

International Travel with Encrypted Mobile Devices – Import/Export Restrictions

I am traveling out of the country and would like to know if there are any import encryption restrictions for laptops, mobile phones, external drives, and other electronic media.

The lists below are subject to change. Please check with embassy of the country you are leaving from and/or traveling to for the most up-to-date information. If you have encryption enabled on your device please be sure to ask specifically about the regulations for encryption.

The following nations restrict the import of encrypted devices and do not recognize a "personal use exemption". Before traveling to these countries with an encrypted device, you will need to apply to their specified governmental agency for an import license:

- **Belarus** - a license issued by the Belarus Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the State Center for Information Security of the Security Council is required.
- **Burma (Myanmar)** - a license is required, but licensing regime documentation is unavailable. Contact the [US State Department](#) for further information.
- **China** - a permit issued by the Beijing Office of State Encryption Administrative Bureau is required.
- **Hungary** - an International Import Certificate is required. Contact the [US State Department](#) for further information.
- **Iran** - a license issued by Iran's Supreme Council for Cultural Revolution is required.
- **Kazakhstan** - a license issued by Kazakhstan's Licensing Commission of the Committee of National Security is required.
- **Moldova** - a license issued by Moldova's Ministry of National Security is required
- **Morocco** - a license is required, but licensing regime documentation is unavailable. Contact the [US State Department](#) for further information.
- **Russia** - licenses issued by both the Federal Security Service (Federal'naya Sluzhba Bezopasnosti - "FSB") and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade are required. License applications should be submitted by an entity officially registered in Russia. This would normally be the company that is seeking to bring an encryption product into Russia.
- **Saudi Arabia** - it has been reported that the use of encryption is generally banned, but research has provided inconsistent information. Contact the [US State Department](#) for further information.
- **Tunisia** - a license issued by Tunisia's National Agency for Electronic Certification (ANCE) is required.
- **Ukraine** - a license issued by the Department of Special Telecommunication Systems and Protection of Information of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) is required.

US Embassies website:	http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/dpl/32122.htm
Other useful websites:	http://www.cryptolaw.org http://www.wassenaar.org/introduction/index.html

I am traveling out of the country and would like to know what U.S. export controls I need to satisfy when leaving the country with my encrypted laptop, mobile phones, external drives, and/or other electronic media.

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The Department of Commerce's Export Administration Regulations forbids the export of any encrypted device to any of the 5 countries list below.

- **Cuba**
- **Iran**
- **North Korea**
- **Sudan**
- **Syria**

OFAC Website:	https://www.treasury.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Bureau of Industry and Security U.S. Department of Commerce	http://www.bis.doc.gov/licensing/exportingbasics.htm

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