

United States Department of State*Washington, D.C. 20520*

June 19, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment sold commercially under a contract to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$14,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves providing Fine Track Sensor units and the technical services to complete their integration into turrets built in the United Kingdom.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-76-97

The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

United States Department of State*Washington, D.C. 20520*

June 24, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith notification of a proposed approval for exports to the United Kingdom of defense articles and defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$14,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data and equipment necessary to develop and produce the Combined Arms Tactical Trainer (CATT), including software, documentation and training.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal notification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-79-97

The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

United States Department of State*Washington, D.C. 20520*

June 24, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed license for the export of defense equipment or services sold commercially under contract to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$14,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data and assistance for the Nimrod 2000 program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-81-97

The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

United States Department of State*Washington, D.C. 20520*

July 11, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed license for the re-transfer of major defense equipment sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$14,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the re-transfer of five CF-5 aircraft from the Government of Canada to the Government of Botswana for use by the Botswana Defense Force.

The United States Government is prepared to license the re-transfer of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, although unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant.

Sincerely,

Barbara Larkin,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-82-97

The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Proposed Revocation of Korea's
Identification as a Priority Foreign
Country in Telecommunications Trade**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of proposed action and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: On July 26, 1996, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) identified the Republic of Korea as a "priority foreign country" (PFC) under section 1374 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (the Act) because certain acts, policies, and practices denied mutually advantageous market opportunities to U.S. suppliers of telecommunications goods and services. As a result of negotiations following this identification, Korea has made measurable progress towards the elimination of the objectionable acts, policies, or practices which were the subject of the specific negotiating objectives determined by the USTR under section 1375 of the Act. The Office of the USTR seeks comments on its proposal to revoke Korea's PFC identification on August 11, 1997.

DATES: Comments are due by August 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Ms. Sybia Harrison, Office of the General Counsel, Room 223, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Seen Murphy (202-395-6813), Office of Asia and the Pacific, or Joanna McIntosh (202-395-7203), Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 1374 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19 U.S.C. 3103) provides that the USTR may identify as a "priority foreign country" those countries which maintain barriers that deny U.S. telecommunications products and services mutually advantageous market opportunities.

On July 26, 1996, the USTR identified Korea as a PFC as a result of Korea's failure to eliminate barriers that deny mutually advantageous market opportunities for U.S. providers of telecommunications goods and services and that are not covered by the existing agreements with Korea. 61 Fed. Reg. 40279 (Aug. 1, 1996). The barriers included, but were not limited to the Korean Government's intervention in

procurements by private Korean companies, improper promotion of domestic manufacturing of high technology telecommunications products, and limitations on foreign ownership of telecommunications services. As described below, over the last twelve months, Korea has conducted multilateral and bilateral negotiations with the United States and made measurable progress in eliminating the objectionable acts, policies, and practices which were the subject of the specific negotiating objectives determined by USTR:

(1) Korea participated in the successful conclusion of the Information Technology Agreement (ITA), negotiated under the auspices of the World Trade Organization (WTO), which was concluded in December 1996. Under the ITA, Korea will eliminate in stages tariffs and customs duties on an agreed package of information technology products, including telecommunications equipment. Korea will reduce tariffs to zero by the year 2000 for all covered products, except for thirteen items for which tariffs will be reduced to zero by 2004. These tariff eliminations will increase market access in Korea for U.S. suppliers of telecommunications goods.

(2) Korea also participated in the successful conclusion in February 1997 of the WTO basic telecommunications services negotiations. Beginning in January 1998, Korea will allow increased foreign ownership of domestic telecommunications services companies and adopt a number of transparent and pro-competitive regulatory principles. These commitments will enhance competition in the Korean telecommunications services sector and provide new opportunities for U.S. investors and services operators, as well as equipment suppliers.

(3) The Korean Ministry of Information and Communication (MIC) issued a policy statement on July 14, 1997 clarifying recent revisions of government practices, procedures and objectives in the telecommunications sector. The policy statement provides guidance to domestic and foreign telecommunications goods and services suppliers in Korea and enhances transparency by correcting misperceptions regarding the treatment of foreign suppliers. The specific policies embodied in the MIC policy statement include: national treatment and non-discrimination for foreign companies; government non-intervention in private sector procurement; transparent procedures on services licensing, equipment certification and type approval; foreign

ownership limitations; the protection of intellectual property and proprietary information; technology transfer; satellite services authorization; pro-competitive regulatory measures; and the evolving role of the Korean Communications Commission to further promote and protect fair competition in the Korean market.

The United States will continuously monitor Korea's adherence to the above commitments and will enforce them, as appropriate, under U.S. trade laws and applicable WTO procedures to ensure effective implementation.

Public Comment: Requirements for Submissions

Pursuant to the Act, this notice invites written comments from interested parties on the proposed action. Submissions are to be received in writing by not later than 5:00 p.m. on August 8, 1997 and must be in English and provided in five (5) copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the commenter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy. A person requesting that information or advice contained in a comment submitted by that person, other than business confidential information, be treated as confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2155)—

(1) Must so designate that information or advice;

(2) Must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) Is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

The Office of the USTR will maintain a file on this issue, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by the Office of the USTR from the public with respect to this proposal. An appointment to review the public file may be made by calling Brenda Webb, (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Irving Williamson,

Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Airborne Global Positioning System Antenna

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of and requests comments on a proposed Technical Standard Order pertaining to airborne Global Positioning System (GPS) antenna. The proposed TSO prescribes the performance standards that manufacturer-specified appliances must meet to be identified with the marking "TSO-C144."

DATES: Comments must identify the TSO file number and be received on or before October 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments on the proposed technical standard order to: Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service—File No. TSO-C144, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591. Or deliver comments to: Federal Aviation Administration, Room 815, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Bobbie J. Smith, Technical Programs and Continued Airworthiness Branch, AIR-120, Aircraft Engineering Division, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591, Telephone (202) 267-9546.

Comments Invited

Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed TSO listed in this notice by submitting such written data, views, or arguments as they desire to the above specified address. Comments received on the proposed technical standard order may be examined, before and after the comment closing date, in Room 815, FAA Headquarters Building (FOB-10A), 800 Independence Avenue, SW,