

(For Students)

## Re: Security Export Control and Submission of Letter of Oath (Request)

Recent years have seen more and more international academic exchanges including international personal exchanges and joint research between Japanese and overseas universities and research institutions. To prevent an unintentional involvement in the development of weapons of mass destruction or similar activities through academic exchanges, it is obligatory in Japan that one should apply for approval from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) when one supplies or publicizes to the outside an object or information that could be used for military purposes, as stipulated by the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA) of Japan. A failure to apply for necessary approval would result in penalties etc.

In this connection, please submit a Letter of Oath by filling in the form attached herewith so that the university can be assured that you have understood the above-described objective.

### 1. What is the Security Export Control?

This is an international framework for preventing any object that could be used for military purposes, including weapons as well as microorganisms as material for biological weapons and high-performance machine tools, from being transferred to those who may carry out acts of concern, such as developers or manufacturers of weapons of mass destruction and terrorist groups.

In Japan, export control is enforced based on the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA). One must obtain approval from the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in advance for a transfer of technology or an export of goods that are subject to control as described below.

#### **List Control**

- Weapons
- High-performance general-purpose goods and technologies that can be used as a weapon or a part thereof
- High-performance general-purpose goods and technologies that can be used for a development or similar activity relating to a weapon.

#### **Catch-all Control**

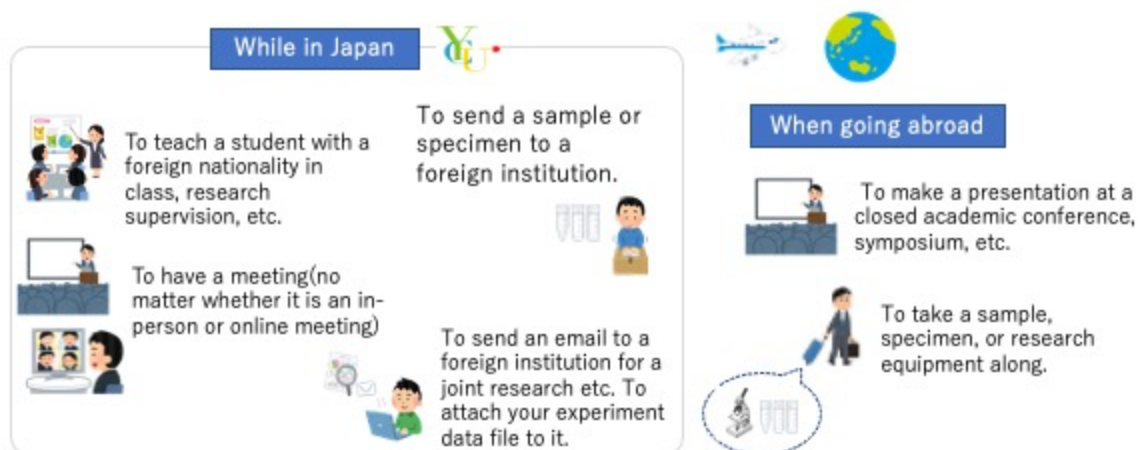
- With regard to goods and technologies other than listed on the left, in the case where the end-use or end-user (counterpart) of which raises a concern about weapon development

### Caution!

A person who has carelessly exported or transferred goods or technology without approval for which an export approval should have been obtained may be subject to a criminal penalty (an imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to 30,000,000 yen in the case of an individual) and an administrative sanction (prohibition of export of goods and transfer of technology up to three years).

## 2. Cases of academic activities subject to the export control

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Please contact your supervisor for advice if you might become are engaged in one of these activities or have questions.