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TO: Northwestern Faculty and Staff

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RE: International Travel Registry for Travel to OFAC-Sanctioned Countries

Effective August 1, 2023, we recommend faculty and staff (regardless of your citizenship) register official travel to comprehensively sanctioned countries in Northwestern's [International Travel Registry](#).

- The [Office of Foreign Assets Control](#) (OFAC) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions based on U.S. foreign policy and national security goals. OFAC issues both civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance.
- While comprehensively sanctioned countries change over time, currently they are Belarus, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Syria, and certain Regions of Ukraine. The Export Controls & International Compliance (ECIC) [website](#) maintains an up-to-date list of sanctioned countries.
- A comprehensively sanctioned country is one with which the United States government prohibits nearly all imports/exports, financing, or facilitating against most goods, technology, and services. Transactions and activities require a specific license or exemption from the U.S. government.

We encourage official travel registration to these comprehensively sanctioned countries to avoid violating federal law and to help you avoid participating in activities or collaborations without first obtaining the required federal export license or authorization. Many University activities with comprehensively sanctioned countries or individuals in those countries may require U.S. federal authorization (e.g., licenses or exemptions). By registering, you will receive support from the [Office of Global Safety & Security \(OGSS\)](#) and the [ECIC team](#). OGSS and the travel registry provide travelers with important health and safety resources before departure and allow Northwestern to communicate with travelers while abroad. The ECIC can help you obtain licenses or exemptions for your activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is official travel to a comprehensively sanctioned country?** Official travel is defined as conducting University business (e.g., any work even accessing email, academics, research, conferences, etc.) from a comprehensively sanctioned country.
2. **How do you access the travel registry?** Go to the [International Travel Registry](#). The [Office of Global Safety & Security](#) manages the travel registry. [Contact OGSS](#) for assistance.
3. **Generally, what else should you consider from an export control perspective when traveling abroad?** Please see the travel guidance maintained on the [ECIC's website](#).

Thank you for your cooperation. Please reach out to Amy Weber, Senior Director, [ECIC](#), for assistance at exportcontrols@northwestern.edu



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