

SUMMARY: The Commission has received a petition (CP 00-1) requesting that the Commission issue a performance standard for non-wood baseball bats. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive comments on the petition by August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, preferably in five copies, on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpssc-os@cpssc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 00-1, Petition on Baseball Bats." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received correspondence from J.W. MacKay, Jr. requesting that the Commission issue a

rule requiring that all non-wood baseball bats perform like wood bats. The Commission is docketing his request as a petition under the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2056 and 2058. The petitioner asserts that non-wood bats (primarily made of aluminum and composite materials) have become increasingly dangerous. He states that such bats have a faster bat swing speed, a larger "sweet spot," and lower balance point than wood bats. These high performance bats, he asserts, allow the ball to achieve a faster exit velocity so that the pitcher does not have time to react if a ball is batted at him. For these reasons, the petitioner argues, such non-wood bats present an unreasonable risk of injury.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. Copies of the petition are also available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 00-33]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Pub.L. 104-164 dated July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 00-33 with attached transmittal, policy justification and Section 620(C)(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

25 MAY 2000
In reply refer to:
I-00/003019

Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 00-33, and under separate cover, the classified documents thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$305 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

You will also find attached a certification as required by Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, that this action is consistent with Section 620C(b) of that statute.

Reporting of Offset Agreements in accordance with Section 36(b)(1)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended by Section 1245 of H.R. 3427 enacted by P.L. 106-113 dated November 29, 1999, requires a description of any offset agreement with respect to this proposed sale. Section 36(b)(1)(g) of the AECA, as amended, provides that reported information related to offset agreements be treated as confidential information in accordance with section 12(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2411(c)). Information about offsets for this proposed sale are described in the enclosed confidential attachment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. S. Davison, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
DIRECTOR

Attachments

Separate Cover:
Classified Annex
Offset certificate

Same ltr to:

House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 00-33**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser: Greece**
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 265 million |
| Other | <u>\$ 40 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 305 million |
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered: Five Hundred sixty Advance Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 750 BLU-109 bombs, missile containers, fuzes, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, engineering technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics and program support**
- (iv) **Military Department: Air Force (SNX, Amendment 1 and SBD, Amendment 10)**
- (v) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none**
- (vi) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Annex under separate cover.**
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress: 25 MAY 2000**

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Greece - F-16 Aircraft Munitions

The Government of Greece (GOG) has requested a possible sale of 560 Advance Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), 750 BLU-109 bombs, missile containers, fuzes, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, engineering technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$305 million.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Greece while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

The proposed sale will provide an opportunity to further modernize and strengthen the Greek air forces in the air defense role. These munitions and associated equipment and support are intended to supplement their air-to-air missile employment arena in the southern region of NATO, and defense and protect its national boundaries. Greece will have no difficulty absorbing these munitions into their armed forces. These missiles will be provided to Greece in accordance with and subject to the limitations on use and transfer of the Arms Export Control Act, as embodied in the terms of sale. This proposed sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question.

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Company, Tucson, Arizona, and either National Forge, Irvine, Pennsylvania; or Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, Orlando, Florida. The GOG wants offsets to be a part of this procurement, however, there has not been any discussion between the GOG and the contractors.

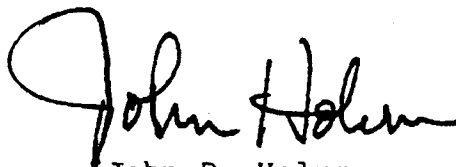
Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government and contractor representatives to Greece.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Certification Under § 620C(d)
Of The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, As Amended

Pursuant to § 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163 (Sec. 1-201(a)(13)) and the Secretary of State's memorandum of December 15, 1997, I hereby certify that the furnishing to Greece AIM-120 AMRAAM air-to-air missiles and BLU-109 penetration bombs with associated fuzes, spare and repair parts, technical data and engineering technical assistance with an estimated cost of \$305 million is consistent with the principles contained in § 620C(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress under § 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying said notification, of which said justification constitutes a full explanation.



John D. Holum
 Senior Adviser
 for Arms Control and
 International Security

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, As amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: 26-27 June 2000 (800am to 1600pm).

ADDRESSES: Joint Battle Center, 1161 Lake View Parkway, Suite 150, Suffolk, VA 23435.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj. Donald R. Culp, Jr., USAF Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology

Advisory Board, Washington, DC 20340-1328 (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code, and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: June 9, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Manual for Courts-Martial; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for the 2000 draft annual review public meeting of the JSC. This notice also describes the functions of the JSC.

DATES: Wednesday, 28 June 2000 at 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Room 808, 1501 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22209-2403.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Colonel Thomas C. Jaster, U.S. Air Force Legal Services Agency, 112 Luke Avenue, Room 343, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC 20332-8000, (202) 767-1539; FAX (202) 404-8755

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The JSC will receive public comment concerning its 2000 draft annual review of the Manual for Courts-Martial as published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 30963 on May 15, 2000.

The Judge Advocates General established the JSC in 1972. The JSC currently operates under Department of Defense Directive 5500.17, May 8, 1996. The function of the JSC is to improve military justice through preparation and