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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 17–45 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: October 18, 2017.

Aaron Siegel.
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
The Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. 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. 17–45, concerning the Navy’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $360 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hooper  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

Ten-year upgrade program for twenty-four (24) MH–60R Multi-Mission Helicopters and associated training devices, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, engineering and technical services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs), ECPs for
The Government of Australia has requested a follow-on case for a possible ten-year upgrade program for twenty-four (24) MH–60R Multi-Mission Helicopters and associated training devices, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, engineering and technical services, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services, Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs), ECPs for training devices, classified software (JMPS/MDLs), Engineering Technical Assistance (ETA), Logistics Technical Assistance (LTA), Other Technical Assistance (OTA), supply support, support equipment, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The Government of Australia is requesting a follow-on case for the possible ten-year upgrade program for twenty-four (24) MH–60R Multi-Mission Helicopters. The MH–60R Multi-Mission Helicopters will provide Australia’s antiship and surface warfare capability, provide an improved search and rescue capability, enhance its antisubmarine surveillance capability, and will help it carry out international commitments for transport, surveillance, and search and rescue operations with the United States and other allies. The proposed upgrades will also provide Australia the resources necessary to properly maintain its multi-mission helicopters. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment 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, a Lockheed Martin Company, Stratford, CT and Lockheed Martin, Owego, NY. There are no offsets proposed in connection with this potential sale. Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Australia. There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 17–45 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 Commonwealth of Australia requirement for spiral upgrades to the twenty-four (24) Multi-Mission MH–60R Helicopters could include:
   e. Mission Capability Areas for Development: Kinematic Performance/Airborne Survivability
   f. Mission Capability Areas for Development: Obsolescence Management

2. The spiral development case may contain sensitive technology; however, defined requirements are not known at this time and will be assessed on a case by case basis.
3. A determination has been made that Australia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.
4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Australia.

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Arms Sales Notification


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