U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ENDS CONTROVERSIAL PROBE OF RESEARCHERS’ CHINA TIES

The U.S. Department of Justice is ending a Trump-era investigation of national-security threats from China following several failed prosecutions of American university researchers for their ties to China.

Although the China Initiative is ending, the White House guidelines are a reminder that university researchers, particularly those who undertake international academic collaborations, will continue to operate in an environment of heightened scrutiny.

ACADEMIC EXPORT CONTROLS ENFORCEMENT CASE: 5 THINGS UNIVERSITIES CAN LEARN

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) under the U.S. Department of Commerce recently announced an administrative settlement of $54,000 with Princeton University for potential export violations that the university self-disclosed. What can the research compliance and academic community learn from this case?

SIUE SCHOOL OF NURSING PROVIDES TELEHEALTH TO GUATEMALAN CHILDREN

Bernadette Sobczak, DNP, assistant professor, and Greg Jennings, DNP, and other members of the ER Abroad team visited the Land of Hope Clinic in Guatemala in February 2022 to set up a signal booster and MiFi network. These items had to first be checked for export control classification to determine whether or not a license was needed to export them to Guatemala. The Export Controls Office worked closely with the ER Abroad team to ensure that all export controls were followed.

This was Sobczak's and Jennings' sixth visit, with each becoming more advanced. With continuity of care severely lacking and malnutrition being a major health concern, they recently launched an initiative to provide pediatric telehealth services for more than 40 children.

It is imperative that anyone planning to bring anything to another country, whether physical items or data, contact the Export Controls Office in a timely manner so we can help ensure you follow all laws and regulations.
"TALENT PROGRAM" FAQS

What is a foreign “TALENTS” program?

Any foreign state sponsored attempt to acquire U.S.-funded scientific research through recruitment programs that target scientists, engineers, academics, researchers, and entrepreneurs of all nationalities working or educated in the United States.

These recruitment programs are often part of broader whole-of-government strategies to reduce costs associated with basic research while focusing investment on military development or dominance in emerging technology sectors. The Department of Energy issued an order on 7 July 2019 with fairly clear explanations of Talents programs DOE O 486.1.

How does this affect SIU and me?

Association with a Talents Program can lead to ineligibility to receive Federal funding for your research. Currently there is no due process to challenge such a determination or limit to the time interval over which it is imposed. Past associations may also be concerning to the US Government.

CHINA DEFENSE UNIVERSITIES TRACKER

The Tracker is a tool created by ASPI’s International Cyber Policy Centre to inform universities, governments and scholars as they engage with the entities from the People’s Republic of China. It aims to build understanding of the expansion of military-civil fusion—the Chinese government’s policy of integrating military and civilian efforts—into the education sector. The Tracker should be used to inform due diligence of Chinese institutions.

EQUIPMENT USED IN RESEARCH

If you use the following equipment/goods in your research or the below is your area of research, please call the Director of Export Controls at 618-650-2476.

Recovery of source code - software
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Red dot sights ........................................... 0A987

Red dot sights that have focal plane array or image intensifier tube, technology for ........................................... 0E987

Reduced observables analysis software
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Reentry vehicles & equipment ..... 9A116

Reentry vehicles/components, production equipment ................. 9B115

Reflectance measuring equipment, absolute ............................. 6B004

Reflectivity (electromagnetic) reducing materials ......................... 1C101

Reflectometers, mirror characterization ........................................ 7B102.b

Reflectors (mirrors), optical ........................................... 6A004.a.1

Reflex sights ............................................. 0A987

Reflex sights that have focal plane array or image intensifier tube, technology for ........................................... 0E987

Refrigeration units, hydrogen or helium ........................................ 1B231.b.1

Reinforced composite materials ............................................. 1C007.c.1.a
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All SIU travel to the below countries WILL REQUIRE that an Informational Technology Services clean laptop be used during SIU business travel to those countries. Your SIU issued laptop computer SHALL NOT be transported to any of the below countries.

- Iran
- Sudan
- Cuba
- Russia
- Syria
- Ukraine (Crimea Region)
- China
- North Korea
- Venezuela
- Cambodia

U.S. EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS

- **EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS (EAR)** by the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)

- **INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS (ITAR)** by the U.S. Department of State Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)

- **FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS (FACR)** by the U.S. Department of Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

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