



Strengthening U.S. Economic and National Security

Office of Export Enforcement
Bureau of Industry and Security



Recognizing & Reporting Export Violations

U.S. manufacturers, exporters, and shippers are in an excellent position to identify potential illegal export activity. You may be the first U.S. person contacted by WMD proliferators, terrorist support organizations and illicit procurement networks/ front companies seeking to acquire U.S.-origin dual-use items from the U.S.

Here's how to avoid becoming entangled in an illicit export scheme:

- Learn the "Red Flags" and other suspicious indicators of illegal export activities
- Follow the "Know Your Customer" guidance and dig deeper when you become suspicious
- Follow compliance guidance in the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and on the BIS website

OEE Special Agents are very interested in working with you if you encounter suspicious inquiries or transactions that violate the EAR. Contact OEE by calling one of the field offices or the OEE Hotline (1-800-424-2980) or send a tip through the BIS website (<https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/component/rsform/form/14?task=forms.edit>).

The information you provide may help OEE identify and build cases against export violators involved in proliferation, terrorism, or other illicit activity.

Voluntary Self-Disclosures

BIS encourages the submission of Voluntary Self-Disclosures (VSDs) by individuals or companies who believe they may have violated the EAR. Most VSDs are resolved by means other than administrative fine or penalty. BIS affords the submission of a VSD "great weight" in assessing and mitigating the penalty. In appropriate cases, fines and other administrative penalties may be significantly reduced. Review the format and information required for a VSD submission in §764.5 of the EAR and how to submit the VSD to OEE.

Office of Export Enforcement Field Offices

Office and Telephone	Areas Covered	Office and Telephone	Areas Covered
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OEE Headquarters
 Washington, DC
 Hotline: 1-800-424-2980
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Boston Field Office Boston, MA Phone: (617) 565-6030	CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT	Miami Field Office Ft. Lauderdale, FL Phone: (954) 356-7540 Atlanta Resident Office Atlanta, GA Phone: (404) 670-0255	AL, FL, GA, MS, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands
Chicago Field Office Oakbrook Terrace, IL Phone: (630) 705-7010	IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD, WI	New York Field Office Staten Island, NY Phone: 718-370-0700	NJ, NY, PA
Dallas Field Office Irving, TX Phone: (214) 296-1060 Houston Resident Office Houston, TX Phone: (281) 372-7130	AR, CO, LA, OK, TX	San Jose Field Office San Jose, CA Phone: (408) 291-4204 Portland Resident Office Portland, OR Phone: 503-362-3110	AK, CA (north of San Luis Obispo), ID, MT, OR, NV (north of Las Vegas), UT, WA, WY
Los Angeles Field Office Irvine, CA Phone: (949) 251-9001	AZ, CA (south of San Luis Obispo), HI, NM, NV (Las Vegas & South), Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands	Washington Field Office Herndon, VA Phone: 703-487-9300	DC, DE, KY, MD, NC, OH, SC, TN, VA, WV
Phoenix Field Office Phoenix, AZ Phone: (602) 354-3766	AZ and NM		

Antiboycott Regulations

BIS also works to ensure that parties to U.S. transactions do not participate in the Arab boycott of Israel. If you are asked to participate in the Arab boycott of Israel or if you receive questions like the ones below, these could be red flags that you are being asked to engage in the Arab boycott.

- “What are the nationalities of the members of your Board of Directors?”
- “Is your firm related to the ABCXYZ company?”
- “Will you send us a list of your proposed suppliers?”

Any response to these types of questions, regardless of whether the answer is “yes” or “no,” may be a violation of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s antiboycott regulations. You may be required to report the boycott requests that you receive.

Before you respond to such questions, call BIS’s Office of Antiboycott Compliance Advice Line. The advice line duty officer will assist you in determining your reporting requirements. Callers to the Antiboycott Compliance Advice Line may remain anonymous if they wish.

Antiboycott Compliance Advice Line: 202-482-2381

