Effective July 1, 2014 international travel must be approved in writing in advance by the Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (ORIA) when travel is:

- To a comprehensively embargoed country (e.g., Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria).
  OR
- To a militarily embargoed country such as China or Afghanistan (complete list of these countries available at [http://pmddtc.state.gov/embargoed_countries/index.html](http://pmddtc.state.gov/embargoed_countries/index.html)) for a traveler who works with International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) data.

The approval flow for international trips that meet the criteria above is as follows:

- The traveler’s first line supervisor must first approve the international travel on the Request and Authorization to Travel form.
- If the traveler or his/her supervisor does not have signature authority for the fund/organization being charged, a fiscal officer with signature authority for that fund/organization must also approve the travel.
- The Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (ORIA) must approve the travel before the trip is scheduled to begin. ORIA may contact or interview the traveler in conjunctions with the approval process.

Senior Approving Officials are no longer required to approve travel.

The Travel Request System (TRS) and the Request and Authorization to Travel form have been revised to reflect this new approval process.

Additional information is available at [http://oria.gmu.edu/export-control/](http://oria.gmu.edu/export-control/).