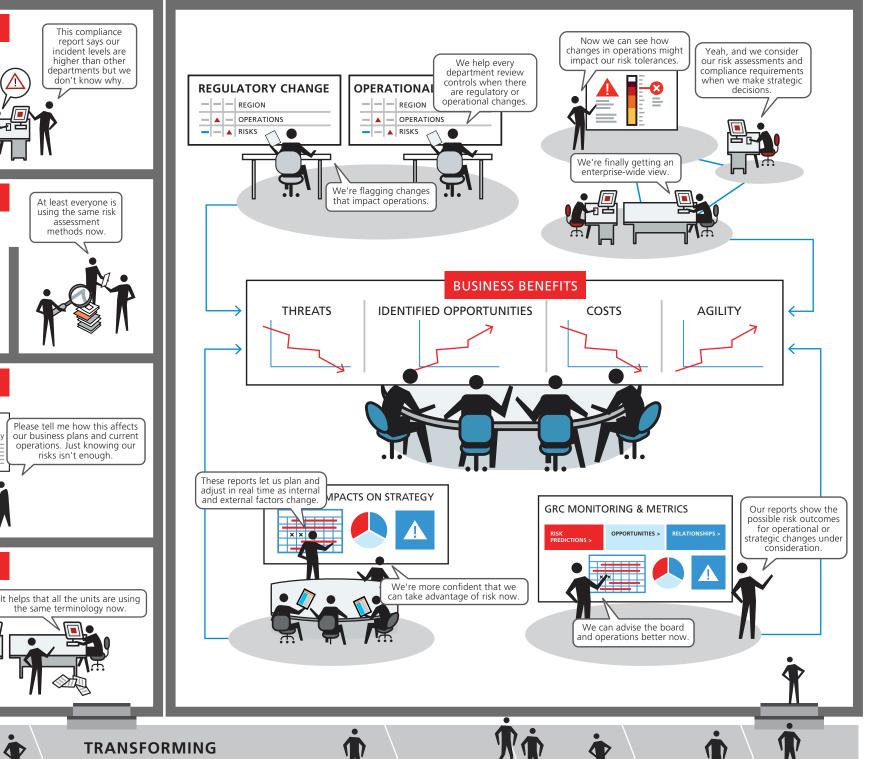
audits with the new standard reporting system, but we still an't see the impact on future

· Reporting is coordinated

using the same risk assessment methods now.

risks isn't enough.

- · Processes are defined
- **Advantaged GRC**
- · Focus is on business opportunity
- · Reporting is enterprise-wide
- · Processes are optimized



**TRANSITIONING** focusing on repeatable processes

We've highlighted the top risks and incidents for you.







