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### BIS Website - Entity List FAQs




**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., .cc)** [How can we improve this site?](#)

**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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