

EXPORT LICENSE EXCEPTION (BAG) CERTIFICATION for Export Administration Regulations (EAR) controlled Items, Technology, and Software

“Baggage” Traveler Certification

Traveler Name: _____
 Destination Countries: _____
 Dates of travel: _____

Instructions: This form applies to travel with personal laptops, smart phones and other electronic media storage owned by the individual. Review, complete, and sign this letter. Carry one copy with luggage to present to Customs if requested or in the event of a search.

Background: The export of items, technology, commercial software, and encryption code is subject to export control regulations (this includes laptops, PDAs and digital storage devices). The Department of Commerce’s Export Administration Regulations (EAR) makes an exception to licensing requirements for the temporary export or reexport of certain items, technology, or software for personal or professional use as long as the criteria to which you are certifying below are met. The exception does not apply to any EAR satellite or space-related equipment, components, or software, or to any technology associated with high-level encryption products. In addition, this exception does not apply to items, technology, data, or software regulated by the Department of State’s International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Items Eligible for BAG Exemption (15 CFR 740.14)	Items NOT Eligible for Exemption
Laptops, tablets, smart-phones and other electronic storage media, commercial encryption commodities and software for personal use while traveling abroad.	Items, technology, data, or software designed for military or dual-use purposes. Satellite or space-related equipment, components, or software, or any technology associated with high-level encryption products.

CERTIFICATION: This letter is to certify that I am hand-carrying the items identified below for personal use purposes, in accordance with the 15 CFR 740.14 “BAG” exemption to the above named countries. By using the License Exceptions I am certifying that the conditions for the use of the License Exception described in the EAR, and listed below, have been met.

Detailed Description of Items, Technology or Software to which this Certification applies:
[Insert description here]

1. I personally own the items, technology, or software I am taking abroad to the above named countries.
2. I am not shipping the items as unaccompanied baggage;
3. The items, technology, or software are intended for necessary and appropriate personal use only;
4. The items, technology, or software are not intended for sale or other disposal;
5. I will return the items, technology, or software to the U.S.;
6. I will keep the items, technology, or software under my “effective control” while abroad (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*);
7. I will take security precautions to protect against unauthorized release of the technology while the technology is being shipped or transmitted and used abroad such as:
 - a. use of secure connections when accessing e-mail and other business activities that involve the transmission and use of the technology,
 - b. use of password systems on electronic devices that store technology, and
 - c. use of personal firewalls on electronic devices that store the technology;
8. **I will not ship or hand-carry the items, technology or software to Iran, Syria, Cuba, North Korea, or Sudan.**

Signed: _____ Date: _____
[Name of University Traveler]