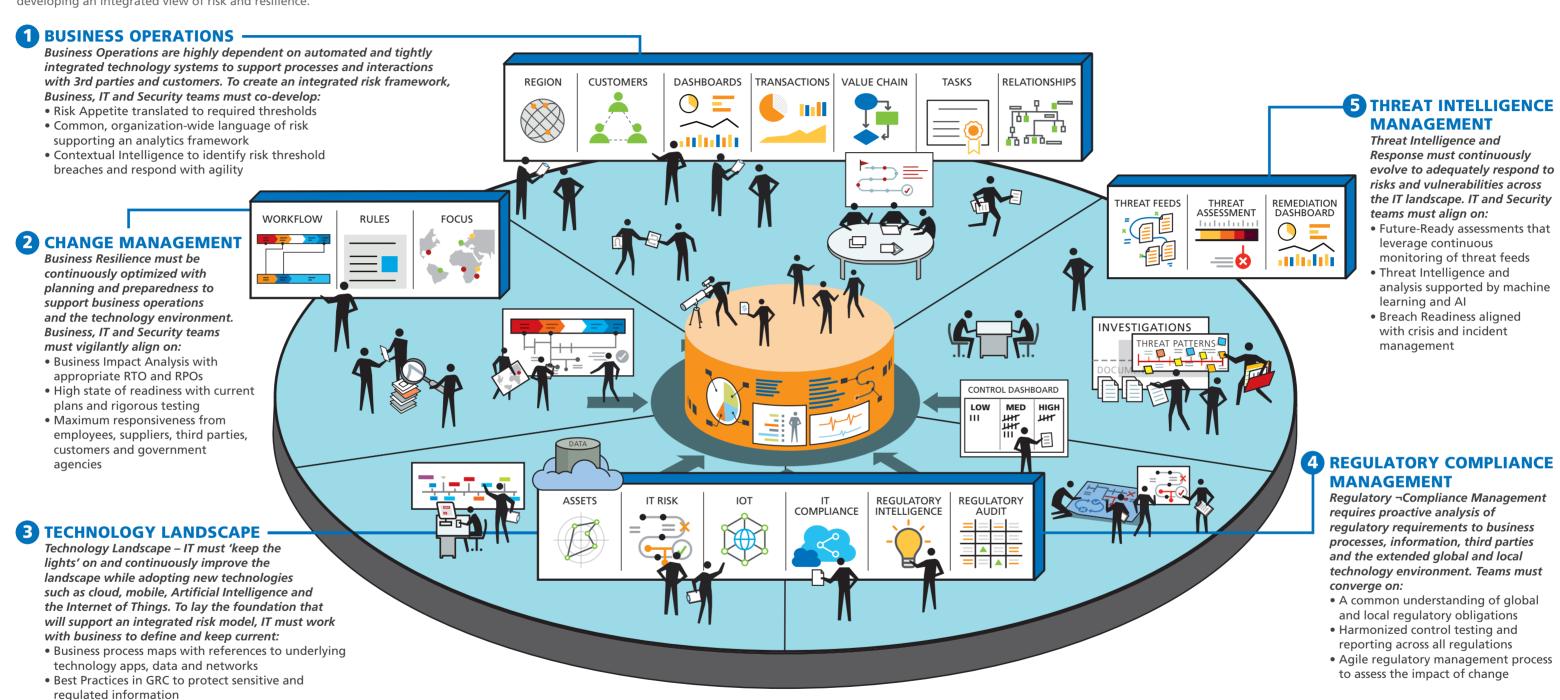


# How Business, IT and Security Teams Gain a Common View of Risk

In today's digital business ecosystem, information technology and security teams need to build more proactive and value-driven IT risk and IT compliance programs. They need to preserve business operations and their supporting technology environment, and protect regulated and sensitive information from security breaches and adverse events. They must ensure their organizations can perform exceptionally well in the face of political, environmental, competitive, regulatory and technology changes. In this illustration, we outline the five key areas in which business, IT and security teams need to 'get on the same page' in developing an integrated view of risk and resilience.

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COMMON DRIVERS
FOR BUSINESS,
IT AND SECURITY
RISK TEAMS

Agile processes to adopt emerging technologies

Business, IT and Security Risk teams benefit from an integrated risk program that allows them to:

- Rapidly respond to risk with insight and agility to support better decisions
- Gain visibility and context into the most urgent business risks across operations
- Effectively serve finance, legal, corporate compliance, vendor management and operations
- Manage a broad and dynamic landscape of 3rd parties, suppliers and customers

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# What are the elements of privacy risk management and compliance?

Establish monitoring processes and technologies to:

