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International Activities Edition

The University of California is a global organization. International activities in which the University is involved include faculty/student exchange programs, intercollegiate consortia, sponsored research, research collaborations, work with nonprofit corporations, joint ventures, international foundations, trusts, and more. Through these rich collaborations and relationships abroad, the University extends its global influence and shares its contributions to the world. In conducting University business abroad however, one must be aware of the various laws and regulations that impact international activities. Both travelers abroad as well as administrators and support staff back home will all find the following information relevant and of interest.

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Export Controls

1. [Iowa Graduate Student Arrested for AECA violations](#)
Federal agents have arrested two men, including a graduate student from Iowa State University, for allegedly trying to smuggle military equipment to China. (Nbcnews.com)
2. [Order Denying Export Privileges](#)
An Iranian semiconductor scientist and assistant professor at Tehran's Sharif University of Technology, was charged with violating the IEEPA for attempting to purchase equipment, materials, and services that could be used to create a nuclear explosive device, even though the purchases can also have civilian applications. Atarodi was sentenced to time served, three years of supervised release, and a \$1,700 assessment. This is the case update on denying export privileges.
3. [Circuit maker pays \\$10 million to settle U.S. export control charges](#)
“California-based Intersil Corp has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$10 million to settle 339 alleged violations of U.S. export control laws that potentially harmed U.S. national security...” (Reuters.com)
4. [Using the Free Resources for Export Classification](#)
An overview of useful resources to assist in the classification of technology.

Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA)

1. [11th Circuit Affirms Esquenazi / Rodriguez Convictions – Defines “Instrumentality”](#)
Historic appeals case, U.S. v. Esquenazi, is the first time in Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) history in which an appellate court weighed in on the prominent enforcement theory that employees of alleged state-owned or state-controlled entities are “foreign officials” under the FCPA.
2. [Marubeni will pay \\$88 million to resolve second FCPA action](#)
“Japan's Marubeni Corporation pleaded guilty Wednesday to eight FCPA charges, admitting it bribed Indonesian officials to win an electricity contract for itself and a partner, Alstom SA.” (Fcpablog.com)
3. [Long arm of US law nails Andhra MP KVP Ramachandra Rao in bribery case](#)
In an unprecedented case, the U.S. Justice Department has indicted a sitting MP in a bribery and corruption case that took place in India, banking on the fact that U.S. financial institutions were used in the transactions. (Indiatimes.com)

4. [Another executive charged in Alstom case](#)
“The DOJ said Wednesday that a former vice president of sales for Alstom's U.S. subsidiary became the third man from the company charged with overseas bribery and related offenses.” (Fcpablog.com)
5. [OFAC fines California telecoms firm for Sudan, Iran trade](#)
“The U.S. Treasury Department said Wednesday it has fined Network Hardware Resale LLC, a global telecommunications and networking equipment provider, nearly \$65,000 for allegedly violating U.S. sanctions against Sudan and Iran between 2008 and 2011.” (Fcpablog.com)

International Travel

1. [Feds target US travelers and seize laptops at border, new files detail](#)
“Newly disclosed U.S. government files provide an inside look at the Homeland Security Department's practice of seizing and searching electronic devices at the border without showing reasonable suspicion of a crime or getting a judge's approval.” (Nbcnews.com)
2. [Checking In - Your privacy rights at airports and border crossings](#)
“If you’ve travelled through a Canadian airport or U.S. border crossing in the past few years, you will have experienced the growing emphasis on security screening. The reality is that airports (and, to a lesser extent, sea ports and land border crossings) are different from most other public spaces in Canada. On the street, you would be understandably upset if police randomly demanded to examine your identification or subject you to searches.” (Priv.gc.ca)

International Laptop Travel Tips!

1. Travel only with a “clean” device “wiped” upon return to the U.S.
2. During private business meetings, turn device off AND remove battery.
3. Disable Bluetooth, WiFi, print/file sharing. Switch off mic/camera.
4. 90 seconds out of sight with foreign customs and assume device is compromised.
5. Connect online ONLY through secure encrypted channels.
6. Avoid typing your PASSWORD; instead, paste it from secure file/USB drive.
7. Conduct appropriate screening names of foreign business contacts.
8. Know WHAT is on your device BEFORE you travel. Information and data may carry restrictions.
9. Encrypted information may still require an export license if it is export controlled.
10. Opening email attachments overseas may constitute an export.

[International Toolkit Website](#)