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Dear colleagues,

We have an important announcement regarding export control requirements.

**Export Controls – New Requirements for Travel to China, Russia, and Venezuela**

Be advised that the federal government has imposed reporting requirements on all persons travelling to China, Russia, or Venezuela. Under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), every person that travels to China, Russia, and Venezuela, must report all items carried into the above countries. The required filing is to be made through the US Customs and Border Protection’s [Automated Export System](#).

The required filing will ask the visitor to correctly report the Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) of the item that they are carrying to these destinations. In most cases, the filing must be made prior to travelling. Examples of items that must be reported include:

- Cell phones
- Cameras
- Laptops
- Computers
- Most software programs installed on computers/cell phones

The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) has created an ECCN classification tool that you can access [here](#). This tool guides you through a series of questions to help you figure out your ECCN more accurately than you might on your own.

ITS has published [security tips](#) to consider during international travel. You are strongly encouraged to [request a loaner device](#) from the Library.

If you have any questions please contact Thomas Blair, Export Controls Officer, thb2002@med.cornell.edu.

Sincerely,

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