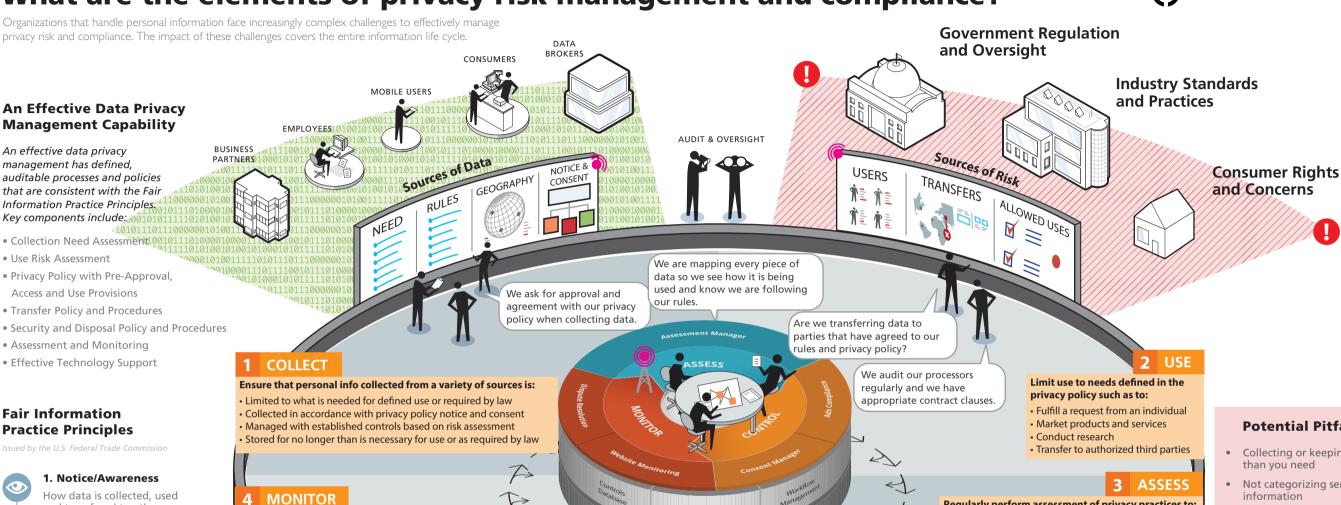
• Flag need for changes to privacy policy and practices

• Track changes in laws, regulations and standards

• Identify changes in business operations

Continually provide input to privacy team





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# **Practice Principles**



How data is collected, used and transfered to others



#### 2. Choice/Consent

Options to control how data is used beyond the immediate transaction



#### 3. Access/Participation

Ability to view and verify the data collected



#### 4. Integrity/Security

Securing data with limited access for neccessary employees



#### 5. Enforcement/Redress

Self-regulation, civil actions and government enforcement

### **Potential Pitfalls**

- Collecting or keeping more
- Not categorizing sensitive information
- Assuming intended use and actual use are the same
- Poorly controlling transfer of PPI outside of the entity
- Ignoring cross-border issues and differences
- Losing track of where private information is located
- Disposing of PPI without full destruction of the data
- Failing to respond to changed circumstances
- Preventing audit and oversight due to poor visibility
- Manually managing a complex information lifecycle

Regularly perform assessment of privacy practices to:

Confirm operation of established actions and controls

Meet regulatory requirements or industry standards

Validate compliance with privacy policy

Support internal and external audits

# How to implement and enforce policy compliance

This illustration advises on how to implement and enforce policies in the organization. A well-written policy that is not adhered to can become a liability and increase exposure to the organization. Policies that are complied with become assets that help the organization direct behavior, reliably achieve objectives, reduce uncertainty, act with integrity, and enhance corporate culture.

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## **MANAGE EXCEPTIONS**



- Policy enforcement is not always possible. Exceptions happen when the organization cannot comply with a policy or when the policy is subjective or requires excessive clarification.
- Organizations need processes to authorize, track, monitor and review exceptions.
- Those who authorize exceptions must have authority. Limits should be set so exceptions are regularly reviewed and not granted for extended/unreasonable time periods.
- Exceptions must be documented and available to auditors and regulators upon request. Organizations that demonstrate exception management are better able to defend their policy management processes.
- Organizations should institute compensating controls as part of exception approval until policy revisions are made or the organization is brought into full compliance.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS & REPORTING**

Investigations, and related systems such as hotlines, provide insights into whether policies are being enforced and show that the organization takes policies seriously. Insight from investigations can tell us how policies are understood and operating.



