All physical items are subject to export controls, to some degree. Even if you purchased it commercially, even if it does not have “export” on the label, you may need a license to ship outside of the country. While not all shipments will require a license, an export review should be conducted to ensure authorized transfer.

### Foreign Shipment Red Flags

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<th>What are you shipping?</th>
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<td>Know the <strong>export classification</strong> of your physical item. How do you know the export classification? Contact the manufacturer Contact the sponsor Contact VEC</td>
<td>Shipment of all items, regardless of classification, to <strong>embargoed</strong> countries require an export license. The level of control varies per item, depending on the export classification and destination.</td>
<td><strong>End-use,</strong> or the intended purpose of the item, must be considered. What will the end-user do with the item? Any purpose that has <strong>military</strong> or <strong>space</strong> application needs additional review.</td>
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<td>Items listed on the <strong>USML</strong> or that have an <strong>ECCN</strong> other than EAR99, may require a license.</td>
<td>Cubá Iran N Korea Sudan Syria Items with a <strong>USML</strong> classification are highly controlled and require a license to most destinations. Items with an <strong>ECCN</strong> are restricted to specific destinations.</td>
<td>It is illegal to do business with people and companies that are blocked by the US Government. How do you know if the receiver or their company is blocked? VEC can help you with a <strong>restricted parties screening.</strong></td>
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Complete the SHIP form for all foreign shipment red flags

**Foreign Shipment Form (SHIP):** [https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=KJFM8L7CAE](https://redcap.vanderbilt.edu/surveys/?s=KJFM8L7CAE)

Other considerations: Does your shipment involve an MTA or IP? Contact CTTC Are you shipping biological or hazardous materials? Contact Office of Clinical & Research Safety

VEC assists with export review. For shipping assistance, contact VU preferred shipping vendors.

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* VUMC departments should contact the VUMC Export office for all export matters: [https://ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/globalsupport/50084](https://ww2.mc.vanderbilt.edu/globalsupport/50084)