Information Concerning Travel to Iran and Prohibited Activities

The following information applies when a person is traveling to Iran as part of their studies, research or other official duties at the University of Florida.

- 1. A license is not required to travel to Iran.
- 2. However Section 560.204 of the Iranian Transaction Regulations states that except as authorized by the issuance of a license or order the sale or supply by a US person of any goods, technology or services to Iran or the government of Iran is prohibited. A US person is defined as a US citizen, permanent resident or protected individual. For example, presenting at a conference in Iran would probably be prohibited as a service, but attending a conference might not be.
- 3. Section 560.204 was applied to deny a license for a US person to conduct surveys and in-depth interviews with persons in Iran.
- 4. Section 560.210c provides an exemption from the general prohibition in 560.204 for information and information materials that are **fully created and in existence** at the time of the transaction. The terms information and information materials is defined in 560.315 to include publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilm, microfiche, tapes, compact discs, CD ROMs, artwork and news wire feeds.
- 5. Section 560.210d provides an exemption from the general prohibition in 560.204 for the taking of accompanied baggage while on travel for personal use. Section 560.507c allows only baggage that consists of articles necessary for personal use incident to travel, which may not include a laptop or cell phone.
- 6. Section 560.204 was applied to not prohibit a US person from being a peer reviewer of a publication submitted by an Iranian author. The US person's review could not result in substantive or artistic alterations or enhancements of the manuscript.
- 7. Financial dealings with Iran such as loans, commitment of funds and other financial transactions are prohibited.