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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 09-49]

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 09-49 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: August 12, 2009.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.



DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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AUG 06 2009

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 09-49, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Thailand for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$150 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

**Beth M. McCormick
Deputy Director**

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

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House

**Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Senate

**Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**



Transmittal No. 09-49

**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Thailand
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$100 million |
| Other | \$ <u>50 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$150 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 3 UH-60L BLACK HAWK helicopters with 6 T-700-GE-701D engines with C controls, AN/APX 100 (V) Identification Friend or Foe Mark XII Transponder Set or suitable substitute/commercial equivalent, warranties, internal hoist kits, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (UAB)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**
FMS case WEB-\$19.5M-20Nov00
FMS case WEM-\$9.4M-9Oct01
FMS case WES-\$24.5M-3Oct02
FMS case WEZ-\$25.3M-14Oct03
FMS case JDG-\$7.1M-20Oct00
- (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:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** AUG 06 2009

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Thailand – UH-60L BLACK HAWK Helicopters**

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of 3 UH-60L BLACK HAWK helicopters with 6 T-700-GE-701D engines with C controls, AN/APX 100 (V) Identification Friend or Foe Mark XII Transponder Set or suitable substitute/commercial equivalent, warranty, internal hoist kits, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$150 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.

Thailand needs these helicopters to fulfill its strategic commitments for search and rescue and self-defense within the region without being dependent upon assistance from other countries. This proposed sale will upgrade its air mobility capability and provide for the defense of vital installations and close air support for ground forces. Thailand, which already has UH-60s in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these helicopters into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut. 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 to Thailand for two years.

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

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of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The UH-60L BLACK HAWK weapon system contains communications and identification equipment, navigation equipment, displays and sensors. The aircraft itself does not contain sensitive technology. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation, and maintenance of the BLACK HAWK helicopter is Confidential. The highest level that could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Confidential.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software in this proposed sale, 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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