

Subject: Travel warnings and risks when exporting research materials
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COGR members,

We are writing to alert you to recent situations where researchers have attempted to export research materials abroad. The FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies have increased their surveillance efforts to identify transport of research materials and verify that those exports comply with federal laws. We're told that these efforts are part of a nation-wide enforcement action to control the transport of biological materials that may present a threat to our national security, or reduce the theft of intellectual property developed in the US, much of it with federal funds.

Transporting certain materials may require import/export permits or other documentation from federal agencies, including US Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the FDA, USDA, Fish and Wildlife, and the CDC. We urge members to remind their researchers of these requirements.

See:

<https://www.universalhub.com/2019/chinese-cancer-researcher-not-allowed-leave>

<https://www.universalhub.com/2019/chinese-researcher-nabbed-liquid-filled-vials>