

REFINITIV WORLD-CHECK REFERENCE GUIDE

Data File Field Guide

UID

1	1	Each record is identified by the Unique Identifier (UID). The UID value is an integer and it is not reused for any other record. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Integer	Separator	
8	Max Length	

LAST NAME

2	1	For individuals, value will be the primary last name of the individual. For entities, this will be the full entity name. Names will always appear in all capital letters. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
230	Max Length* (varies)	

FIRST NAME

3	0-1	For individuals, value will be the primary (most commonly reported) first & middle name(s). Names appear in mixed case. For entities, this field will be empty. For individuals with a single name (no distinction between first and last name), this field will contain a dash (-). This applies to individuals in Myanmar, Indonesia, Timor-Leste & India.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
92	Max Length* (varies)	

ALIASES

4	0+	Field will contain all AKAs and FKAs for both individuals and entities. Entities will appear in all capital letters. For individuals, may contain last names, first names or both. Contains names which differ partially or completely from name contained in primary name fields, or contains names <i>in addition to</i> name contained in primary name fields.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
9,989	Max Length* (varies)	

LOW QUALITY ALIASES

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5	0+	Single names, abbreviated names, descriptive names, nicknames, and other noms de guerre; or other aliases not useful for screening, filtering, or searching. Aliases in sanction records will only be considered LQA if reflected as such by all major sanction listings.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
363	Max Length* (varies)	

ALTERNATIVE SPELLING

6	0+	Alternative spellings for primary name. May contain last names, first names, or both. Does not contain any names in addition to those listed in primary name fields (LAST NAME / FIRST NAME).
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
251	Max Length* (varies)	

CATEGORY

7	1	One or two word description of the main justification for entry being listed within World-Check. See WCOL Reference section for full list of categories. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	Separator	
20	Max Length* (varies)	

TITLE

8	0-1	Royal, military or academic title. For example, General, Baroness, Commander, Doctor, Judge, Professor.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
34	Max Length* (varies)	

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SUB-CATEGORY

9	0-1	Specifies whether or not the entry is a Politically Exposed Person (PEP). This also includes State Owned Entities (SOE), immediate relatives and close associates. See WCOL References section for list of sub-categories.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	Separator	
Type		
8		
Max Length* (varies)		

AGE

11	0-1	If DOB is not available then this field provides the age as reported from source, where available. Used in conjunction with AGE DATE (AS OF DATE) field. If DOB is available then AGE field will be empty.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Integer	Separator	
Type		
3		
Max Length		

DOBS

13	0+	Multiple dates of birth, specified in the format YYYY/MM/DD. Month and/or day can be zeros ('00') if that information is unavailable. DOB will be duplicated in this field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
164		
Max Length* (varies)		

DECEASED

15	0-1	Where applicable, the date of death of the individual. Often in format YYYY, but sometimes in format YYYY/MM/DD. Field is blank for entities.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Date	Separator	
Type		
10		
Max Length* (varies)		

SSN

17	0+	Social Security Number or Tax ID number, where known. For example, US Social Security Number (SSN) or Brazilian Taxpayer Identification Number (CPF).
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
33		
Max Length* (varies)		

POSITION

10	0-1	Social or political position (not occupation), such as Ambassador, Alderman, Cabinet Minister, Director, etc. Only applicable to PEP and sanction records.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
Type		
255		
Max Length* (varies)		

DOB

12	0-1	Date of birth, specified in the format YYYY/MM/DD. Month and/or day can be zeros ('00') if that information is unavailable.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Date	Separator	
Type		
10		
Max Length		

PLACE OF BIRTH

14	0+	All reported place(s) of birth for the individual (city, state/province, country where available). Blank for entities.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
254		
Max Length* (varies)		

PASSPORTS

16	0+	Passport number(s), where known, for individuals. Country of issuance is denoted in parentheses.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
599		
Max Length* (varies)		

IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

18	0+	Identification Numbers from national and international authorities. Each ID number is tagged as {XXX-YYYYY}, where XXX is the two-character ISO 3166 country code, or INT or UNK, and YYYYY is the abbreviation for the ID type. See WCOL Reference section for ID Type list.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
21,608		
Max Length* (varies)		

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LOCATIONS

19	0+	Location(s) (city, state/province, country where available) where the individual or entity is active. For example, residence, company HQ, base of operations. If no locations are known this field will contain a comma surrounded by tildas (~,~). See Appendix 3 for Locations field formatting.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
5,381		
Max Length* (varies)		

