

Texas A&M AgriLife Research Rules

15.05.04.A1 | High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations



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RULE SUMMARY

Texas A&M AgriLife Research (AgriLife Research) encourages its employees to establish global engagements in the pursuit of mutually beneficial fundamental scientific inquiries, cultural, or educational opportunities. These activities strengthen the academic and research program and are fundamental to each member's educational system.

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PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

AgriLife Research is committed to protecting the integrity of research and educational programs, including the interest of all involved in contractual relationships and international collaborations. International Collaborations that promote equitable, scientific inquiry, cultural, and educational opportunities are fundamental to our mission.

This rule is required by System Regulation 15.05.04 and is developed to ensure compliance with all related federal, state and system policies, regulations, and rules as well as establish formal procedures and guidelines related to High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations.

2. HIGH RISK GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND HIGH RISK INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Review and Approval Process

- a) AgriLife Ethics and Compliance (Ethics and Compliance) will conduct an initial review of all High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations for any potential conflicts of commitment, conflicts of interest, export control, or undue foreign influence concerns arising from these potential relationships.
- b) Prior to executing High Risk Global Engagements or establishing High Risk International Collaborations, Ethics and Compliance will submit the arrangement to the System Research Security Office (RSO) for final review and approval procedures in accordance with System Regulation 15.05.04.
- c) Once a final approval determination is provided by the System RSO, Ethics and Compliance will notify the AgriLife Research involved parties.

2.2 Employees involved in High Risk Global Engagements or High Risk International Collaborations are required to complete the "Export Controls and Embargo Training" (TrainTraq Course Number 2111212) once every two years. This training will be assigned by Ethics and Compliance at the time of their initial review.

2.3 High Risk Global Engagement records will be maintained in Maestro in accordance with guidance and approval from RSO.

RELATED STATUTES, POLICIES, OR REQUIREMENTS

[System Regulation 15.05.04, High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations](#)

[Section 117 of the Higher Education Act of 1945, 20 U.S.C. 1011f](#)
[International Traffic in Arms Regulations \(ITAR\) 22 CFR 120-130](#)
[Export Administration Regulations \(EAR\) 15 CFR 730-774](#)
[A&M System Policy 15.02, Export Controls Program Management](#)
[A&M System Policy 25.07, Contract Administration](#)
[A&M System Policy 25.07.01, Contract Administration, Delegations and Reporting](#)
[AgriLife Research Rule 15.02.99.A1, Export Controls](#)
[AgriLife Research Procedure 15.02.99.A1.01, Export Controls](#)
[AgriLife Research Procedure 61.99.01.A0.01, Retention of State Records](#)
[AgriLife Export Controls Compliance Program Manual](#)
[AgriLife Research Delegation of Authority for Contract Administration](#)

DEFINITIONS

Definitions are consistent with The Texas A&M University System (system) Regulation 15.05.04, *High Risk Global Engagements and High Risk International Collaborations*.

CONTACT OFFICE

Questions regarding this rule should be referred to AgriLife Ethics and Compliance Director Debi Fincher at 979-314-3441.

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