Federal Express Settles Charges of Illegal Exports

WASHINGTON -- Commerce Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement F. Amanda DeBusk today imposed $15,000 in civil penalties on Federal Express (FedEx), of Memphis, Tenn., for allegedly facilitating the export of U.S.-origin equipment to a Denied Person and failure to maintain records of the subject transaction. A person or company may not participate, directly or indirectly, in an export-related transaction subject to the Export Administration Regulations with a Denied Person.

The Department alleged that FedEx, in 1996, facilitated the export of semiconductor equipment from the United States to Taiwan. The export was destined to a Denied Person, Realtek Semiconductor Co., Ltd., of Taipei, Taiwan. The Department also alleged that FedEx failed to maintain a proper record of the transaction.

The penalties were imposed as a result of an investigation conducted by the Office of Export Enforcement's Boston Field Office.

The Department of Commerce, through its Bureau of Export Administration, administers and enforces export controls for reasons of national security, foreign policy, nonproliferation and short supply. Criminal penalties, as well as administrative sanctions, can be imposed for violations of the regulations.

Note

In April of 2002 the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) changed its name to the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). For historical purposes we have not changed the references to BXA in the legacy documents found in the Archived Press and Public Information.