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Texas Manufacturer Agrees to \$50,000 Civil Penalty to Settle Illegal Export Charges

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Commerce Department's Bureau of Export Administration today imposed a \$50,000 civil penalty on Dell Computer Corporation of Austin, Texas, for alleged violations of the Export Administration Regulations, Frank Deliberti, acting assistant secretary for Export Enforcement, announced.

The Department alleged that Dell made three shipments of U.S. origin computer equipment from the United States to Iran without the required U.S. export licenses between March, 1992 and June, 1992. In connection with the exports, the Department also alleged that the company made false and misleading statements of material fact on export control documents. The BXA's Export Enforcement Dallas Field Office investigated the case.

The U.S. government maintains a comprehensive economic sanctions program against the government of Iran, barring virtually all commercial transactions involving U.S.-origin goods, U.S. persons, or both. Iran, as well as Cuba, Iraq, Libya and North Korea are nations that have repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

The Department of Commerce controls and licenses the export and re-export of dual-use commodities and technical data. Under the authority of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and the EAR, Commerce's Bureau of Export Administration maintains controls on these items for reasons of national security, foreign policy, non-proliferation and short supply.

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.