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ST&R Trade Report: "Freight Forwarder to Pay \$125,000 for Exports of Monitoring Devices to Syria"

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The Bureau of Industry and Security has announced that a freight forwarder [Aramex Emirates, LLC, located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.)], has agreed to pay a \$125,000 civil penalty in connection with unlicensed exports and reexports to Syria via the UAE. BIS alleged that this forwarder agreed to receive two shipments of network devices and software used to monitor and control web traffic from another forwarder in the UAE and to then forward them to Syria. A BIS press release states that the forwarder's cargo system team in the UAE, including employees involved in the transactions at issue, were specifically advised of U.S. sanctions against Syria and instructed not to move U.S. products to Syria in an Oct. 20, 2009, company-wide circular. However, BIS adds that the forwarder fully cooperated with investigators and as a result received a reduced penalty.