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What are Export Controls?

Export controls are restrictions applied by the U.S. Government to the transfer of certain goods, services, software, technical data, and technology to foreign entities.
What is an Export?

An export is the transfer of *anything* to a foreign person or a foreign destination by any means, anywhere, anytime.

- An export can involve a commodity, software, technical data, technology, providing a defense service, and/or providing technical assistance.
“It is NASA policy to ensure that exports and transfers of commodities, technical data, or software to foreign persons and foreign destinations are carried out in accordance with United States (U.S.) export control laws and regulations, and Administration and NASA policy.”

-NPD 2190.1, Section 1.a.

“It is the responsibility of every NASA employee to comply with U.S. export control laws and regulations.”

-NPR 2190.1C, Section 1.1.1.

Compliance is everyone’s job at NASA
The goal of these laws and regulations is to protect our national security and policy interests.

Both the ITAR and the EAR include criminal and civil penalties for export control violations that can result in monetary penalties, imprisonment, or both (22 CFR §127.3 and 15 CFR §764.3).
Export Control Laws and Regulations

The **ITAR** controls the export of goods and technical data that are principally used in military or intelligence applications, including critical defense articles, services, and technologies. These items are identified on the **United States Munitions List (USML)**, and include certain items listed in the **Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) Annex**.

The **EAR** controls goods and technologies that have civil, commercial, military, and intelligence applications. These items are identified on the **Commerce Control List (CCL)**, including certain items found in the **MTCR Annex**.

If an item is listed on the USML or the CCL, an export authorization is required.
## United States Munitions List (USML)

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**Commerce Control List (CCL)**

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Proposal Best Practices

• Mark or identify export-controlled and proprietary information in proposals
  o Mark either pages, sections, or paragraphs
• Identify all foreign partners and participants
• Understand your responsibilities under the U.S. export control regulations
  o Articulate your export control plans
NASA’s International Agreements – the basis for NASA foreign cooperative (or reimbursable) activity

- Define the responsibilities of the parties, scope of the work to be performed, and the terms and conditions under which the cooperation will be effected

All NASA International Agreements contain a clause on transfers of controlled goods & data

NASA’s International Agreements do NOT trump export control laws and regulations

An International Agreement does not replace a contractor’s need for a license or other export authorization.
NASA Contractors and Export Control

• NASA provides review of licenses submitted to the Department of State and the Department of Commerce

• NASA contractors should be coordinating with NASA in advance of any license application that will further a NASA program

• NPD/NPR 2190 is applicable to NASA contractors and grantees as required in their contracts or grants

• Contractor is responsible for export compliance in the execution of contracted work (NFS 1825.1103-70 and 1852.225-70)
  o Except when NASA directs or authorizes a contractor to effect exports using a NASA-obtained IVL or GBL
  o NFS Clause 1852.225-70 “Export Licenses” – required in all domestic contracts
  o Contractors have responsibility to obtain any required licenses unless otherwise agreed with NASA
NASA and Contractor Best Practices

• Early coordination among the NASA Program/Project Managers, Contractor(s), and NASA Headquarters or Center Export Administrator will benefit programs/projects.
  o Understand what is controlled
  o Identify international parties involved
  o Add export milestones to program/project schedule
  o Develop technology transfer control plan
  o Coordinate meetings with international partner(s) well in advance

• Mark/determine the export jurisdiction of data/hardware when created or acquired

• Recordkeeping
Important Links

The Department of State is the regulatory authority for defense articles and defense services:

https://www.pmddtc.state.gov

The Department of Commerce is the regulatory authority for dual-use items:

https://www.bis.doc.gov

The NASA Export Control Program:

https://www.nasa.gov/oiir/export-control
Questions?