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BIS Publishes New Export Control Compliance Resources for the Academic Community

Washington, D.C. – Today, the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) Export Enforcement published new resources for the academic community: a compliance note on voluntary self-disclosure trends and a compendium of export compliance resources. These resources align with BIS's ongoing commitment to support academic institutions in their efforts to comply with export controls.

The compliance note, Trends in Voluntary Self-Disclosures Related to Academia to Inform Improvements to Export Compliance Plans, details conduct commonly disclosed by academic institutions over the past ten years that constitutes export control violations. The document also highlights actions universities can take to address and prevent these violations, including enhanced training programs and improved internal controls.

The <u>Compendium of Resources</u> offers a comprehensive guide to export compliance tools, including informational and vetting resources, BIS-specific resources, and examples of recent enforcement actions. These tools should help academic institutions integrate export control requirements into everyday operations for professors, students, staff, and visitors, which in turn helps minimize the risk of violations.

Together, the compliance note and the compendium of resources build on the efforts of the <u>Academic Outreach Initiative</u>, first announced in June 2022. The Academic Outreach Initiative is intended to help academic institutions maintain an open, collaborative research environment in a way that also protects them from national security risk, and it includes strategically prioritized engagement, the assignment of outreach agents to prioritized institutions, background briefings, and trainings.

Report suspected export control violations through the BIS <u>online tip portal</u>. You can also call the Enforcement Hotline at 1-800-424-2980 or email <u>EELead@bis.doc.gov</u>.