

Encryption Export Legality

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Hi, I'd like to put a "Send me an encrypted message" applet on my webpage.

Can I do that? Do I need an eight page long contract that says, if you are not US then you can't use this?

Does it make any difference what algorithms I use? Like if I used PGP, or Blowfish or some encrypted barcode? Are certain algorithms illegal (for export)?

What if I sit down right now and write something for encryption . . .
Do I have to register it; who decides if I can export it or not?
(I'm no mathematician or cryptographer, no real chance of this happening, I am just curious.)

If I'm not going to get in trouble for it, I'd like to get started writing L-AES, that is Luc's Awesome Encryption System.

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