

International Travel & Export Compliance

Vanderbilt University Export Compliance (VEC)

When you travel abroad, everything you take with you is an export. The applicability of export controls depends where you are going, what you are taking, and what you will be doing. Most travel is free of export concerns, but with today's heightened government security, you should demonstrate awareness and best practices.

International Travel Red Flags

Where are you going?	What are you taking?	What are you doing?
<p>Travel to embargoed countries requires an export license.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuba • Iran • N Korea • Sudan • Syria <p>Travel to at-risk countries should be reviewed for security and safety reasons.</p> <p>Examples,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China • Iraq • Russia • United Arab Emirates (UAE) <p>Visit the <i>Department of State Travel Advisories</i> for a full list.</p>	<p>Physical Items, even if commercially purchased, may need an export license.</p> <p>Additional review should be conducted on,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific equipment & parts • Biologics • Chemicals & Toxins <p>Some physical items may be “temporarily” exported for business purposes.</p> <p>For example,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptops & Smart Devices <p>Intangible Items may also be restricted.</p> <p>Examples,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unpublished or restricted data • Software source code • High level encryption 	<p>Teaching or training beyond what would be included in a public educational course.</p> <p>Presenting research that is not in the public domain.</p> <p>Field research conducted abroad - Research related to space or military research may be subject to export controls.</p> <p>It is illegal to do business with people and companies that are blocked by the US Government.</p> <p>How do you know if the receiver or their company is blocked? VEC can help you with a <i>restricted parties screening</i>.</p>

Complete an ITQ for all International travel red flags

International Travel Questionnaire (ITQ): <https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=FWKN78W9LD>

Examples:

Traveling to present research at an open conference

- Canada, LOW export concern
- Iran, export license REQUIRED

Taking a commercially purchased drone to China

- To study geographical topography, LOW export concern
- To conduct military training simulations, HIGH export concern

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* VUMC departments should contact the VUMC Export office for all export matters:
<https://ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/globalsupport/50084>

