

EXPORT LICENSE EXCEPTION (BAG) CERTIFICATION FORM

Temporary export of Export Administration Regulations (EAR) controlled items, technology, or software

Traveler's Name:

Foreign Destination(s):

Purpose of Travel:

Dates of travel:

Instructions: This form may be used to document the use of the BAG license exception for the temporary export of personally-owned items, commodities, technology (information), or software for personal use while abroad, including the export of laptops, smart phones, other electronic media storage devices, general technology, and software. This form is not a required document but is provided for the convenience of travelers and to assist travelers in customs clearance at the time of departure from or return to the U.S. Please be aware that this form is unlikely to satisfy foreign customs requirements for importation reviews, including claiming any exception to foreign tariff and/or duty payment obligations.

Please review the information below, complete all blank fields, and sign the certification on the back of this form. Please retain one (1) copy in your personal files and print one (1) copy to carry with your luggage to present to Customs if requested or in the event of a search.

Background: The export of certain items, technology, commercial software, and encryption related items is subject to federal export control regulations, including standard commercially available items like laptops, smart phones, digital storage devices, commercially available commodities, items, and software that are commonly taken abroad by U.S. travelers. For commodities and software that are controlled under the Department of Commerce's [Export Administration Regulations \(EAR\)](#), an exception exists to any otherwise required, formal licensing requirements for certain personally-owned items that accompany the traveler. This exception authorizes the temporary export or re-export of EAR controlled items, equipment, commodities, or software for personal use, without a license, provided certain criteria are met. The exception does not apply to any satellite or space-related equipment, components, or software, or to any technology associated with high-level encryption products. In addition, this exception does not apply to items, technology, data, or software regulated by the Department of State's [International Traffic in Arms Regulations \(ITAR\)](#).

Items Eligible for BAG Exception (15 CFR 740.14)	Items NOT Eligible for Exemption
Laptops, tablets, smart-phones, and other electronic storage media, commercial encryption commodities, technology and software for personal use while traveling abroad.	Items, technology, data, or software designed for military or dual-use purposes (ITAR items). Satellite or space-related equipment, components, or software; or technology associated with high-level encryption products; technology intended to be used for foreign production purposes or for technical assistance; or non-personally-owned items (e.g., employer-owned laptop).

*Employer-owned items, technology, and software may be eligible for the baggage "TMP" exemption (See [15 CFR 740.9](#) for details).

Attn: US Customs and Border Protection

This documentation and information is provided to certify that I am hand-carrying the identified personally-owned items, commodities, technology (information), or software for personal use while abroad, in accordance with TMP License Exception ([15 CFR 740.14](#)), to the country/countries listed on the reverse.

	General Name of Items (Brand, Model, Title, etc.)	Identifying Information (Barcode, Serial #, UPC, etc.)	Detailed Description of Exported Items
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By my signature below, I certify that:

1. I personally own (or my family owns) the items, technology, or software I am taking abroad to the named destination(s).
2. The items, technology, or software are intended for necessary and appropriate personal use only.
3. The items, technology, or software are not intended for sale or other disposal.
4. I will not ship the items, technology, or software as unaccompanied baggage unless otherwise authorized under [15 CFR 740.14\(d\)](#).
5. I will return the items, technology, or software to the U.S.
6. I will keep the items, equipment, technology, or software under my "effective control" while abroad ("Effective control" means retaining physical possession of or keeping secured in a place such as a hotel safe, a bonded warehouse, or a locked or guarded exhibition facility).
7. I will take security precautions to protect against the unauthorized release of the technology while the technology is being shipped or transmitted and used abroad such as:
 - a. use of secure connections when accessing e-mail and other business activities that involve the transmission and use of the technology,
 - b. use of password systems on electronic devices that store technology, and
 - c. use of personal firewalls on electronic devices that store the technology.

Signed: _____

Date: _____