Export Control Program

Traveling Overseas Training

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Topics

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Traveling Overseas

Where Are You Going?

E:1 Countries:

- If traveling to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan or Syria, 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, Belarus, Burma, Central African Republic, Cote d’Ivoire, Cuba, Congo, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, N. Korea, Somalia, South Sudan-related, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine-related (Russia), Yemen-related, Zimbabwe
  - ITAR Prohibited Countries (22CFR 126.1): Afghanistan, Belarus, Burma (Myanmar), China, Cote d’Ivoire, Congo, Cuba, Cyprus, Eritrea, Fiji, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, N. Korea, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, Vietnam, Zimbabwe
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.
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.*
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 w/ a layover in Tokyo, you need to determine if a license is needed for India and/or Japan

- When traveling w/ 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 w/ 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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