

CHAPTER 10

EXPORT LICENSES AND CONTROLS



Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) provides assistance on export licensing requirements through its Office of Exporter Services (OEXS). OEXS interprets the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides detailed and up-to-date information on the status of pending license applications. OEXS also offers guidance on a broad range of export issues, including licensing requirements, license-processing time frames, documentation required for export transactions, and country-specific policies. In addition, OEXS counselors can serve as intermediaries and arrange meetings between exporters and BIS licensing officials. OEXS also authorizes emergency processing on export license applications for cases that meet specific and limited criteria.

BIS's Internet-based Simplified Network Application Process (SNAP) provides a secure environment for the electronic submission of license applications, commodity classification requests, and high-performance computer notices. Once OEXS has received and processed a request to use SNAP, exporters can access the system for tracking purposes within 24 hours, and notification of final action is sent electronically.

Contact: For more information, call the BIS Office of Outreach and Educational Services at (202) 482-4811 or fax (202) 482-3617. To speak to an export seminar staff member, call (202) 482-6031 or fax (202) 482-3322. Call the BIS Western Regional Office at (949) 660-0144 or fax (949) 660-9347. Call the BIS Northern California Office at (408) 998-7402 or fax (408) 998-7470. The home page for BIS is www.bis.doc.gov.



Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions against targeted foreign countries, terrorists, and international narcotics traffickers and their agents in accordance with U.S. foreign policy and national security goals. OFAC publishes an extensive library of free materials on its Web site to help the international trade community comply with U.S. sanctions. The web site includes summaries of sanctions programs by country, as well as a booklet titled *Foreign Assets Control Regulations for Exporters and Importers*. Also available is the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list of entities and individuals with whom U.S. persons may

not conduct business and whose property must be blocked if under the control of a U.S. person. Users can keep current with OFAC updates through a free subscription e-mail service. All of the information available on the Web site is also available through OFAC's free fax-on-demand service. OFAC also maintains a hotline staffed by compliance officers who are knowledgeable about international trade. They are available Monday through Friday (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. EST) to provide guidance on sanctions-related matters. The public also has the opportunity to provide comments or ask questions via OFAC's Web site.

Contact: To learn more, call the telephone hotline at (800) 540-6322 or fax (202) 622-2426. The 24-hour fax-on-demand number is (202) 622-0077. The home page is www.treas.gov/ofac.

Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. Department of State

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls administers section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act and its implementing regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, in regulating the export and brokering of U.S. defense articles, services, and related technical data covered by the U.S. Munitions List. The directorate, comprised of four offices (Licensing, Compliance, Management, and Policy), adjudicates arms export license applications and ensures export compliance in furtherance of U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives.

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