

## **Information Concerning Travel to Syria and Prohibited Activities**

The following information applies when a person is traveling to Syria as part of their studies, research or other official duties at the University of Florida.

1. A license is not required to travel to Syria.
2. However Section 542.201 of the Syrian Sanction Regulations states that except as authorized by the issuance of a license or order the property of persons determined to have been involved in terrorist related activities is blocked. The **blocking of property includes** the prohibition by a US person of the making of any contribution of **funds, goods or services to** any person whose property is blocked. The receipt of **funds, goods or services from** any person whose property is blocked is also prohibited. A US person is defined as a US citizen, permanent resident or protected individual. The names of persons whose property is blocked is published on OFAC's web site.
3. Section 542.201 prohibits the export of software, technology and consulting services.
4. Section 542.206 provides an exemption from the general prohibition in 542.201 for information and information materials that are **fully created and in existence at the time of the transaction**. The terms **information and information materials** is defined in 542.304 to include publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilm, microfiche, tapes, compact discs, CD ROMs, artwork and news wire feeds.
5. Section 542.206 provides an exemption for postal, telegraphic, telephonic, or other personal communication that does not involve the transfer of anything of value.
6. Section 542.206 provides an exemption from the general prohibition in 542.201 for the taking of accompanied baggage for personal use incident to travel, which may not include a laptop or cell phone.