

# Texas Tech University System

## Regulation 07.16

### Foreign Adversaries – Gifts and Travel

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#### 1. Purpose

The Texas Tech University System and its component universities (referred to herein collectively as “University”) are committed to strengthening its systems—including those which include or provide access to critical infrastructure, intellectual property, and/or personal information—from being accessed by hostile foreign actors who may attempt to undermine the safety and security of said communities. This regulation provides information regarding Executive Order No. GA-48, as amended and/or codified, and responsive policies and best practices for compliance with said law(s).

#### 2. Definitions

For purposes of this regulation and compliance with Executive Order No. GA-48, the definitions below apply.

- a. *Personnel*. A University or System employee (an individual who receives a W-2 or 1042-S from the System or University, including full- and part-time faculty, staff, and students) or other individual who does not receive a W-2 or 1042-S from the System or University, but who may be classified as staff, researcher, scholar, or professor at the University. This includes personnel funded by another university/entity or those who are self-funded. The definition of *Personnel* may be expanded to include other individuals and/or classifications of individuals as designated by the University.
- b. *Prohibited Country*. A country listed on the U.S. Department of Commerce’s foreign adversaries list under [15 C.F.R § 791.4](#).

#### 3. Policy – Gifts and Travel for Professional Purposes

- a. By directive of Texas Governor’s Executive Order No. GA-48—as amended and/or codified—no Personnel of the System or University shall accept any gift, regardless of value, from an entity associated with or travel to, for professional purposes, a Prohibited Country. University or System Personnel who are approached by any such group(s) representing any of the Prohibited Countries offering gifts or travel shall report such offer(s), or alleged violation(s) of this policy to the designated University officer.
- b. System and University donor forms shall include an attestation of compliance with Executive Order No. GA-48 for any gift to the System or University regardless of gift value. For illustrative purposes, the following attestation would suffice in most circumstances:

*Donor(s), by their signature(s) below, attest that this gift is in compliance with Executive Order No. GA-48 issued by the Governor of the State of Texas and that Donor(s) is/are not associated with a country on the U.S. Department of Commerce's foreign adversaries list under 15 C.F.R. § 791.4.*

4. Policy - Personal Travel

- a. By directive of Texas Governor's Executive Order No. GA-48—as amended and/or codified—System and/or University Personnel must notify the designated University officer of any personal travel to a Prohibited Country prior to their travel and must submit a post-travel brief outlining details of the trip, including the dates and purpose of travel.
- b. To comply with this law, Personnel must complete the FOREIGN ADVERSARY NATIONS TRAVEL FORM, linked [here](#).

5. Designated University Officers

- a. Each University will designate an Office(s) and/or Officer(s) to be the respective recipients to which such reports, as required above, shall be submitted.

6. Right to Change Regulation

- a. The Texas Tech University System reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend, or rescind this regulation, in whole or in part, at any time without notice to or consent of its employees, personnel, or other members of the University community.

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