

Transmittal No. 09-14**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a new generation air-to-air missile. The AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM hardware, including the missile guidance section, is classified Confidential. State-of-the-art technology is used in the missile to provide it with unique beyond-visual-range capability. Significant AIM-120C-7 features include a target detection device with embedded electronic countermeasures, an electronics unit within the guidance section that performs all radar signal processing, mid-course and terminal guidance, flight control, target detection and warhead burst point determination. Anti-tampering security measures have been incorporated into the AIM-120C-7 to prevent exploitation of the AMRAAM software.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal Nos. 09-24]

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 Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 09-24 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: July 28, 2009.

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Department of Defense.

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Kuwait
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 1 million |
| Other | \$ <u>80 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 81 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 4 M2 .50 cal HB Browning machine guns, 2 Swiftship Model 176DSV0702, 54X9.2X1.8 meter Nautilus Class Diver Support Vessels outfitted with a MLG 27mm gun system, support equipment, personnel training, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (SAW, Amd #3)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** none.
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** JUL 13 2009

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kuwait – Nautilus Class Diver Support Vessels

The Government of Kuwait has requested a possible sale of 4 M2 .50 cal HB Browning machine guns, 2 Swiftship Model 176DSV0702, 54X9.2X1.8 meter Nautilus Class Diver Support Vessels outfitted with a MLG 27mm gun system, support equipment, personnel training, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$81 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a Major Non-NATO ally which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. Additionally, the proposed sale will demonstrate the U.S. Government's commitment to our bilateral relationship.

Kuwait needs these vessels to strengthen its tactical range and operating capabilities with its defense network. The Diver Support Vessels will ensure enhanced fleet security and interoperability as well as improve Kuwait's capability to conduct operations. Kuwait will have no difficulty absorbing the diver support vessels into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Swiftships, LLC in Morgan City, Louisiana. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of one contractor representative in Kuwait for a period of one year after the delivery of the craft to provide technical assistance in the performance of planned and corrective maintenance and repair.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 09-29]

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