



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The University Community  
**FROM:** S. Jack Hu *S. Hu*  
**DATE:** January 22, 2015  
**SUBJECT:** Export Regulations

The University of Michigan has a longstanding tradition and policy of openness in education and research. This openness includes allowing participation of international students, faculty and others in research and educational activities without regard to their nationality. In recent years, there has been an increased emphasis by the US Government on export regulations which can directly impact openness and participation.

The export regulations impose controls over certain services and access to or transfers of physical items, computer software and technical information. These include controls over the transfer of technical information to foreign nationals, even when they are in the United States (known as a "deemed export"). It is the intent of the University to abide by those regulations while at the same time taking appropriate measures to minimize the interference with its research and education activities.

Violations of the export regulations can result in extremely high fines for both the individuals involved as well as the institution. Criminal violations can result in imprisonment. In addition, individuals involved in violations and their institution can be prohibited from engaging in future export activities for a number of years.

Faculty and staff should familiarize themselves with the export regulations and with the available guidance for minimizing the impact of the regulations on their activities. Further information can be found at the following website:  
[http://orsp.umich.edu/policies/federal/export\\_controls/](http://orsp.umich.edu/policies/federal/export_controls/)