Shipping: Export Control Review Criteria

Export Controls are United States laws and regulations that restrict the release of critical technologies, technical data, software code, equipment, chemical and biological materials to foreign nationals and foreign countries. The following information describes the types of items, information, and destinations that require review prior to shipping.

Please email exportcontrol@smith.edu with questions and/or to initiate a review of items and destinations. For all international shipping, provide the names and addresses of those receiving shipments. Please allow at least two weeks for review. The college typically works with a consultant on such matters and thus, needs adequate time to ensure review prior to shipping.

Faculty and staff in the Clark Science Center should continue to follow instructions set forth in the document "Shipping with Science Center Accounts." The Science Center-specific document and this document should be read as complementary to one another.

Shipments Requiring Review:

· Any international shipments with items valued at (single item or aggregate) > $2500

· All shipments to citizens of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, and Syria (these are sanctioned countries). Shipments to citizens of these countries, regardless of shipping designation must be reviewed.

· All shipments to citizens of China, Russia, and Venezuela (these are high risk destinations). Shipments to citizens of these countries, regardless of shipping designation must be reviewed.

· All shipments going to a government, military, or intelligence agency

· Equipment and/or software for air, ground, body, or aquatic imaging, such as high-speed or high-resolution cameras/video equipment

· Equipment for signal processing, navigation, and/or geo-positioning, such as multimeters or drones

· Devices containing high-level encryption (including laptops, cell phones, and tablets)

· Software or source code (not including software/ code which is open source or available without a license)

· Non-public technical data

· Any item, equipment, material, software, and/or source code developed for a military or military purpose, as well as items related in any way to firearms, ammunition, and weapons.

· Any item, equipment, material, software, and/or source code developed for use for, by, or with a nuclear reactor or nuclear material (including detection).

· Other specialized instruments or equipment, such as lasers, electronics, or robotics components

· Novel, proprietary, composite, or engineered materials

· Organic plants, animals, minerals, insects, and human remains (including fossils)

Items to be reviewed by Laboratory Safety and Compliance Services for both shipping requirements and export control review (contact mrakas@smith.edu):

· Biologics

· Chemicals

· Genes, genetic material, or substances containing genetic materials including embryos, animals or single-celled organisms

· Substances containing biologics and/or chemicals

· Radiation safety and/or detection equipment

· Radiation-hardened equipment, radioactive materials including those from naturally occurring sources and/or radioactive items

· Any other item, material, or equipment listed as "hazardous" or "biohazardous"

· Prescription medicines

Shipments that do NOT require export control review (unless review needed for sanctioned or high-risk destination):

· Basic laboratory supplies, not including chemicals

· Basic office supplies

· Personal items such as clothing, toiletries, beauty products, etc.

· Basic textiles

· Household goods

· Promotional items (ex. cups, pens, folders, sweatshirts)

· Artwork and artifacts

· Documents containing published or publicly available technical data (i.e. textbooks)

· Documents containing non-technical data

While this document addresses export control, broader international shipping prohibitions & restrictions exist. See https://www.usps.com/international/shipping-restrictions.htm for more information.