

AUDITING AND GOVERNANCE RISK AND COMPLIANCE | AGRC-037

Trade-Based Money Laundering Detection

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Course content

Why Attend

Trade-based money laundering disguises criminal proceeds through trade transactions, using techniques such as over- and under-invoicing, multiple invoicing and misrepresented goods. It is one of the most complex financial crime typologies to detect.

This Aractech course explains TBML typologies, trade finance products and documentation, red flags, customer due diligence for trade clients, transaction monitoring, investigations and reporting suspicious activity. Participants analyse trade cases and documents for indicators.

Course Methodology

- Typology presentations
- Document review exercises
- Case studies
- Investigation workshops
- Group discussions

Course Objectives

- Explain trade-based money laundering typologies
- Understand trade finance products and documents
- Recognise TBML red flags
- Apply due diligence to trade customers
- Monitor and investigate trade transactions
- Report suspicious activity effectively

Target Audience

- AML and financial crime professionals

Course content

- Trade finance operations staff
- Compliance officers
- Relationship managers

Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for Trade-Based Money Laundering Detection.

Day 1 - TBML Fundamentals

- 09:00-09:39 | Money laundering stages
- 09:39-10:18 | Why trade is exploited
- 10:18-10:57 | Global typologies
- 10:57-11:00 | Regulatory expectations
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Regulatory expectations (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Sanctions links
- 12:43-14:00 | Case study: TBML scheme

Day 2 - Trade Finance

- 09:00-09:39 | Letters of credit
- 09:39-10:18 | Documentary collections
- 10:18-10:57 | Open account trade
- 10:57-11:00 | Trade documents
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Trade documents (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Parties
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Document review

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Day 3 - Red Flags

- 09:00-09:39 | Pricing anomalies
- 09:39-10:18 | Shipping anomalies
- 10:18-10:57 | Customer behaviour
- 10:57-11:00 | Goods misrepresentation
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Goods misrepresentation (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Free trade zones
- 12:43-14:00 | Workshop: Red flag analysis

Day 4 - Due Diligence and Monitoring

- 09:00-09:39 | Trade customer due diligence
- 09:39-10:18 | Transaction monitoring
- 10:18-10:57 | Price verification
- 10:57-11:00 | Vessel and shipping checks
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Vessel and shipping checks (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Escalation
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: Monitoring scenario

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Day 5 - Investigation and Reporting

- 09:00-09:45 | Investigation steps
- 09:45-10:30 | Documentation
- 10:30-11:00 | Suspicious activity reports
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Suspicious activity reports (continued)
- 11:45-12:30 | Training
- 12:30-13:15 | Controls improvement
- 13:15-14:00 | Capstone: TBML investigation

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for Trade-Based Money Laundering Detection generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
2 - 6 November 2026	Frankfurt	Classroom	€1,875
21 - 25 December 2026	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
18 - 22 January 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
15 - 19 February 2027	Frankfurt	Classroom	€1,875
15 - 19 March 2027	Rome	Classroom	€3,460
19 - 23 April 2027	Kuala Lumpur	Classroom	€1,925
17 - 21 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
21 - 25 June 2027	London	Classroom	€2,315
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