


MEMORANDUM

TO: The University Community

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SUBJECT: Export Regulations

Research at the University of Michigan changes the world. It saves lives. It creates economic opportunities. It empowers communities. It strengthens safety and national security. It improves the quality of life for so many people in so many ways.

With the opportunities to conduct research of this kind comes great responsibilities. Some of those responsibilities pertain to export regulations. By this, I mean the movement of research related to people, ideas, and materials across international borders. Federal export regulations evolve on a regular basis and are now a topic of greater interest by the US Government.

Federal export regulations impose controls over certain services and access to or transfers of physical items, computer software and technical information. These regulations include controls over the transfer of technical information to foreign nationals, even when they are in the United States (known as a "deemed export"). The University is obligated to comply with these regulations in the course of facilitating and supporting a wide and dynamic array of research and education activities.

As a whole, our researchers understand these regulations. The stakes associated with having this understanding are high. Violations of export regulations can result in big fines for individuals and the university. Criminal violations can result in imprisonment. Moreover, individuals and institutions involved in violations can be prohibited from engaging in future export activities for multiple years.

There is so much great work that we can do together. For the sake of all who benefit from our research, this vital shared endeavor is worth protecting. For this reason, I strongly encourage all faculty and staff to become familiar with the export regulations and informed about how these regulations relate to their activities. For more information, visit:

<https://research-compliance.umich.edu/export-controls>