

What happens if I violate export controls in the US? 13 June 2014

ST&R Trade Report: "Outdoor Retailer Fined \$25,000 for Unlicensed Export of Rifle Scopes"

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The Bureau of Industry and Security has entered into a settlement agreement under which a Missouri-based retailer of outdoor goods will pay a \$25,000 civil penalty to settle charges that it exported optical sighting devices to Canada, China and Cyprus without the required licenses. These items are classified under Export Control Classification Number 0A987 and controlled for firearms convention reasons when exported to Canada and for crime control reasons when exported to China and Cyprus. If the fine is not paid on time, the retailer's export privileges may be suspended for one year.

The maximum civil penalty allowed by law for the alleged violations is the greater of \$250,000 per violation or twice the value of the transaction that is the basis of the violation. However, the company filed a voluntary self-disclosure of the nine transactions at issue, which seems to have been considered a mitigating factor.