

The University of Bayreuth's Commitment to Export Control

The University of Bayreuth is committed to responsible and prudent export control. This is a key component of good academic governance and helps to identify and avoid potential risks in the international research and cooperation environment at an early stage.

The aim of export control is to ensure that scientific findings, technologies and know-how do not end up in contexts that pose risks relating to foreign trade law, human rights or security. This includes research whose results, technologies or software could be used for both civilian and military purposes (dual-use), international collaborations and the involvement of visiting researchers — and thus extends beyond the traditional fields of control and proliferation control.

Export control requires a careful balance between compliance with legal requirements and the constitutionally protected freedom of academic research. Given the University of Bayreuth's strong international focus and extensive research collaborations, adherence to export control regulations is an essential part of everyday university work. The University of Bayreuth therefore pursues a clear course: Risks are systematically assessed and addressed without unnecessarily hindering research. It goes without saying that research and collaboration must take place within the framework of the applicable foreign trade regulations; breaches will not be tolerated by the University Governing Board. In such cases, the implementation of individual projects may be suspended until the export control review has been completed or – where legally required – prohibited. The decision is made in accordance with the responsibilities defined for this purpose.

The Export Control Officer acts as the central point of contact for staff and provides advice on assessing issues relating to export control legislation.

All members of the University contribute to compliance with export control regulations by handling sensitive research content, technologies and international collaborations in a conscientious and responsible manner. We regard export control as a shared framework that provides guidance and helps to ensure that research and international collaboration are conducted securely, transparently and in accordance with the law.

The University Governing Board will actively support the ongoing development of the 'Internal Compliance Programme' (ICP) and ensure that export control is firmly embedded in the University of Bayreuth's processes.

Decision of the University Governing Board dated 21 July 2026