

The following “Red Flags” illustrate situations in which an export control violation is likely to occur.

- The customer or its address is similar to one of the parties found on the list of Restricted Parties (see [Restricted Party Screening](#).)
- The recipient or their agent is reluctant to offer information about the end-use of the item.
- Receiving unsolicited emails from unknown individuals, including those who identify themselves as academics or students, asking for information on, assistance with, or sharing of know-how/technology/data with potential military applications.
- The item’s capabilities do not fit the buyer's line of business, such as an order for sophisticated computers for a small bakery.
- The customer has little or no expertise in the research topic or item being shipped.
- The customer is unfamiliar with the product's performance characteristics but still wants the product.
- A freight forwarding firm is listed as the product's final destination.
- The shipping route is abnormal for the product and destination.
- Packaging is inconsistent with the stated method of shipment or destination.
- When questioned, the buyer is evasive and especially unclear about whether the purchased product is for domestic use, for export, or for re-export.

If you have reason to believe a violation is taking place or has occurred, you may report it to the Assistant Director of Export Controls, or to the Princeton University Hotline.

Members of the University community may submit an anonymous report via EthicsPoint (<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/27291/>) or by phone (1-866-478-9804.).