

INTERNATIONAL TRADE DATABASE

# UN Comtrade Data Shield Guide

Protecting sensitive trade information in UN databases

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Advanced

READ TIME

25 minutes

VERSION

2024

Advanced strategies for managing your trade data visibility in UN Comtrade and related systems.

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# Getting Started

This comprehensive guide will walk you through the complete process of removing your trade data from UN Comtrade Data Shield.



## What You'll Learn

- Understanding the platform's data collection methods
- Step-by-step removal procedures
- Verification and follow-up processes
- Prevention strategies for future protection

## Overview

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Trade data platforms collect and sell sensitive business information that can compromise your competitive advantage. This guide provides a systematic approach to protecting your data.

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### Assessment Phase

First, we'll identify what data is currently exposed and assess the scope of removal needed.

- Search for your company in the platform's database
- Document all exposed trade records
- Identify data sources and collection methods
- Assess potential business impact

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## Contact Preparation

Prepare professional communication with the platform's data protection team.

- Gather necessary legal documentation
- Prepare business justification
- Draft formal removal request
- Set up tracking system for follow-up

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## Formal Request Submission

Submit your data removal request through official channels.

Sample Removal Request Email:

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Subject: Data Removal Request - [Your Company Name] Dear Data
Protection Team, I am writing to formally request the removal of my
company's trade data from your platform under applicable data
protection regulations. Company Details: - Company Name: [Your
Company Name] - Registration Number: [If applicable] - Contact
Person: [Your Name and Title] Please remove all trade records,
shipment data, and associated business information for our company
from your database and ensure it is not re-collected. I request
confirmation of this removal within 30 days as required by law. Best
regards, [Your Name] [Your Title] [Company Name] [Contact
Information]
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### Important Considerations

- Response times vary significantly between platforms
- Some platforms may require additional verification
- Legal compliance varies by jurisdiction
- Follow-up may be necessary for complete removal

## Verification Process

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After submitting your request, it's crucial to verify that the removal has been completed effectively.

### Verification Checklist

- ☐ Search platform database for company name
- ☐ Check for alternative company name variations
- ☐ Verify removal from search engine cache
- ☐ Confirm with customer support team
- ☐ Document removal confirmation





### Next Steps

Once removal is confirmed, implement ongoing monitoring to ensure your data doesn't reappear. Consider working with a professional data protection service for comprehensive coverage.