

Security Export Control

(I) Rules of Japan

What is “Security Export Control”?

For maintaining both national and international peace and security, the Japanese Government strictly regulates military-sensitive goods and technologies including those which can be converted to military use. The Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (hereinafter “the Law”) prohibits exporters or suppliers, including universities, from exporting any goods and supplying any technology controlled by the list regulation and/or catch-all regulation without a Government license. Any export/supply of controlled goods or technologies without a license constitutes a crime with legal penalty applied not only to individual(s) but also to the university involved. All members of Kobe University including students must check whether his/her action is appropriate subject to the Law (e.g. whether Government permission is required for the exportation or carrying of material or equipment to foreign countries, or the supply of technologies (services) to “Non-residents” as designated by the Law (see the following).)

To secure compliance with the Law while promoting globalization in research and education, Kobe University has established the “Kobe University Security Export Control Rule” (hereinafter “Security Export Control Rule”).

Who is an exporter or a supplier?

“Resident” or “Non-resident” as denoted by the Law does not depend on nationality but is defined as follows. “Resident” refers to an individual residing in Japan for more than 6 months. “Non-resident” is an individual living abroad for more than 2 years, or going to foreign offices for the purpose of work, or visiting a foreign country with the intention of staying there for more than 2 years. Therefore international students are requested to change their classification to “Resident” after 6 months living in Japan.

The Law controls export of goods to foreign countries and supplying of technologies (services) to “Non-residents” by both “Residents” and “Non-residents”. Any such supply, wherever it is conducted (in Japan or overseas) is regulated by the Law.

How should I check?

All students are requested to consult with their advising professors or similar prior to exporting goods or supplying technologies (services) to “Non-residents” related to their activity in Kobe University. The professor will check such actions according to the pre-check list of the Security Export Control Rule. Based on the results of this check, if necessary, the Security Export Control Office will examine whether it is legal or not. If an international student as a “Resident” is to send goods or information to his/her home country or supply technologies to a “Non-resident” in any country including Japan, related to their activities in Kobe University, such actions constitute export of goods or supply of technologies (services) according to the Law. It is necessary to confirm whether such actions are appropriate.

(II) Foreign rules

Notes on returning to Japan

After traveling abroad, please comply with the security export control laws and regulations of the destination country. Categories of people, cargo, technology (services) subject to regulation differ depending on the laws of each countries. If you bring back cargo or technology (services) from other countries, please ensure that these items cannot be converted for military use. Also, please do not receive USB, parcels etc from strangers and do not bring these items back to Japan.