



To: RA Listserv (via e-mail)
From: Michelle Christy
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Re: Export Control Compliance: Conducting Business and Performing Research at MIT

Hello MIT Community

Happy Spring / Summer!

MIT and the international community are intertwined. Nearly fifty percent of the MIT population is international and MIT routinely engages with people and organizations overseas for research and teaching. The MIT community benefits from these relationships and connections to international research institutions. At the same time, it's important that these activities be carried out safely and in compliance the US export regulations. These regulations apply to all activities, regardless of the sponsor.

Export control regulations from the Departments of State, Commerce, Treasury, and Energy affect all aspects of MIT. Whether you are transferring technical data, technology, or software to international students or staff, shipping materials out of the country, collaborating with a foreign institution, or teaching at a foreign institution, export control likely affects you. You should be aware of U.S. export control law and MIT policy.

The Export Control site provides guidance on the relevant export control regulations regarding

- Traveling abroad
- Teaching abroad
- Collaborating with international partners, especially in high risk areas
- International financial transactions
- And more

Also, it's important to remember that **US citizens may not engage in any activities with North Korea, Iran, Sudan, Cuba, the Crimea area, or Syria** -

see <https://www.state.gov/j/ct/list/c14151.htm>. In addition to these proscribed countries, the Government maintains a list of people and institutions/companies we are prohibited from interacting with. Interactions include financial transactions, conference presentations or attendance, overseas shipments, and online or in-person teaching. Contact MIT's Export Control Officer if you have any questions about this. The ECO can check the status of any potential collaborators.

How export control regulations affect your DLCs depends on the nature of your particular activities. The MIT Export Control Officer is happy to consult, offer in-person training tailored to your activities, and help you stay compliant with the law. A basic CITI export control training customized for MIT is available at: <https://osp.mit.edu/compliance/export-control/training> (select Online Training).

Export control violations can result in serious financial and criminal consequences for you and for MIT. For more information, visit <https://osp.mit.edu/compliance/export-control> or Janet C. Johnston, MIT Export Control Officer.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

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