**PROVIDING UNSOLICITED REQUEST TO U.S. SANCTIONED COUNTRIES**

The major considerations for ARS scientist to consider when a request is received from a country you think may be on the U. S. embargo/sanction country list would be to check the following URL for the current country list (Please remember if you are not complete sure it is recommended to contact ARS HS):

<http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs/index.shtml>

After determination of the status of the requesting country (or need help in determining the status) forward the request or communication from the listed country to [ARS-Homeland Security (HS)](mailto:Jason.Groves@ars.usda.gov). ARS-HS will determine if DHS/Treasury Department needs to be informed and then forward the request to the Office of International Research Programs (OIRP) and Office of Technology Transfer (OTT).

**PLEASE BE REMINDED:** Even if information is in the public domainis still cannot be provided to some U.S. banned countries.

According to information provided by the Department of Commerce, Department of Export Control the number of unsolicited request for materials/information from research organizations has greatly increased in the past couple of years. Please be careful.