U.S. REVISES CUBA POLICY, EASES RESTRICTIONS ON REMITTANCES, TRAVEL

In May 2022, the United States announced a series of steps to revise its policy toward Cuba, including easing some Trump-era restrictions on family remittances and travel to the island and sharply increasing the processing of U.S. visas for Cubans.

BIS TAKES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST THREE RUSSIAN AIRLINES OPERATING AIRCRAFT IN VIOLATION OF U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS

Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement Matthew S. Axelrod issued orders denying the export privileges of three Russian Airlines – Aeroflot, Azur Air, and UTair – due to ongoing export violations related to comprehensive export controls on Russia imposed by the Commerce Department. These three Temporary Denial Orders (TDOs) terminate the right of these airlines to participate in transactions subject to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), including exports and reexports from the United States.

SIU EXPORT CONTROLS OVERVIEW

Do you have questions about exactly what "export controls" is or what the Export Controls Office does? Export Controls affects all types of international activities, not just shipping equipment overseas. Therefore, it is imperative that all employees and students understand when export controls may apply.

We have created an Export Controls Overview document that provides export control basics in a brief two-page document. It explains types of export control activities, research exclusions, red flags to watch for, penalties for non-compliance, and key functions of the Export Controls Office.

With penalties of up to $1,000,000 per violation, it is important that everyone understands and adheres to export control regulations.

Additional training information and tools can be found on the Export Controls Training webpage: Export Controls - Training | SIU System.

Additionally, reading this newsletter each month will keep you updated on new and emerging information related to export controls.
**"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.
SIU CLEAN LAPTOP PROGRAM

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
- North Korea
- Ukraine (Crimea Region)
- China
- Venezuela
- Cambodia
- Belarus

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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