

Report on Supply Chain Compliance Volume 2, Number 21. November 07, 2019 Indictment for export of dual-use item to Libya

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The U.S. Department of Justice indicted Peter Sotis^[1] for alleged violations of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act^[2] and the Export Administration Regulations.^[3] Sotis failed to obtain a license for the export of a rebreather (a breathing apparatus that allows divers to stay underwater longer), and exported the equipment through a shipping company to Libya.

The DOJ and the U.S. Department of Commerce are cracking down on the export of dual-use items and items to designated entities. The increase in enforcement actions has companies investing in screening software and more resources for sanctions compliance programs and employee training.

¹ “South Florida Resident Arrested for Attempting to Illegally Export Controlled Items to Libya,” U.S. Department of Justice, October 30, 2019, <http://bit.ly/2MYsCcL>.

² 50 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq.

³ 15 C.F.R. § 730 et seq.

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