

## **Foreign Travel: Know Before You Go**

1. Know that taking or sending abroad any equipment, samples, prototypes, research technical data, laptops, GPS, etc. is considered an export under U.S. law.
2. Stay safe and up to date: Get a travel briefing from the Export Compliance Office (ECO) for the countries you will be travelling to or through.
3. Don't travel with CMU items, technology or unpublished technical data to foreign countries without an export review from the ECO.
4. Use export exemptions or exceptions whenever possible. Your ECO can determine which ones to use and provide documentation to take with you. Note: the Fundamental Research Exemption is not available in foreign countries.
5. If you don't need it, don't take it with you. Consider taking a clean laptop or flash drive or similar with just the information you need instead of taking your laptop that may contain technical or sensitive information, (unpublished research data, personal information, etc.).
6. Do not travel to or through embargoed countries: Iran, Syria, Sudan, North Korea or Cuba without a license.
7. Keep all items and technical data in your effective control at all times when outside of the United States.
8. Be aware of any software or hardware you may carry with you that may contain encryption (laptops, PDAs, GPS, etc.). Know the export encryption related rules and exception criteria.
9. Do not take any data or items with you that you cannot afford to lose or have seized.
10. Contact the ECO anytime with any questions or concerns, or if you run into problems while abroad at [export-compliance@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:export-compliance@andrew.cmu.edu).