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USE CASE

Life Sciences still lacks reliable legal compliance

The solution is governed data trails, context and lineage assurance

Building a legal and compliance data governance foundation in pharma and life sciences.

Global pharmaceutical legal and compliance teams are accountable for some of the most consequential data decisions: Approving cross-border data transfers, responding to data subject access requests, managing records retention and certifying regulatory compliance. The data infrastructure those decisions depend on is, in many cases, not fit for purpose.

The examples are numerous and spread across the ecosystem. System inventories across multiple tools that don't align. Sensitive data that aren't classified or tagged. Ownership and distribution lists are inconsistent or impossible to discover. Reviews happen by email. Evidence is retained in spreadsheets and local files. When a regulator, auditor or legal proceeding demands a complete and defensible record, teams must reconstruct it manually with limited confidence. Risks are everywhere.

Where legal and compliance teams face the greatest governance risk.

- **Sensitive data is unclassified and untagged:** Data isn't currently classified or tagged to identify sensitivity, country applicability or regulated status, making it impossible to systematically prevent sharing with designated countries of concern or to automate pre-transfer controls
- **System inventories do not align:** Asset and ownership records maintained across multiple tools are inconsistent, outdated and don't provide a reliable or authoritative view of what data exists, where it lives or who owns it
- **DOJ Bulk Transfer reviews are manual and reactive:** There is no formal, reusable workflow to govern bulk data transfers. Reviews are ad hoc, approvals are undocumented and the decision rationale needed for audit certification isn't consistently captured
- **Restricted-country exposure is unmonitored:** There are no proactive triggers for vendors, employees or consultants associated with restricted countries. High-risk transfer scenarios are identified reactively, if at all.
- **Legal records are fragmented and ungoverned:** Legal working content is spread across multiple document repositories, email and local files, with inconsistent metadata, poor discoverability and no systematic retention visibility. eDiscovery and historical record retrieval depend on user behavior and tribal knowledge
- **Controls depend on individual judgment:** Without automated classification, proactive alerts or governed workflows, data-sharing compliance obligations depend on the knowledge and behavior of individual contributors, a fragile foundation for a regulated enterprise

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You can't prevent a prohibited transfer if you don't know the data is sensitive.
You can't certify compliance if the audit trail lives in someone's inbox.

Collibra life sciences solution

- **Governed DOJ Bulk Data Transfer workflow:** Collibra establishes a formal, reusable pre-transfer governance workflow before any transfer occurs, including capturing source and destination systems, country restrictions, data classification, reviewer assignments, decision rationale and approval records
- **Restricted-country transfer alerts:** Collibra introduces proactive risk triggers for vendors, employees and consultants associated with restricted countries, enabling earlier intervention, reducing manual monitoring burden and systematically preventing prohibited or non-compliant transfers before they occur
- **Enterprise data and system inventory reconciliation:** Collibra reconciles fragmented asset and ownership records into a single, authoritative, continuously maintained inventory, providing the foundation that DSAR fulfillment, bulk transfer governance, AI compliance and regulatory reporting all require
- **Sensitive data classification and metadata at scale:** Collibra expands classification and metadata coverage across sensitive, patient, genomic and other high-risk data categories, creating a reusable classification foundation that serves DOJ Bulk Transfer, Data Subject Access Request (DSAR), regulatory submissions and legal-records governance simultaneously
- **Compliance intake workflow:** Collibra provides a structured compliance intake process with requester detail, timestamped submissions and governed accept and reject workflows, supporting auditability, regulatory defensibility and informed risk decisions before data leaves business systems
- **Governed legal document and records management:** Collibra improves governance of legal records and working content across document repositories, SharePoint and email (through stronger metadata, retention visibility, and discoverability). This approach reduces eDiscovery gaps and eliminates dependence on tribal knowledge for historical record retrieval

Key outcomes

Governed, audit-ready legal and compliance data foundation

Collibra transforms legal and compliance data governance from manual, reactive and fragmented into systematic, proactive and defensible. Every bulk transfer is reviewed before it occurs. Every DSAR is fulfilled from a complete, governed data map. Every legal record is findable, classified and subject to retention policy.

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Extend governance into the unstructured legal and compliance content that organizations run on, including contracts, legal opinions, compliance correspondence, regulatory submissions and email. Machine learning and natural language processing surface sensitive data, classify content against retention policies and make previously ungoverned legal records discoverable, auditable and compliant at a scale that manual review can't reliably achieve.

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