Software
Export Control Considerations

Is the software export controlled?

• Is the software used to interface with controlled technology or in the development/operation of controlled technology.
• Controlled technology includes items that are nuclear-related, space-related, weapons-related, modeling/simulation software, and navigation/avionics.
• If software has been developed under an agreement that has publication restrictions, there may be export control issues to consider.

Encryption software

• Use of encryption software may be restricted amongst foreign persons or may require a registration with the federal government.
• Development of encryption software should be limited to US persons to ensure compliance with all federal regulations.

Publicly Available Software

• Software in the public domain is not export controlled and can be freely used by all persons. This includes open source software.
• Be careful not to just post software on the internet and expect it to be in the public domain, the US government restricts certain software regardless of how it is disseminated.
• Publicly available software is software that: 1) is published for free or at a cost not exceeding distribution, 2) the result of fundamental research, 3) is educational or 4) included in patents.

Will the software be shared overseas?

• If you will take the software with you overseas be careful to ensure that it is not either export controlled or prohibited within those countries (for example, China prohibits all encryption software).
• If selling the software or allowing for online downloads, be aware that you are prohibited from providing software of any kind to the T5 countries (Iran, Syria, Sudan, Cuba and North Korea).
• There are restrictions from providing a variety of software to other countries.
• If you intend to keep any records as to who is downloading your software, you will need to ensure that software is not downloaded or shipped to foreign entities that originate in the T5 countries.