#### **COMPLIANCE**



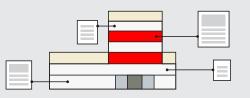
The compliance department provides oversight and accountability by ensuring that policies are adhered to, monitoring for actions of non-compliance, and overseeing action plans to correct them.

#### **PROCEDURES & CONTROLS**



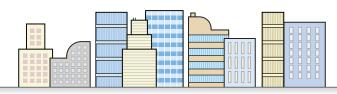
Policies govern and authorize associated procedures and controls that are embedded within business operations and processes.

### **INTERNAL AUDIT**



Internal Audit provides independent and objective assurance that policies are followed across the organization. Operational audits routinely include policy conformance.

# **EXTENDED ENTERPRISE CONSIDERATIONS**



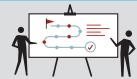
- The organization does not stop with traditional brick and mortar - the modern organization is a web of business relationships that cross boundaries.
- Clearly define which policies cross business relationships and ensure compliance is covered in contracts.
- · Periodically communicate policies across all business relationships and provide training where needed.
- Require business partners to undergo a minimum annual self-assessment process to attest to their compliance status to governing policies, procedures, and controls.
- The organization should have defined processes to exercise right to audit clauses/inspections to validate compliance to policies and contracts in extended business relationships.

# **HUMAN RESOURCES**



HR professionals not only ensure that policy adherence is covered in employee training and communication programs, but also that compliance is included in job descriptions, annual reviews and performance evaluations.

# **MONITOR, TEST & ASSESS**



Effective policy management requires ongoing assessment to assure policies are designed and operating properly, and that the business runs efficiently and smoothly while in compliance

# PREVENT & DETECT NON-COMPLIANCE



Policy communication helps prevent non-compliance, and hotline. Reporting systems detect non-compliance. Both processes are required for effective policy implementation and enforcement

### **OPERATIONS**



Policies are lived out in the business operations and processes - it's where the 'rubber meets the road' in aligning the existence of policies with everyday organization behavior. Effective policies protect an organization and its operations without unnecessarily inhibiting them.

### **LEGAL**







Legal provides regulatory guidance to the organization and ensures that incidents are investigated and resolved in a way that reduces risk and liability to the organization.

# **REPOSITORY**

Technology enables policy implementation and enforcement by creating a repository of all policies, procedures, and controls that are cross-referenced to each other and not treated as isolated documents



# **CONSISTENCY**

Technology creates a consistent environment to conduct assessments, track issues of non-compliance, and take corrective actions. Technology allows an organization to easily and efficiently manage hundreds to thousands of policies especially during audits and



# **O** ACCOUNTABILITY

Technology provides for a complete picture and defensible audit trail of the 'who, what, when, where, how and why' including the role and actions of each individual



#### THE BENEFITS OF TECHNOLOGY

# **AUTOMATION**

Technology enables the automation of workflows and tasks to complete audits and assessments related to policy compliance. No longer is the organization encumbered by unanswered or lost emails or documents that are out of sync.









Start with Effective Governance

> Establish a supply chain governing body to set "tone at the top", oversee critical risk identification and drive establishment of a unified data management capability.



records. Records must not only enable oversight of each supplier but also should support reports and views of risk across the entire supply chain to enable true governance.

#### **IDENTIFY HIGH LEVEL RISKS**

Having the right supply chain can be a competitive advantage but failing to control supplier risk can have devastating effects. With thousands of suppliers in play, due diligence requires more than a

shallow review of readily available information at the time of onboarding. Real risk-based supply chain management demands ongoing due diligence with advanced methods and readily auditable supplier

Evaluate each area of risk in relation to business operations, products and services to identify those with the highest potential impact. Consider each type of risk and limitations established by leadership and by legislation/regulation. Determine level of importance for addressing each risk or risk category.

#### POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Supplier selection
- Risk assessment
- Continuous monitoring
- Supplier reporting Templates

#### **ESTABLISH POLICIES AND TEMPLATES**

Use the organization's established guidance for development of policies including assignment of roles for authoring and management, templates and specific limitations for supplier use established by leadership. Provide policies for each stage of the due diligence process.



