

Byteful Earns EWDCI Trust Seal Certification for Ethical Web Data Collection

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MANCHESTER, UNITED KINGDOM, August 26, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Byteful, the UK-based web data infrastructure platform formerly known as Ping Proxies, today announced it has been awarded the Trust Seal by the Ethical Web Data Collection Initiative (EWDCI), the certification granted to web data companies that meet the initiative's standards for legality, ethics, ecosystem engagement, and social responsibility.

The certification follows a formal review of Byteful's operating practices against the EWDCI Core Principles, covering transparency, data handling, privacy safeguards, and accountability. As AI systems and automated agents depend more heavily on web data each year, independent verification of how that data is collected is becoming a baseline expectation across the industry.

An Independent Review Across Four Pillars

The assessment examined Byteful's operations across the four EWDCI pillars:

- Legality: operating within the laws of every jurisdiction the network touches, and keeping pace as those rules change
- Ethics: how the company sources its proxy network and how it works with customers
- Ecosystem Engagement: how its traffic interacts with the websites, users, and infrastructure it reaches
- Social Responsibility: working with civil society and governmental organisations toward a healthier web

Building on Existing Commitments

The Trust Seal adds independent verification to a compliance programme Byteful has been strengthening for several years. The company is a member of the Internet Watch Foundation, holds Made in Britain certification for its UK-based software development, and has recently tightened its onboarding controls, including stricter KYC checks and continued enforcement of its Acceptable Use Policy.

Byteful currently handles 30 billion+ requests a month for 1,700+ customers through a network of 35 million+ ethically sourced residential IPs spanning 195+ countries.

"We've written plenty about how we govern the use of our network, but there's a difference between saying it ourselves and having an independent body look at how we actually operate and confirm it holds up. As AI systems lean harder on web data every year, that kind of external accountability is only going to matter more - for us and for the industry," said Timur Gok, Founder of Byteful.

Businesses wanting more detail on Byteful's sourcing or policies can contact support@byteful.com.

About Byteful

Byteful is a UK-based web data infrastructure platform providing access to a global network of ethically sourced residential and mobile proxies. The company supports businesses building web scraping systems, data pipelines, and AI-powered automation tools through its API-first platform.

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