COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ITEMS SHIPPED OR HAND-CARRIED TO CHINA, RUSSIA, AND VENEZUELA

On September 27, 2020, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), Department of Commerce, required full compliance with a final rule that expanded the Electronic Export Information (EEI) filing for exports to China, Russia, and Venezuela.

Electronic Export Information is data that the US Census Bureau and the Customs and Border Protection require to be filed prior to exporting goods from the U.S. to a foreign country. In general, EEI filing is required for goods valued at more than $2,500 or those that require a U.S. government export license. EEI filing requirement applies equally to items that are shipped using courier services such as FedEx and to items that may be hand-carried by a traveler.

What Changes did the BIS Rule Make?

EEI filing is now required for all items on the Commerce Control List (CCL) that are destined for China, Russia, or Venezuela regardless of the value of the shipment. There is a narrow exception to this requirement that applies to items that are exported to personnel and agencies of U.S. Government, NATO etc. The CCL includes commonly used items such as laptops and cellphones. There is no exception for items that may be taken to these countries on a temporary basis.

How to Comply?

Export Control Office will file EEI for Emory employees shipping or hand-carrying Emory-issued laptops, cellphones, or other equipment. This applies to travelers who may be taking these items with them on short term basis. It also applies for any international shipment that is valued at or above $2500 or that requires a U.S. government export license.

Please to contact Export Control Office exportcontrol@emory.edu at least two days in advance of traveling or shipping with the following information:

- Date of travel or shipping
- Item(s) that will be shipped or hand-carried
- Airport from which outbound flight will be leaving.

More Information:

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