COUNTRIES

20	1	For individuals: primary country of nationality or citizenship, extracted from the citizenship field. For entities: the country where entity is registered. Countries are listed in uppercase and (mostly) follow the ISO 3166 English short name standard. See WCOL Standards and References doc for naming differences between World-Check country list and ISO 3166 list. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	Separator	
Type	Separator	
44		
Max Length* (varies)		

CITIZENSHIP

21	1+	For individuals, country/countries of nationality or citizenship. For entities, the country where entity is registered. See Standards and References document for country standards. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	;	
Type	Separator	
72		
Max Length* (varies)		

COMPANIES

22	0+	Companies, organizations and other entities to which the record is understood to be related. Companies can be listed as either the UID of the related record or the name of the company if it is not profiled in World-Check.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	;	
Type	Separator	
8,294		
Max Length* (varies)		

E/I

23	1	Specifies if the record is an Entity (E) or an Individual (M, F or U). Individuals are specified as Male (M), Female (F) or Unknown (U). 'I' is a deprecated value. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	Separator	
Type	Separator	
1		
Max Length		

LINKED TO

24	0+	Individual(s) to whom the record is understood to be related, listed as the UID(s) of the related record(s).
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Integer	;	
Type	Separator	
4,715		
Max Length* (varies)		

FURTHER INFORMATION

25	1	A semi-structured text field containing biographical and further identifying information on profiled entry, relationships, negative or risk reports, as well as full text of all sanction entries (where applicable), as well as background supporting, relevant information. Mandatory population field. See Appendix 4 for FI field formatting.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	Separator	
Type	Separator	
38,680		
Max Length* (varies)		

KEYWORDS

26	0+	List of all sanctions, regulatory and law enforcement lists on which the record has been listed, as well World-Check defined lists. Keywords are represented as abbreviations. The abbreviation mappings can be found in the WCOL Reference section.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	~	
Type	Separator	
385		
Max Length* (varies)		

EXTERNAL SOURCES

27	1+	List of all public sources, including both government and media sources, used to build the full World-Check record. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
URL	<space>	
Type	Separator	
84,693		
Max Length* (varies)		

UPDATE CATEGORY

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28	0-1	Categorization of most recent update. Updates are categorized into 5 groups: C1-C4 & C6. See Reference section for category definitions.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	Separator	
Type	Separator	
2		
Max Length		

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ENTERED

29	1	Date the record was initially created and entered into World-Check, in YYYY/MM/DD format. Mandatory population field.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Date	Separator	
Type		
10		
Max Length		

UPDATED

30	0-1	Date the record was last updated, in YYYY/MM/DD format. For records that have not been updated since creation, this field will be blank.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Date	Separator	
Type		
10		
Max Length		

EDITOR*Deprecated*

31	0	Deprecated; always blank.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Type	Separator	
0		
Max Length		

AGE DATE (AS OF DATE)

32	0-1	Provides the date when the AGE value was valid.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Date	Separator	
Type		
10		
Max Length		

PEP ROLES*Field Available for Download on 14-May-2019*

33	0+	A set of subfields that provides structured information about the current and former PEP roles held by the PEP. See Appendix 5 for PEP ROLES field formatting. <u>PEP Roles Subfield Definitions</u> PEP Role – the social or political job/role held by the PEP per country or position naming conventions. PEP Role Level – the PEP hierarchy per level or sphere of impact within political or government structures of the PEP job/role. PEP Position – the standard World-Check PEP position held by the PEP. PEP Role Start Date – the start date of the term of office in the particular role. An additional item is also provided to indicate whether the start date is Reported or Confirmed. If term start date is not known field will be populated with 'UNKNOWN.' PEP Role End Date – the end date of the term of office in the particular role. An additional item is also provided to indicate whether the end date is Reported or Confirmed. Field will be empty until the term end date occurs, at which time the end date will be populated if it is available. PEP Role Status – indicates whether particular role is Current, Former or Unknown. If term end date has not occurred and term start date & length of term are known then PEP Role Status will be derived as 'Current' or 'Former'. If term end date has not occurred and term start date is known but length of term is not known, then PEP Role Status will be 'Unknown'. PEP Role Bio – denotes the specific title of the job role and includes a narrative about the position held.
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
Text	~	
Type	Separator	
2,781		
Max Length* (varies)		

