

## **Marquette University Access to eCustoms Databases**

Marquette University is a subscriber to the Visual Compliance program provided by MSR Inc. The Office of Sponsored Programs is authorized to perform Visual Compliance searches and screens.

Exports are governed by three federal agencies and the regulations are complex and often confusing. Visual Compliance gives us the advantage of being able to perform the required reviews efficiently and comprehensively. It greatly enhances our ability to comply with federal requirements and minimizes delays that can negatively impact research programs.

We are required to screen all physical and deemed exports. This may involve screening individuals and entities against the “denied parties” listings, classifying equipment within federal controlled technology categories, and several other types of reviews. Visual Compliance enables us to expedite reviews required in export control compliance, denied party screening, the classification of controlled technologies, and the determination of whether export licenses are required for both deemed exports and physical shipments.

We are able to perform the required screens and determinations in far less time than would otherwise be the case if manual searches through federal regulations, sanction requirements and denied persons listings. Searches are done on-line and the results are automatically date-stamped. Results are reviewed with the person desiring to engage in any form of export. Once complete, we document the files with the findings obtained from Visual Compliance and proceed with any license applications that may be required.

We are also assured of effective compliance because Visual Compliance is constantly updated as federal regulations and policies are updated or changed. In addition to our being able to search the Visual Compliance databases, the program also includes links to all relevant federal export regulations. This enables us to perform additional verification and regulatory research.