Dear Traveler,

You have indicated plans for international travel. When traveling abroad, any physical materials or technical data you bring with you or ship to yourself is considered by United States regulations to have been “exported” from the United States to your final destination as well as any intermediate destinations you pass through. It is your responsibility to abide by the U.S. export laws.

While UAF has a goal of promoting academic freedom and sharing of information to the greatest extent possible, researchers and administrators need to be mindful of the legal restrictions including the significant personal liability associated with handling sensitive technologies.

Here are a few key points you should be aware of:

**Travel to Sanctioned Countries:** Iran, Syria, Cuba, North Korea and Sudan are comprehensively sanctioned and embargoed countries. Traveling to, carrying any hardware to (including laptop computers or cell phones), as well as providing OR accepting services from sanctioned entities may be a violation of U.S. export laws. Please contact the Office of Research Integrity as soon as possible if you need to travel to any of these locations.

**Traveling with Hardware:** When traveling to many foreign locations, certain items (including some laptop computers) must remain under “effective control” of the traveler at all times which is defined as: “retaining physical possession of item or keeping it secured in a place such as a hotel safe, a bonded warehouse, or a locked or guarded exhibition facility”. If you need to take or ship high-tech devices or scientific equipment to foreign locations, it is imperative that you check with the Office of Research Integrity to make sure you are exporting the device to your destination legally.

**Traveling with Technical Data:** Depending on the destination country and type of data, travelers cannot possess “controlled technical data” defined as “data required for the design, fabrication, operation, or maintenance of military or dual-use technology and, not in the public domain or otherwise exempt from licensing requirements”. Generally, this could include any proprietary data. The best course of action: do NOT take a computer with any confidential information or sensitive data with you when traveling to foreign locations. Back up your hard drive and remove all non-essential data and information.

More information on traveling abroad can be found at [http://www.uaf.edu/ori/export-controls/international-travel/](http://www.uaf.edu/ori/export-controls/international-travel/).

If you experience a loss or theft of your device/PDA or research equipment while abroad, please notify the Office of Research Integrity in addition to any other reporting requirements you may have.

Please contact the Office of Research Integrity to help you determine what action you should take while traveling internationally. ORI can be reached at 907-474-7832. You may also access our website at [http://www.uaf.edu/ori/export-controls/](http://www.uaf.edu/ori/export-controls/).