PEP STATUS*Field Available for Download on 14-May-2019*

34	0-1	The overall status of the PEP, which will be Active, Inactive or Unknown. The below conditions for PEP Status can be manually overridden by researchers for edge cases; e.g. royalty who don't have start/end dates. <u>For All PEPS</u> Active: If at least one of the PEP Roles Status is Current <u>For Primary PEPS</u> Inactive: If none of the PEP Roles Status is Current or Unknown, and at least one of the PEP Roles Status is Former Unknown: If none of the PEP Roles Status is Current, and at least one of the PEP Roles Status is Unknown <u>For PEP Associates and Relatives</u> Active: If at least one of the linked Primary PEP's PEP Role Status is Active Inactive: If none of the linked Primary PEP's PEP Role Status is Active or Unknown, and at least one of the Primary PEP's PEP Role Status is Inactive Unknown: If none of the linked Primary PEP's PEP Role Status is Active, and at least one of the Primary PEP's PEP Role Status is Unknown
CVS Field Position	Value Count	
List	Separator	
Type		
8		
Max Length		

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APPENDIX 1 - VALUE COUNT DEFINITIONS

Value Count	Definition
0	Deprecated field. No value will appear.
1	One and Only one value.
0-1	Zero or one value
0+	Zero or more values
1+	One or more values

APPENDIX 2 - TYPE DEFINITIONS

Type	Definition
Unique	Unique value. Guaranteed to be unique within the entire database
Text	Any set of characters that can be expressed in ISO/IEC 8859-15 encoding
List	A selection from a set of values. See Reference Section for set.
Integer	Positive Integer. Can be assumed to be less than 2 ³¹ .
URL	URL that complies with the RFC 3986 standard
Date	Date expressed as YYYY/MM/DD. In certain cases, MM and/or DD may be zeros ('00').

APPENDIX 3 - LOCATIONS FIELD FORMATTING

<Street Address><SPACE>~<SPACE><City>,<SPACE><State/Region><SPACE>~<SPACE><COUNTRY>

Examples:

Full Address is known	64 Honeybadger Road ~ Borrowdale, Harare ~ ZIMBABWE
City, State, and Country are known	~ New York City, New York ~ USA
City and Country are known	~ St John's,~ ANTIGUA & BARBUDA
State and Country are known	~, State of Missouri ~ USA
Only Country is known	~,~ MOLDOVA

APPENDIX 4 – FURTHER INFORMATION FIELD FORMATTING

[TEXT TAG]<SPACE><Text><SPACE> *optionally*: [TEXT TAG]<SPACE>[TEXT TAG]<SPACE><Text><SPACE>

Examples:

[BIOGRAPHY] African Union peacekeeping mission established by the United Nations Security Council (Feb 2009 -). [IDENTIFICATION] OfficeTitle: LocationName (Oct 2017 -). PositionTitle: LocationName (Mar 2019 -). [REPORTS] Oct 2013 - reportedly listed in an United Nation report to be using child soldiers in its ranks. Investigations opened. Jul 2015 - reportedly using child soldiers during operations and in its ranks. Jun 2016 - listed in the United Nation report to be using child soldiers in its ranks. Nov 2019 - no further information reported.
[STATE CONTROLLED] [BIOGRAPHY] Organisation established under the Act on the Establishment of Financial Supervisory Organisations to examine and supervise financial institutions (1999-). [IDENTIFICATION] OfficeTitle: CityName (May 2018 -). [REPORTS] Nov 2019 - no further information reported.

APPENDIX 5 – PEP ROLES FIELD FORMATTING

<PEP Role><SPACE>|<SPACE><PEP ROLE LEVEL><SPACE>|<SPACE><PEP Position><SPACE>|<SPACE><PEP Role Start Date><SPACE><PEP Role Start Date Reported><SPACE>|<SPACE><PEP Role End Date><SPACE><PEP Role End Date Reported><SPACE>|<SPACE><PEP ROLE STATUS><SPACE>|<SPACE><PEP Role Bio>

Examples:

Role End Date has not occurred (and length of term is known)	Counsellor PEP N Senator 2016/00/00 REPORTED CURRENT Counsellor
Role Start Date is not known	Mayor PEP L Mayor UNKNOWN 2006/00/00 CONFIRMED FORMER Mayor of Burlington
All information is available	Cabinet Minister PEP SN Member of Executive 2015/10/00 CONFIRMED 2017/10/00 CONFIRMED FORMER Provincial Minister of Children and Youth Services and Minister responsible for Women's Issues