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SIU EXPORT CONTROLS MONTHLY

A RESOURCE FOR CURRENT EXPORT CONTROL ISSUES AND EVENTS THAT COULD AFFECT SIU AND ITS FACULTY

EXPORT CONTROL VIOLATION HOTLINE

If you suspect an export control violation, call:

618-650-2476



EXPORT CONTROL ARTICLES



SIU EXPORT CONTROLS SPOTLIGHT

OFAC EXPANDS CUBA SANCTIONS AND UPDATES IRAN SANCTIONS

On September 29, 2026, effective September 30, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") issued a package of regulatory actions reorganizing multiple OFAC regulations, tightening the Cuba sanctions program, and incorporating existing authorities into the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations. The Cuba measures include the new Cuba Sanctions Regulations, amendments to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, new and revised FAQs, and an OFAC Alert.

CALIFORNIA MAN ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING MORE THAN $300 MILLION IN EXPORT-CONTROLLED COMPUTER SERVERS TO CHINA

The owner of a San Gabriel Valley-based technology company was arrested on a three-count federal indictment charging him with smuggling more than $300 million worth of export-controlled high-end computer servers containing U.S.-manufactured graphics processing units (GPUs) commonly used for Super Intelligence (SI) applications to China.

INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING

SIU's international shipping must comply with export control laws and regulations, which may require SIU to obtain an export license for shipments of tangible items outside of the U.S. The shipment of items to a foreign country are considered an export even it's temporary, wasn't sold, or will be used for research.

All SIU personnel who engage in international shipping are responsible for ensuring compliance with U.S. export control laws and regulations. Shipping without obtaining the appropriate license or other government approval, or failing to file accurate export or shipping documentation, may result in confiscation of the shipped items, fines and/or other penalties.

The International Shipping guidance can assist you in taking the proper action BEFORE exporting an item. The Export Controls Office can assist you in evaluating if a license is required and if so, in obtaining the license.

FOREIGN TALENT PROGRAM

A foreign talent program is 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. The Department of Energy issued an order on 7 July 2019 with fairly clear explanations of Talents programs DOE O 486.1.

Participation in such a program must be disclosed on the FCOI form, as well as any relevant forms related to any federal funding that you may be receiving, and on future federal funding proposals. Association with a Talents Program could potentially lead to ineligibility to receive Federal funding for your research.

MALIGN FOREIGN TALENT RECRUITMENT PROGRAM (MFTRP)

The federal government's definition of a MFTRP or "malign" program includes three main elements: (1) Sponsored by a "country of concern" as defined by the Secretary of State, and currently (as of January 1, 2024) includes China, North Korea, the Russian Federation, and Iran; (2) There is some form compensation or benefit (which does not have to be monetary, including the promise of a future benefit including in-kind contributions or honorary titles); and (3) Includes one of more of the problematic indicators in the federal government's definition of a "malign" talent program.

Participation in a MFTRP is prohibited for researchers applying for or receiving federal funding.

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.

Water jet (pumpjet) propulsion systems 8A002.p

Water tunnels, propulsion model acoustic field measurement 8B001

Water-hydrogen sulphide exchange tray columns 1B229

Water-screw propellers 8A002.o.1

Wave division multiplex equipment 5A991.b.5

Waveform digitizers (Transient recorders) 3A002.a.5

Wax pattern preparation equipment, ceramic shell 9B991.e

Weaving machines 1B001.c

Weight belts 8A992.j

Welders, MIG.....2B999.d

Welders, E-beam 2B999.e

Welding machines, laser 2B999.c

Western equine encephalitis virus 1C351.a.18

Western red cedar, logs and timber 1C988

Wet-spinning equipment for refractory ceramics 1B101.c.3

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

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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SIU EXPORT CONTROL COMPLIANCE MANUAL

NEWSLETTER CONTENT REQUESTS

If you find any articles, research, or other information relevant to export controls, or have a specific topic you think would be a great addition to this newsletter, please submit your ideas to bjmartin@siu.edu.