

Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

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- Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Report from Georgetown Center for Privacy and Technology. Please note, the majority of the information in their report as it relates to Thomson Reuters is outdated.
- The Georgetown report states: Thomson Reuters contract with ICE for the use of CLEAR expired on February 28, 2021. This statement is accurate.
- The Georgetown report states: Thomson Reuters databases, including CLEAR, no longer contains utility header data. This statement is accurate.
- Thomson Reuters takes its role as a responsible corporate citizen seriously and has long believed that all companies should consider potential human rights risks related to their operations.
- We continually review best practices for identifying and mitigating human rights risks, and as part of an overall materiality assessment of our approach to Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), we initiated in 2021 a human rights salience assessment of our global business.
- As part of this ongoing work, we have aligned with the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), which augments our longstanding commitment to the UN Global Compact, the UN Declaration on Human Rights and other international standards.
- The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the principle investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security, is the second largest criminal investigative agency in the U.S.
- Thomson Reuters is engaged by DHS-ICE to support the agency's criminal investigations. We help DHS combat some of the most challenging crimes such as organized crime and human trafficking, drug smuggling, money laundering and cybercrime. Our investigative solutions help keep communities safe.
- We take our role in this effort of working with criminal investigative agencies very seriously. Helping authorities catch bad actors and fight crimes such as organized crime and human trafficking is necessary work to keep communities safe.
- The following types of data are NOT in our investigative solutions: utility or telecommunications account information, bank or credit account information, insurance claims, cell phone contracts, cell phone contracts, credit histories, employment history, live cell phone records, GPS Tracking data, immigration status, employment status, and non-U.S. residents.