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ST&R Trade Report: "\$100,000 Penalty against Area S.p.A for Unlicensed Technology Export to Syria"

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The Bureau of Industry and Security announced recently that a company located in Italy has agreed to pay a \$100,000 civil penalty to settle charges that it knowingly sold U.S.-origin network monitoring equipment to the Syrian Telecommunications Establishment without the required U.S. government authorization. This equipment was used to monitor and test a central monitoring system capable of collecting data about web surfing, emails, online chatting and voice-over-Internet protocol that the company had sold to STE. While the sale of the CMS (which contained minimal U.S. content) was not subject to the Export Administration Regulations, BIS states, the transfer of the network monitoring equipment required U.S. government authorization, which was not obtained. BIS adds that the Italian company hand-carried the equipment from Italy to Syria and then installed it and provided training for STE despite knowing that U.S. export regulations prohibited the unlicensed transfer of U.S.-origin items to Syria.