#### **DEFINE DATA INTEGRATION**

Provide guidance and resources to enable integration of internal and external data sources for use in due diligence, single system of record for each supplier, reporting and audit trail of due diligence process.



**Apply Advanced Methods of Data Collection and Analysis** 

- · Use information providers that provide consolidated data
- · Ensure timely updates with ongoing monitoring
- · Assess and monitor each supplier's risk

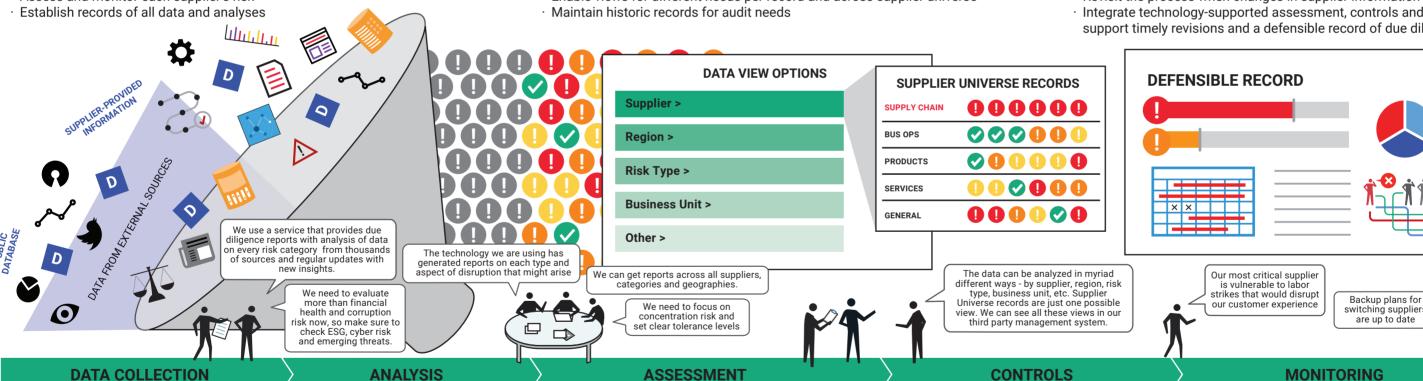
- · Identify categories of information for the supplier record
- · Update record as changes are identified through data monitoring
- · Enable views for different needs per record and across supplier universe

**Maintain Supplier Records and Audit Trail** 



Manage Integrated Assessment **Controls and Monitoring** 

- · Conduct risk assessments with scope based on initial analysis of need
- · Apply controls based on identified risk levels for each supplier
- · Revisit the process when changes in supplier information are flagged
- · Integrate technology-supported assessment, controls and monitoring to support timely revisions and a defensible record of due diligence





Today, the best supplier due diligence is managed in a technology-driven system supported by AI and automation. Data collection, risk analysis and assessment is ongoing. Controls are established and monitored and are revisited as risk assessments change because of new data. When issues are detected, corrective action plans are triggered.

Monitoring Key Risks Each vendor may have different risks but these are common across supply chains. Each risk requires monitoring of different data sources. Here are a few examples you may not have thought about:



# **POLITICAL INSTABILITY**

- Regime changes
- Political upheaval
- Uncertainty in government policy
- Civil unrest



# OPERATIONAL DISRUPTION

- Extreme weather events
- Concentration risks
- Border disruptions
- Resource shortages



# CYBER ATTACKS

- Network security
  - **DNS Health**
  - Patching cadence Data breaches



### BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

- Sanctions
- **Enforcement Actions**
- Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs)
- Beneficial Ownership



### MODERN SLAVERY/TRAFFICKING

- Product/materials
- Location
- Labor practices
- **Enforcement actions**



### **FINANCIAL HEALTH**

Documentation of

Decisions

Actions Taken

- Profitability
- Operating Efficiency
- Z-score
- Liquidity