

LAPTOP BRIEFING

ESSENTIAL EXPORT CONTROL INFORMATION ABOUT LAPTOPS AND GPS EQUIPMENT

An export of a laptop, software and technical information loaded on the laptop occurs when the laptop is taken out of the U.S. An export also occurs when a foreign national, an individual who is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of the U.S., uses the laptop and accesses software code or technical information on the laptop within the borders of the United States. Exports are regulated by a set of federal laws, policies and regulations known as export controls. Export controls may require an export license for the export of certain software, technologies and commodities.

The requirements for an export license vary according to the general characteristics of the item or technology, the destination country and the intended use of the export. Even if an export license is required, a license exception *may* apply to an export of a laptop, GPS and the loaded software and technical information.

If a license exception applies, the equipment and technology may be taken abroad without an export license.

- If the laptop or GPS equipment is owned by Appalachian, a Temporary Export License Exception may apply.
- If the laptop or GPS equipment is personally owned, a Baggage License Exception may apply.
- Please consult the Export Controls webpage, <http://www.orsp.appstate.edu/compliance/export-controls> to determine if a Temporary Export License Exception or a Baggage License Exception applies.

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Important note: The purpose of this briefing is to increase awareness of federal laws and regulations, including 15 CFR Parts 730-774 and 22 CFR Parts 120-130. The information provided is not complete and should not be considered legal advice. It is the responsibility of each individual to comply with existing laws and export control regulations.