

BDL UPDATE 2022-23

METHODOLOGY

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1. ANALYSIS OF EXISTING LIST:

The first stage of the update involved investigating the 61 companies who comprised the 2021 Border Divestment List. These companies were initially identified through analysis of a range of sources and evaluated according to the [methodology detailed here](#). We sought to determine whether there was any clear evidence that any of the existing companies no longer satisfy the criteria established by the 2021 methodology. To do this, for each company we:

1. Reviewed the evidence originally used to justify their inclusion;
2. Searched news articles from the past 18 months containing the company name alongside key border industry terms (eg border, migrant, immigration, deport, home office);
3. Searched company websites and publications for evidence of border industry activities

Companies were removed where:

- Border-related contract expired without renewal (eg KBR, Granit, Rheinmetall)
- Company has sold/ended border-related activities (eg Boeing, TUI, Hewlett Packard)
- Unable to find any evidence of ongoing involvement in border industry activities (AirFrance, EasyJet, Acadia)

This process resulted in the **removal of ten companies** whose activities no longer justify inclusion in the Border Divestment List according to the 2021 methodology based on currently available information. They are as follows:

ACADIA HEALTHCARE CO INC
AIR FRANCE-KLM SA
BOEING CO
COGNIZANT TECH SOLUTIONS CORP
EASYJET PLC
GRANITE CONSTRUCTION INC
HEWLETT PACKARD ENTERPRISE CO
KBR INC
RHEINMETALL AG
TUI AG

2. RESEARCHING ADDITIONAL COMPANIES

The aim of the second stage of the process was to identify any companies missing from the 2021 list whose activities warrant inclusion in the 2022 Border Divestment List. In order to do so, we collated the names of all publicly traded companies satisfying any of the following conditions:

- Named in any source listed in the monthly Border Industry briefings by the GSCC
- Named in the AFSC's border divestment list
- Holds a contract with Frontex or the Home Office worth over £1,000,000
- Named in any news article from the last 12 months containing key border industry terms (eg border, migrant, immigration, deport, home office);

Each of the companies on this longlist was then individually researched and evaluated according to the criteria of the 2021 methodology in order to ascertain the viability of their inclusion in the list. This process identified **nineteen companies to add** to the list as a result of their complicity in violence against migrating people.

They are as follows:

AEROVIRONMENT INC
ALPHABET INC
ASSECO POLAND SA
AT&T INC
AWARE INC
AXON ENTERPRISE INC
BENCHMARK ELECTRONICS INC
CAE INC
COLT CZ GROUP SE
ENTER AIR SA
EQUIFAX
FORD MOTOR CO
MAGNET FORENSICS INC
MANTECH INTERNATIONAL CORP
MICRO SYSTEMATION AB
PAE INC
RELX PLC
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC
TRANSUNION

