

# Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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# *Technical Consultations Between Front Line Officials and Technical Experts*



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# ICE's role

- Criminal investigators
- Testify to the facts of the investigation
- Not authorized to render decisions on license determinations
- Work closely with all the export licensing authorities



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# The Exodus Command Center

- Established in October 1981
- Part of ICE's Arms and Strategic Technology Investigations Unit in Washington, DC
- Single point of contact for ICE Special Agents and CBP Officers for:
  - Export licensing checks and verifications
  - Port detentions/seizures of licensable exports



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# Liaisons To Other Agencies

- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of Treasury
- U.S. Department of Defense
- U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration



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# Problems Identified by the ECC

- Insufficient information provided to the ECC/licensing officer
- Field officers/investigators providing
  - Airway Bills
  - Sales Receipts
  - Sales Contracts
  - Shipping invoices/information



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# Problems Identified by the ECC

- Field asking for legal opinions
- Field asking for regulation interpretation
- “What if...”



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# Problems Identified by the ECC

- Information that should be provided to the ECC/licensing officer
  - Mechanical specifications
  - Mechanical diagrams
  - Manufacturer's diagrams
  - Mechanical capabilities
  - Manuals
  - Other related documents



# Results of insufficient information

- Loss of time
  - Licensing officer must reach back to the field to obtain additional/correct information
  - Licensing officer must maintain an open file until the requestor provides additional information



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# Results of Lost Time

- Shipments are needlessly detained
- Storage costs
  - Government incurs storage costs
  - Shipper incurs storage costs
- Detained items take up warehouse/storage area
- Possible loss or theft of the goods



# Results of Lost Time

- Possible damage to the goods
  - Weather, rain, flood
  - Perishable goods
- Complaints from the shipping industry/business community
- Government inquiries
- Loss of revenue by industry



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# Discussion

What are your problems.....



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