



Leaflet for Export Control

Specifications for foreign trade must be observed in research as well when exporting services and goods in order to protect security interests:

The export of “strategically relevant assets”, as well as the mediation of knowledge, is subject to state approval. This includes, among other things, electrical engineering, computers, software, chemicals, biological substances, as well as dual-use goods and publications on these that serve mainly civilian purposes but may also be used for military ones. This is not always immediately evident. Examples include:

- Participation of third-country nationals in safety-relevant research
- Dispatch or conveyance of knowledge on, e.g., virus strains or lasers to third states/third-state nationals
- Publication of the source code of a software tool that can be used for aggression
- Business trips with critical technology (also knowledge) in third countries

Furthermore, various state embargo decisions targeted against persons/groups must be observed.

You as scientists or science-supporting staff cooperating with partners in or from third countries must pay attention to critical goods, technologies, knowledge transfer, countries or persons/groups in your areas. These so-called goods and end-user-related screenings can only be performed and assessed in the research institutions directly due to the specialist knowledge required. If the matter is not about basic research or if the information is not already generally accessible, there is a risk of an accidental export subject to approval requirements.

Please make yourself familiar with the subject. For further information, see the website of the Staff Unit Export Control at

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/en/institutions/university-administration/division-1-law-and-committees/export-control>

Do not hesitate to contact the staff unit if you have any questions. They will gladly support you.

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