International Shipping

The shipment of controlled physical items, such as scientific equipment, shipment and utilization of equipment, technology or other export controlled items from the United States to a foreign national or foreign country could possibly require an export license from the Department of Commerce. Factors in this determination include the export classification of items shipped, destination country, end-user and end-use of items being shipped.

Remember, everything that crosses the border is an export...

- even if it's temporary
- even if it wasn't sold
- even if it will be used for research

International Shipping and Best Practices

- Complete the International Shipping Export Contol License Review Worksheet
- Review Items to Consider When Shipping Internationally
- Review International Shipping Guidelines

Some items are hazardous, and may need to be packaged and labeled appropriately:

- Biologicals
- Chemicals
- Batteries and fuel cells
- Radioactive material, etc.

General Resources

UPS International Tools

FedEx Global Trade Manager (Requires Login)

FedEx Clinical Sample Shipping Guide

Schedule B Search (How to Classify an Item)

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