



### **BIS Mission**

Advance national security, foreign policy, and economic objectives by:

- Ensuring an effective export control and treaty compliance system, AND
- Promoting continued U.S. strategic technology leadership







### **OEE Enforcement Goal**

Keeping the most sensitive goods out of the most dangerous hands





### **OEE Enforcement Priorities**

- Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)
  proliferation
- Terrorism and State sponsorship of terror
- Diversions to unauthorized military end use





### **OEE:** Enforcement Objectives

#### Prevention:

Achieve highest levels of compliance by export trade community

Application/visa screening; End-Use Checks

Interdict goods before delivery to unauthorized end-users

#### Deterrence:

*Investigate, prosecute violations* 





# **OEE: Enforcement Objectives**

Education:

Outreaches

Seminars





## Who Are We?

- Enforcement arm of The Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS)
  - Support the BIS mission, keeping the most sensitive goods and technology out of the most dangerous hands.
  - Enforce laws & regulations governing exports
  - As the SAC, oversee enforcement in CA, NV, AZ, NM, CO, HI
  - Elite law enforcement recognized for expertise, professionalism, integrity, & accomplishments







- Full law enforcement powers
- Execute search warrants
- Arrest with or without warrant
- Authority to carry firearms
- Detain suspected illegal shipments
- Authority to review records without warrant





- Country Attaches
  - Beijing, China
  - Abu Dhabi
  - Hong Kong
  - Moscow
  - New Delhi







# Case Example

Illustrating the dual-use challenge in a post 9/11 environment.











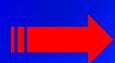








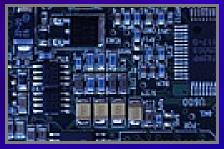






















# Recent Los Angeles Field Office investigations

-Sharon Kay Doe

–Andrew Ward Freyer







#### **Preventative Actions**

- License Reviews
- End Use Checks
- Unverified List
- AES Data Reviews
- Denial Orders
- Outreach and Education

#### **Enforcement Actions**

- Detention/Seizure
- Investigation
- Criminal Prosecution
- Administrative Penalties







# Investigations and Sanctions

### • Investigations:

- Criminal
- Administrative

### • Sanctions:

- Criminal fines and imprisonment
- Civil fines and penalties (i.e. denial of export privileges, exclusion from practice, etc.)



### CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

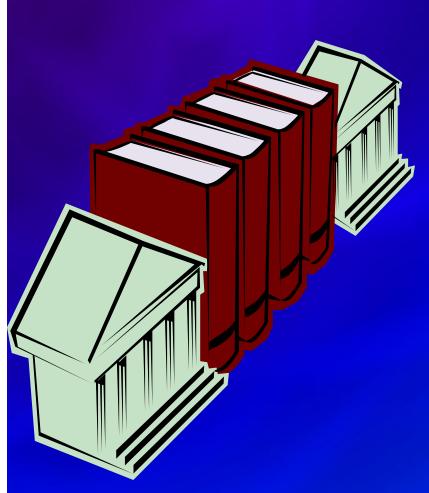


#### CRIMINAL STATUTES

- •EAA currently enforced under 50 U.S.C., sec. 1705 (b), IEEPA. (EAA currently in lapse)
- •EAR
- •Conspiracy, 18 U.S.C. sec. 371
- •Money Laundering, 18 U.S.C. 1956
- •And more....



# Administrative Investigations



- AUTHORITY
  - EAR TITLE 15, C.F.R. Part
     764
- CIVIL SANCTIONS
  - Monetary fine
  - Denial of Export Privileges
  - Revocation of Export Licenses
  - Exclusion from practice





### Penalties for Dual-Use Export Violations

#### - <u>Criminal</u>:

EAA – 10 years imprisonment/\$250,000 fine (\$500,000 corporation) Enhanced IEEPA - 20 years

#### - <u>Administrative</u>:

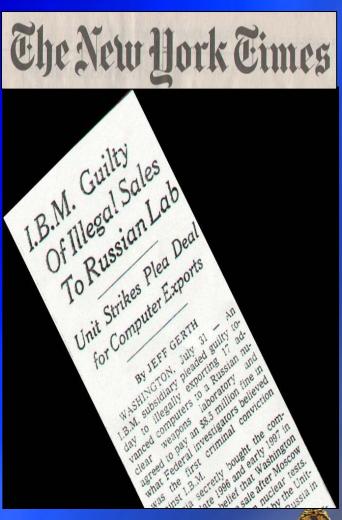
EAA - \$11,000 per violation/\$120,000 per national security violation

Denial of export privileges

Enhanced IEEPA - \$50,000 per violation

# Temporary Denial Orders (TDO's)

- Department of Commerce is the only agency authorized to issue TDO's
- Designed to halt imminent violations
- Warns exporters & consignees not to do business with these individuals & firms
- Valid for 180 days and issued on ex parte basis
- Renewable





# Voluntary Self Disclosure



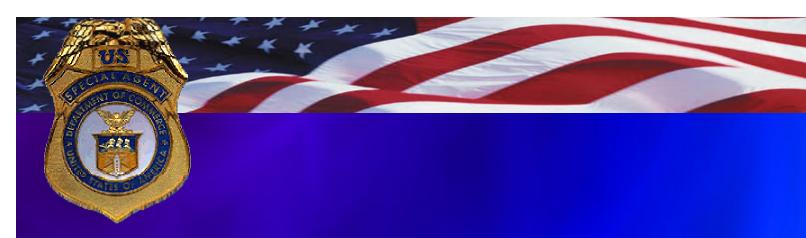
- Permitted under EAR Section 764.5
- Initiated by a company when a company identifies export violations
- *Indicator of compliance*
- Help uncover illicit proliferation activities
- Benefits of submitting a VSD
- "Great Weight" Mitigating Factor
- Costs of <u>not</u> disclosing violations



### When You Find a Violation

- Notify your management
- Identify and immediately contain violation
- Conduct internal audit for scope of problem
- Initiate a self-disclosure report to OEE





#### **Some Red Flags**

- Address similar to Denied Party
- Freight forwarder as ultimate consignee
- Unusual routing, delivery
- Packing inconsistent with stated method of shipping or destination

www.bis.doc.gov/enforcement/redflags.htm

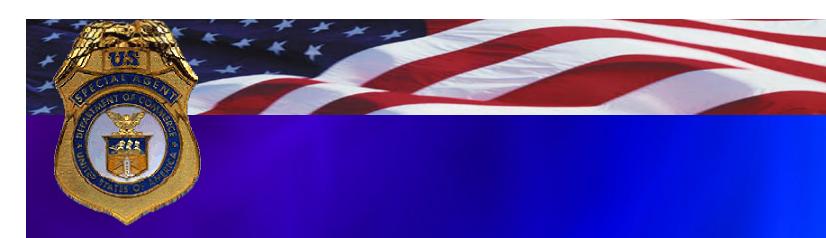




### Working with OEE

- We <u>ALL</u> have an interest in "keeping the most sensitive goods out of the most dangerous hands"
- YOU are in position to identify suspicious transactions that may represent illicit proliferation/export activities
- <u>WE</u> can work together to:
  - Stop illegal exports
  - Disrupt illicit procurement networks
  - Bring export violators to justice
  - Foster a level playing field





#### **Enforcement Statistics (FY2006)**

- 34 Criminal Convictions
- \$3M criminal penalties
- 104 administrative cases settled
- \$13.8M administrative penalties





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