

failures that may create hazards to consumers?

- What steps should be taken to prevent an internet connection from creating a hazard to consumers after a product's purchase (or lease) and installation?
- What role should safety standards or design guidelines play in keeping IoT devices from creating new hazards to consumers? Should these standards be voluntary or mandatory?
- What role should government play in keeping consumers safe regarding IoT devices?
- Will policies to prevent hazardization of IoT products require or benefit from strong international cooperation?
- How should the Commission consider responsibilities for hazards or injuries among the various contributors to an internet-connected product associated with an incident?
- How should the Commission consider responsibilities for hazards or injuries resulting from interdependencies between products (e.g., communications protocol between networked alarm and smart home hub)?
- For recalls involving IoT devices, what are different ways companies can communicate notice to consumers who own the IoT devices?

### III. The Hearing

Through this notice, the Commission invites the public to provide information on how internet-connected products can result in hazards to consumers, and what actions the Commission can take to eliminate or mitigate those hazards. The purpose of the public hearing on IoT is to provide interested stakeholders a venue to discuss potential safety hazards created by a consumer product's connection to IoT or other network-connected devices; the types of hazards (e.g., electrical, thermal, mechanical, chemical) related to the intended, unintended, or foreseeable misuse of consumer products because of an IoT connection; current standards development; industry best practices; and the proper role of the CPSC in addressing potential safety hazards with IoT-related products. CPSC's authority covers the types of product hazards described above. Therefore, this hearing will not address personal data security or privacy implications of IoT devices.

To request the opportunity to make an oral presentation, see the information under the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections of this notice. Participants should limit their presentations to approximately 10 minutes, excluding time for questioning

by the Commissioners. To avoid duplicate presentations, groups should designate a spokesperson, and the Commission reserves the right to limit presentation times or impose further restrictions, as necessary.

**Alberta E. Mills,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

**[Docket Number DARS-2018-0002; OMB Control Number 0704-0483]**

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Acquisition Regulations System has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 26, 2018.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number:* Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Independent Research and Development Technical Descriptions; OMB Control Number 0704-0483.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Reporting Frequency:* On occasion.

*Number of Respondents:* 77.

*Responses per Respondent:* 87.

*Annual Responses:* 6,699.

*Average Burden per Response:* .5 hours.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,350.

*Needs and Uses:* DFARS 231.205-18 requires contractors to report independent research and development projects to DTIC using the DTIC's online IR&D database. The inputs must be updated at least annually and when the project is completed.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Jasmeet Seehra.

Comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection

should be sent to Ms. Jasmeet Seehra, DoD Desk Officer, at [Oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Please identify the proposed information collection by DoD Desk Officer and the Docket ID number and title of the information collection

You may also submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by the following method:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Mr. Frederick C. Licari.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Licari at: WHS/ESD Directives Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, 2nd Floor, East Tower, Suite 03F09, Alexandria, VA 22350-3100.

**Jennifer L. Hawes,**

*Regulatory Control Officer, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

**[Transmittal No. 17-20]**

#### Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Arms sales notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 17-20 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 22, 2018.

**Shelly Finke,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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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. 17-20, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$270.4 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. W. Hooper", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Charles W. Hooper  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology
4. Regional Balance (Classified document provided under separate cover)



Transmittal No. 17–20

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*: Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 240.0 million
Other .....	\$ 30.4 million
Total .....	\$270.4 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase*:

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE)*:

Three hundred (300) AIM–9X–2

Sidewinder Block II Missiles

Forty (40) AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder

Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs)

Thirty (30) AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder

Block II Tactical Guidance Units

Fifteen (15) AIM–9X–2 CATM

Guidance Units

*Non-MDE includes*:

Also includes containers, spares, support equipment and missile support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support, and other associated support equipment and services.

(iv) *Military Department*: Navy (ABJ)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: AE–P–AAL (AIM–9M); and AE–P–ABA (AIM–9–X2 (previously notified and offered but the customer allowed the LOA to expire))

(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 Attached Annex

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: March 7, 2018

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

#### **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

*Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)—AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder Block II Missiles*

The UAE has requested the possible sale of three hundred (300) AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder Block II missiles, forty (40) AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs), thirty (30) AIM–9X–2 Block II Tactical guidance units, fifteen (15) AIM–9X–2 CATM guidance units, containers, spares, support equipment and missile support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support, and other associated support equipment and services. The total estimated cost is \$270.4 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

This potential sale will improve the UAE's capability to meet current and future threats and provide an enhanced capability for its Air Force. The UAE will use the enhanced capability to strengthen its homeland defense. The UAE will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company, Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to the UAE on a temporary basis for program technical support and management oversight.

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

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder Block II missile represents a substantial increase in missile acquisition and kinematics performance over the AIM–9M and replaces the AIM–9X Block I missile configuration. The missile includes a high off-boresight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, low drag/high angle of attack airframe and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The software algorithms are the most sensitive portion of the AIM–9X–2 missile. The software continues to be modified via a Pre-Planned Product Improvement (P<sup>3</sup>I) program in order to improve its counter-countermeasure capabilities. No software source code or algorithms will be released. The missile is classified as CONFIDENTIAL.

2. The AIM–9X–2 Sidewinder Block II missile will result in the transfer of sensitive technology and information. The equipment, hardware, and documentation are classified CONFIDENTIAL. The software and operational performance are classified

SECRET. The seeker/guidance control section and the target detector are CONFIDENTIAL and contain sensitive state-of-the-art technology. Manuals and technical documentation that are necessary or support operational use and organizational management are classified up to SECRET. Performance and operating logic of the counter-countermeasures circuits are classified SECRET. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters and similar critical information.

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

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2018–0097; FRL–9975–29]

#### **Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for January 2018**

**AGENCY**: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION**: Notice.

**SUMMARY**: Section 5(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) requires EPA to publish in the **Federal Register** a statement of its findings after its review of TSCA section 5(a) notices when EPA makes a finding that a new chemical substance or significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Such statements apply to premanufacture notices (PMNs), microbial commercial activity notices (MCANs), and significant new use notices (SNUNs) submitted to EPA under TSCA section 5. This document presents statements of findings made by EPA on TSCA section 5(a) notices during the period from January 1, 2018 to January 31, 2018.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*For technical information contact:* Greg Schweer, Chemical Control Division (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental