Export Control Program

Traveling Overseas Training

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Topics

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- Why Are You Going?
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Where Are You Going?

E:1/E:2 Countries:

- If traveling to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria or the Crimea, please contact the Export Control Office immediately.
Where Are You Going?

- Restrictions may apply when traveling to other countries
  - Check State Department’s website for travel warnings
    - travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/alertswarnings.html

- Embargoed Countries:
  - **OFAC & US Embargo List:** Balkans (western), Belarus, Burma, Central African Republic, China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Nicaragua, N. Korea, Russia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Darfur, Syria, Ukraine, Venezuela, Yemen, Zimbabwe

  - **ITAR Prohibited Countries (22CFR 126.1):** Afghanistan, Belarus, Burma, Cambodia, Central African Republic, China, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, N. Korea, Russia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, Zimbabwe
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**Why Are You Going?**

- **Foreign Conferences / Meetings**
  - When giving a talk at a foreign conference, consider the following:
    - Is all of the information in the public domain? Public domain information is not restricted.
    - Is any information export controlled?
    - To whom are you presenting?
    - Where are you presenting the information?

- **Research**
  - Contact the Export Control Office prior to leaving to determine if there are any restrictions to your research overseas
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Who Are You Meeting?

- Transfer of Controlled Information
  - Providing export controlled information to a foreign person could likely require an export license and be considered a defense service
  - Be particularly aware of discussions regarding your research during supper, over drinks or between conference sessions

- Restricted Parties
  - People or organizations that have been sanctioned by the U.S. gov’t
  - Providing any equipment, data or information (whether export controlled or not) to a restricted party can violate export control laws

- NASA China Restriction
  - NASA funds cannot be used to pay for interactions w/ Chinese companies or gov’t

Contact the Export Control Office if you have questions regarding to whom you can talk and topics
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What Are You Taking?

- Some items may require an export license prior to traveling, for example:
  - Electronic test equipment, scientific equipment, cameras, lasers
  - Software associated w/ controlled equipment
  - Encryption software
  - Information regarding controlled technology

- Carrying items in your luggage = shipping it
  - If you need a license to ship it, you need a license to carry it

- Licenses MUST be received prior to shipping or traveling w/ the controlled item

License needed = Commodity + Destination - License exception
What Are You Taking?

- Layovers in foreign airports matter for export control
  - If you are taking controlled equipment to India with a layover in Tokyo, you need to determine if a license is needed for India and/or Japan.

- When traveling with export controlled equipment, information or data, you must ensure the controlled item(s) are:
  - In your possession at all times, or
  - Secured to prevent access by persons not included on the license.

- AES filing
  - If you are hand carrying items that require an export license or have a value > $2500 (for a single tariff code), you must file an Electronic Export Information filing with the Customs AES system before traveling.
What Are You Taking?

- Be aware that information and data on electronic devices can be copied w/o you knowing in almost any country
  - Concern for IP, confidential and export controlled information
  - Be particularly aware in China, Vietnam and France

- Only take devices and information that you need
  - Contact DoIT to check out a “clean” laptop, phone or tablet when traveling

Only take what you absolutely need when traveling abroad
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References:

- **UW Export Control Website:**
  [https://research.wisc.edu/integrity-and-other-requirements/export-control/](https://research.wisc.edu/integrity-and-other-requirements/export-control/)