

UF Travel to Cuba : Acknowledgment of compliance with regulations.

Many restrictions on travel to Cuba have been lifted since the reestablishment of diplomatic relations with the United States. Travel for a wide array of academic purposes—including research, conference participation, professional meetings and study abroad—is now authorized under a “General License” which requires no prior approval. Since the removal of Cuba from the US government’s list of “State sponsors of terrorism,” funds normally acceptable for travel to other countries may be used for travel to Cuba. UF official travel to Cuba may thus be authorized by the standard travel approval process.

The comprehensive US embargo on trade with Cuba, however, remains in effect. This embargo restricts the items that you are permitted to take when traveling to Cuba. All UF travelers are responsible for ensuring that they are in compliance with relevant regulations.

You may take the following approved items to Cuba without the need for further consultation or permission:

- (1) laptops and mobile devices as long as they are standard-issue, commercially available devices that do not contain (a) any export controlled information, data, or software or (b) specialized encryption software;
- (2) personal effects for your use (including clothes, toiletries, medical supplies, food).

There are also many other items that you likely can take with you to Cuba under various license exceptions, or by securing a license. For example, if you are going to Cuba for professional meetings or research, you generally can take items that you will need to complete your professional work. Taking such items to Cuba, however, requires you to either qualify for a license exception or to get a license from the Department of Commerce. In no circumstance may you bring items to Cuba that qualify as defense articles controlled under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR).

Any UF traveler planning to take items beyond those normally allowed as enumerated above must thus consult and receive approval from the Division of Research Compliance before traveling.

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Please acknowledge that you have read and agree to abide by these regulations by checking the appropriate box and signing below.

- I will not be taking any items to Cuba beyond the approved ones listed above
- I have consulted with the Division of Research Compliance and have received approval for any additional items I will take when traveling to Cuba.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Department or unit: _____ UFID: _____

Please type in your initials; your initials will be used as your digital signature.

Additional useful information on travel to Cuba is available on the following sites:

- US Treasury Department: https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Documents/cuba_faqs_new.pdf
- US Department of Commerce: <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/country-guidance/sanctioned-destinations/cuba>

Please save this form to your desktop and email it to vfayo@ufic.ufl.edu.