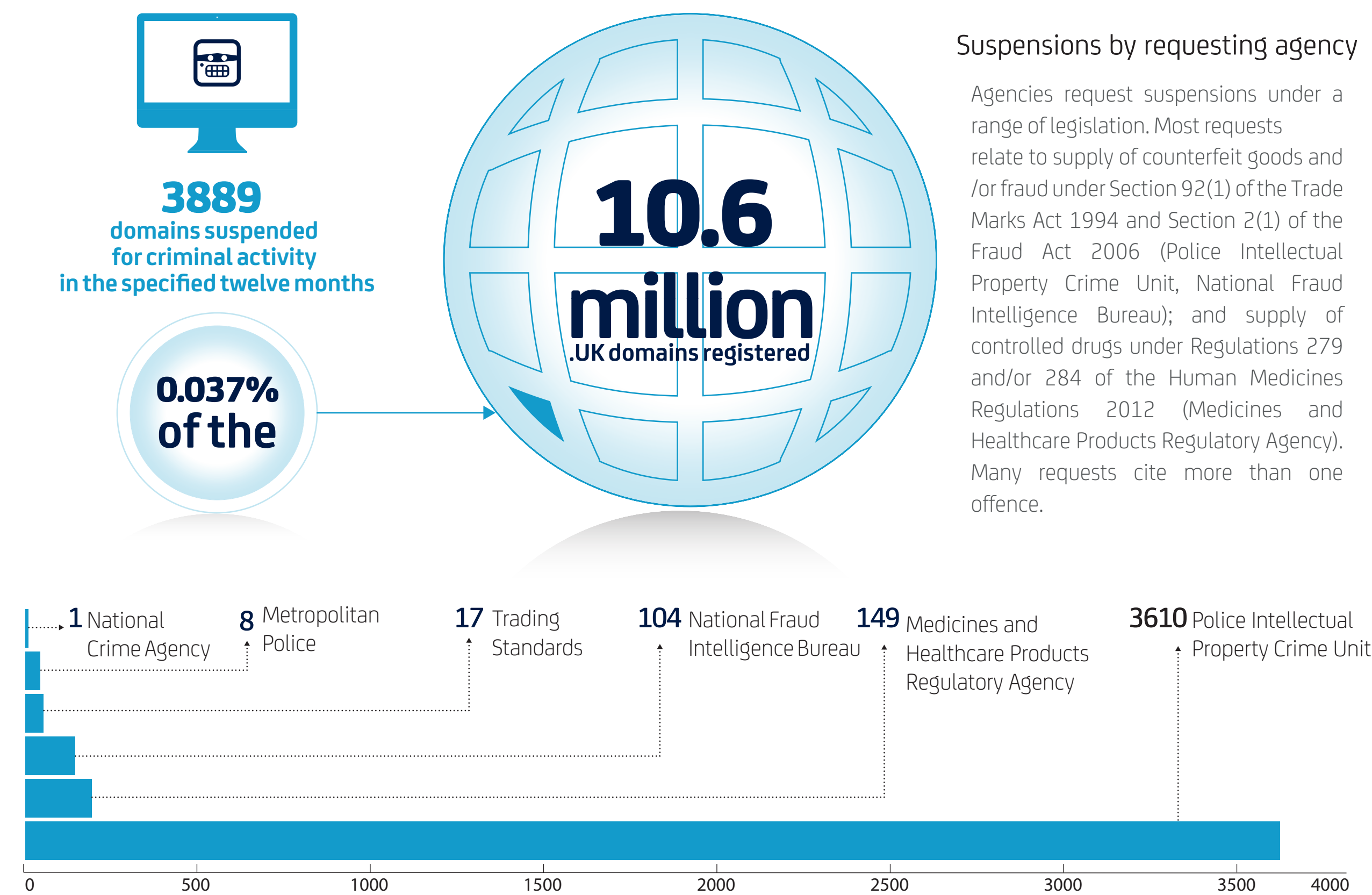


# Tackling online criminal activity

1 November 2014 – 31 October 2015  
Nominet is a technology company noted for running a key part of the UK internet infrastructure – the naming and addressing system for .UK domain names. We work with law enforcement agencies to help protect internet users from criminality online.

## CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Nominet expressly prohibits .UK domains from being used for any unlawful purpose. When alerted by law enforcement agencies, we work quickly with our registrars to suspend domains. Suspended domains cannot be used as part of website or email addresses.



## how it works



## requests not resulting in suspensions

**16** requests  
received in the specified 12 months that didn't result in suspensions

A suspension request may not result in a suspension for a number of reasons – for example, the domain may have already been suspended due to a duplicate request, or the domain may have already been transferred on a court order.

## reversals

**5**  
suspensions reversed

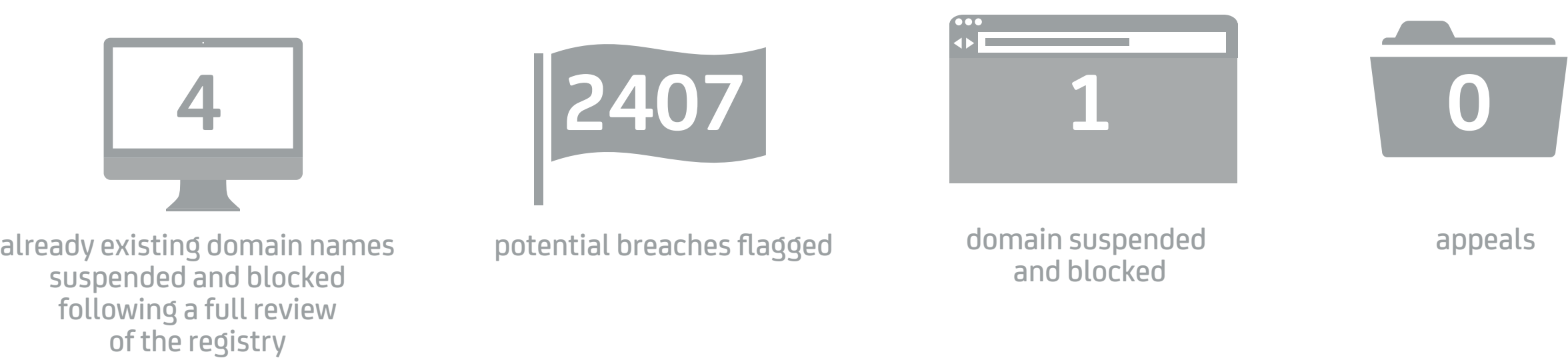
**2**  
suspensions upheld

If the holder of a suspended domain asks Nominet for the suspension to be reversed, we check all internal procedures to confirm the suspension was correctly applied. Any complaints regarding grounds for suspension are referred back to the law enforcement agency. A suspension request can be lifted if the law enforcement agency that made the original request confirms this.

Data refers to domains suspended due to requests received during the specified period

## OFFENSIVE NAMES

Nominet prohibits the registration of domain names that promote or incite serious sexual offences (where there is no reasonable or legitimate use for that domain).



## how it works



If a domain name is in breach, the registrant and registrar are notified and the domain suspended and blocked so that no one can register that domain in the future.

Registrants have **30 days** to appeal this assessment. Appeals would be referred to an independent external body.