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The University of Tennessee's Statement of Commitment

Colleagues,

The United States government regulates the distribution of strategically important products, services, technology, and information to foreign nationals and foreign countries for reasons of foreign policy, national security, and protection of United States' commerce under a complex set of regulations collectively referred to as Export Control. The penalties for export control violations are both civil and criminal in nature and will be applied to you personally as well as the institution under certain circumstances. These penalties include federal prison time and fines reaching as high as \$1,000,000 per violation.

The University of Tennessee is committed to the highest level of compliance with all applicable export control laws and regulations that pertain to the conduct and dissemination of our research and to the export of tangible items such as equipment, components or materials. While our primary mission is education, research and dissemination of knowledge, the responsibility remains to balance the service of this mission with safeguarding national assets through adherence to the export regulations, rules and laws of our country.

Export Control in the Office of Research has developed the tools and resources on this website to assist the university community with export control compliance including export control determinations. Please utilize this site to find information concerning your responsibilities for export control compliance, various utilities (including a Decision Tree tutorial and the Export Control Faculty Awareness PowerPoint presentation). Faculty Awareness Workshops also are an ongoing part of our Export Control Management program, available to university departments on request and as new developments emerge. Contact information is included for Robin Witherspoon in the Office of Research who is knowledgeable and available to assist and the various policies and procedures of the institution related to export controls as well as their underlying federal regulations, rules and laws. Visit this website often for updates and contact the Office of Research at the first sign of possible applicability of export control.

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