How to file an OFAC Voluntary Self- Disclosure and a CBP Prior Disclosure

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Iranian Transaction Regulations 31 CFR Part 560.204

No goods, technology, or services may be exported, re-exported, sold or supplied, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by a U.S. person to Iran or the Government of Iran, unless licensed.



Enforcement Guidelines OFAC Economic Sanctions

- Final Rule issued November 9, 2009
- Appendix "A" to 31 CFR Part 501





Base Penalty Matrix Egregious Case

	No	Yes
	(1) One-Half of Transaction Value (Capped at \$125,000 per violation/\$32,500 per TWEA Violation	(3) One-Half of Applicable Statutory Maximum
Voluntary Self-Disclosure	(2) Applicable Schedule Amount (Capped at \$250,000 per violation/ \$65,000 per TWEA violation)	(4) Applicable Statutory Maximum

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General Factors

- 1. Willful or Reckless Violation of Law.
- 2. Awareness of Conduct at Issue.
- 3. Harm of Sanctions Program.
- 4. Individual Characteristics of Violator.
- 5. Remedial Response.
- 6. Cooperation with OFAC.





Special Mitigating Factors

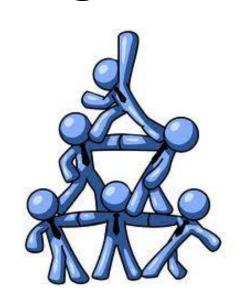
- 1. Voluntary Self-Disclosure
- 2. Effective export compliance program
- 3. Violation was isolated occurrence
- 4. License would have been issued
- 5. Cooperating with Agency





Elements of an Effective Export Management and Compliance Program

- 1. Management Commitment
- 2. Continuous Risk Assessment
- 3. Formal <u>written</u> export management and compliance program
- 4. Ongoing training and awareness
- 5. Follow recordkeeping requirements
- 6. Periodic internal and external audits
- Reporting procedure to export compliance problems.





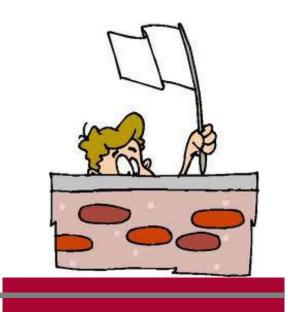
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CBP Prior Disclosure



Prior Disclosure to US Customs for Export Violations

- Governed by:
 - 19 USC §1592
 - 19 CFR §162.24







CBP Prior Disclosure

- 1. Prior to initiation of a formal investigation
- 2. Submit to Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures Office at Port of Departure
- 3. Disclose circumstances of the violation

Practice Point – Submit OFAC Disclosure to CBP



Disclosure of the Circumstances of a Violation

- Identify the type of merchandise involved
- 2. Identify the entry number, if applicable, the dates of import or export, and the port(s) of import or export
- 3. Identify the materially false statements, omissions, or acts, and explain how and when they occurred.
- 4. State the true information that should have been provided

<u>Practice Point</u> – Request thirty (30) days to conduct thorough investigation of violation.

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