



Cross-Border Crackdown: How BigID Helps You Get Ahead of DOJ EO 14117

Understand the DOJ's new rule on cross-border data transfers- and what it means for your business. This guide breaks down Executive Order 14117, key compliance deadlines, and how BigID helps you discover, control, and document sensitive data flows before enforcement begins.



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The DOJ's Executive Order 14117 establishes a national security framework for regulating cross-border transfers of personal and sensitive data.

The regulation targets data that, if accessed by foreign adversaries, could pose national security threats – especially data tied to U.S. citizens and critical infrastructure sectors.

Who's Impacted?

- Privacy, legal, and security teams in U.S. and foreign-owned entities operating in the U.S.
- Organizations handling bulk-sensitive data types—health, financial, genomic, biometric, geolocation, or combined personal identifiers linked to U.S. persons
- Businesses working with third-party vendors, data brokers, providers, or contractors linked to restricted jurisdictions
- Any enterprise transferring personal data to high-risk jurisdictions like China, Russia, Iran, or North Korea

Why it Matters Now

On October 6, 2025, full compliance obligations kick in - including due diligence, independent audits, documentation, and CISA security controls for restricted transactions.

Noncompliance could trigger DOJ investigations, enforcement actions, and significant penalties. The burden is on organizations to prove they understand their data flows and have taken appropriate action to mitigate risk.

How BigID Helps: Enforce Sovereignty at Scale

BigID helps organizations detect, control, and demonstrate compliance with EO 14117. Privacy, legal, and security teams can take swift action to stay ahead of regulation and risk.

1. Identity-Aware Discovery and Classification

Automatically discover and classify sensitive data that meets DOJ-defined thresholds. Map where it lives, who it belongs to, and how it moves - across cloud, SaaS, on-prem, and unstructured environments.

2. Continuous Monitoring of Cross-Border Transfers

Track data movement in real time. Flag transfers to restricted countries or covered persons. Assign risk scores and configure alerts for suspicious flows or policy violations.

3. Policy Enforcement and Remediation

Set and enforce rules to block, tokenize, quarantine, or delete data based on geography, residency, or ownership. Automate remediation and reduce manual oversight.

4. Audit-Ready Reporting and Documentation

Generate detailed logs, dashboards, and compliance artifacts to support DOJ and internal reviews. Document data inventories, transaction types, control enforcement, and remediation with full traceability.

Why this Rule is Different

EO 14117 is not about transparency or consent. It is a national security mandate. The rule applies even to encrypted or anonymized data, because aggregation and access alone present risk.

There are no carve-outs and no shortcuts - just clear thresholds, defined enforcement, and growing scrutiny.

Quick Compliance Checklist

- ◇ Discover and classify bulk-sensitive U.S. personal data across all environments
- ◇ Map cross-border flows and flag transfers to countries of concern
- ◇ Assess third-party risk from vendors, investors, and employment agreements
- ◇ Apply and enforce localization and residency policies
- ◇ Document controls, activity logs, and mitigation steps for DOJ reviews
- ◇ Prepare for October 6 with complete reporting and independent audit readiness

Looking Ahead

EO 14117 marks a turning point in how cross-border data governance is managed. This is about controlling exposure, ensuring accountability, and protecting sensitive data from adversarial access.

With BigID, organizations can shift from reactive compliance to proactive sovereignty enforcement. You get real-time discovery, continuous monitoring, and policy-based control—all in one platform.

Get audit-ready before October 6. Let BigID help you meet the moment with confidence.

About BigID

BigID enables security, compliance, privacy, & AI data management for all data, everywhere. BigID is enterprise-ready and built to scale: enabling a data-centric approach to comprehensive cloud data security & DSPM, accelerating compliance, automating privacy, and streamlining overnance. Customers deploy BigID to proactively discover, manage, protect, and get more value from their regulated, sensitive, and personal data across their data landscape.

BigID has been recognized for innovation as a World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer; named to the Forbes Cloud 100; the Inc 5000 for 4 consecutive years; the Deloitte 500 for 4 consecutive years; Market Leader in Data Security Posture Management (DSPM); Leader in Privacy Management in the Forrester Wave; and an RSA Innovation Sandbox winner.

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Organizations should be leveraging these tools to remove the manual processes from data discovery, provide better visibility, and help with prioritization of controls.



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Future of Trust: Battling Data Discovery Confusion