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What is the Entity List?

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) publishes the names of certain foreign persons – including businesses, research institutions, government and private organizations, individuals, and other types of legal persons - that are subject to specific license requirements for the export, reexport and/or transfer (in-country) of specified items. These persons comprise the Entity List, which is found at Supplement No. 4 to Part 744 of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). The persons on the Entity List are subject to individual licensing requirements and policies supplemental to those found elsewhere in the EAR.

What is the background and purpose of the Entity List?

Where can I find the Entity List?

Why should I check the Entity List?

Can a U.S. company have any dealings with a listed entity?

Are U.S. companies prohibited under the EAR from doing business with specific entities that are not included on the Entity List?

What are the different types of license requirements for listed entities?

What is BIS's policy for reviewing license applications that include listed entities as parties to the transaction?

Are there any license exceptions available for listed entities?

How often is the Entity List updated?

A company that used to be on the Entity List is no longer listed. Can I ship to them now?

What if a company I want to export to is at the same address as (e.g., co

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What if the name or address of the company I want to export to is a near match to a name or address on the Entity List?

Can I export to a person on the Entity List if he/she is not located at the same address as listed in the EAR?

Are all of the persons on the Entity List included because they violated the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by exporting, reexporting and/or transferring items subject to the EAR?

Is there an appeals process for listed entities? If so, how does it work?

Does the Entity List include U.S. persons?

Do other U.S. Government export screening lists include U.S. persons?

Does BIS work with other U.S. Government agencies to administer the Entity List?

Who should I contact if I have more questions about the Entity List?

Can a listed entity act as purchaser or freight forwarder to transport my shipment of items subject to the EAR to the ultimate consignee or end-user?

Can a listed entity act as my company's purchasing agent for items subject to the EAR?

Do the license requirements and policies of the Entity List apply to separately incorporated subsidiaries, partially owned subsidiaries, or sister companies of a listed entity?

Do the license requirements and policies of the Entity List apply to the branch offices and operating divisions of a company, organization, or other entity that is a listed entity?

Do the license requirements and policies in the Entity List also apply to the parent company if a subsidiary is a listed entity?

Do the restrictions for a listed alias differ from the main entry?

If a person on the Entity List enters the United States, can I do business with that person?

Can a U.S. company import items from listed entities?

Can I purchase items from a company that is listed on the Entity List?

Can a student at a university listed on the Entity List intern at my company?

Can my company enter into collaborative research projects with universities on the Entity List?

Can my company hire an individual employed by a university on the Entity List while he/she continues to work at the university?

Can my company hire an individual who used to be employed by a university on the Entity List?

Can my company donate items subject to the EAR to a university on the Entity List?

What is the relationship of the Entity List to other lists maintained by the U.S. Government?

What does it mean when BIS incorporates entities into the Entity List by reference?

Is the Entity list the same as the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List?

Is the Entity List the same as the Denied Persons List?

Are hospitals and medical centers of Indian Department of Atomic Energy entities that are on the Entity List included in the entries for those entities?

Where can I locate the list of Indian nuclear reactors (including power plants) and other nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards?

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