

support. Total estimated program cost was \$1.05 billion.

Subsequently, on January 24, 2017, Congress was notified pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of AECA, as amended, by Congressional certification transmittal number 0Z-16, of the possible sale of 16 AN/AAR-57A(V)8 Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS) as Major Defense Equipment (MDE), valued at \$17.2 million. Also included in this sale were Blue Force Tracker—Aviation (BFT-A), KIV-77 Common Crypto Applique for Identification Friend or Foe (IFF), and AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loaders (SKL).

This transmittal notifies the upgrade of the previously notified equipment associated with the CH-47F Chinook helicopters, specifically with seven (7) additional AN/AAR-57A(V)8 Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS), as well as eight (8) AN/ALQ-212 Advance Threat Infrared Countermeasures (ATIRCM), seven (7) APR-39C(V)1 Radar Signal Detecting Sets, and fourteen (14) CN-1689-(H-764GU) Embedded Global Positioning System/ Inertial Navigation (EGI) Systems. All four of these systems are MDE. Also included in this possible sale are associated equipment, support, and services. The addition of these systems will result in an increase in MDE cost of \$425 million. The total case value will increase to \$1.21 billion.

(iv) *Significance:* The Netherlands has a long history of supporting the United States in an expeditionary role. The RNLAf have deployed worldwide during several conflicts in recent history: The Balkans Stabilization Forces (SFOR and KFOR), Stabilization Force in Iraq (SFIR), Afghanistan (ISAF), and the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). During these deployments, the Dutch have proven to be a respected coalition partner to both the U.S. and NATO forces.

(v) *Justification:* This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of the Netherlands which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe. It is vital to the U.S. national interests to assist the Netherlands to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

The AN/AAR-57A(V)8 CMWS is the detection component of the suite of countermeasures designed to increase survivability of current generation combat aircraft and specialized special operations aircraft against the threat posed by infrared guided missiles. The releasability is determined on a case by case basis. CMWS hardware is UNCLASSIFIED; when software is loaded, it is classified SECRET.

The AN/ALQ-212 Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasures (ATIRCM) provides reliable, reusable jamming to defeat advanced infrared missile threats. It also provides passive warning of the missile's approach using CMWS which detects the missile, rejects the false alarm, and cues the onboard infrared jamming system's jam head to the missile's location. When the jam head finds the missile with its infrared tracking system, it emits a high-energy infrared beam to defeat the missile's infrared seeker. It adds protection above flare-only solutions, tracks, multiple targets, defeats threats early and quickly, and has a modular, open system architecture. It also has advance multi-band laser technology. ATIRCM is classified SECRET.

The APR-39C(V)1 Radar Signal Detecting (RSD) Set provides situational awareness to the aircrew when the system Identified pulsed radio frequency signals from a potential radar aided threat weapon system. The RSD receives, processes and displays potential threats in the radio frequency environment and provides relative bearing and threat type to aircrew via

audio and visual cueing. The APR-39 hardware is UNCLASSIFIED; when software is loaded, it is classified CONFIDENTIAL.

The CN-1689-(H-764GU) EGI system is a Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) based navigation platform that combines an inertial sensor assembly with a fixed reception pattern antenna GPS receiver. The EGI system is the primary source for position information and is UNCLASSIFIED. The GPS crypto variables needed for the highest GPS accuracy are classified up to SECRET.

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* August 8, 2018

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 18-29]

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: DSCA at dscA.ncr.lmo.mbx.info@mail.mil or (703) 697-9709.

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 18-29 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 17, 2018.

Shelly E. 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

AUG 08 2018

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. 18-29, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Mexico for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$41.6 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

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Transmittal No. 18-29

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 Mexico

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$14.0 million
Other	\$27.6 million
Total	\$41.6 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Six (6) Evolved Seasparrow Tactical Missiles (ESSM)

Two (2) Evolved Seasparrow Telemetry Missiles

Non-MDE:

Also included are one (1) MK56 VLS launcher (8-cell), eight (8) MK30 canisters, eight (8) MK783 shipping containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment,

publications and technical documentation, training, USG/ Contractor technical and engineering support services, and technical assistance.

(iv) *Military Department:* Navy

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:*

MX-P-AAG (57mm and 25mm ammunition)

MX-P-AAN (Rolling Airframe Missile)

MX-P-AAO (Harpoon Block II Missile)

MX-P-AAS (MK54 Torpedo)

MX-P-SAA (MH-60R Helicopter and support)

(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*: August 8, 2018

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Mexico—Evolved Seasparrow Missiles

The Government of Mexico has requested to buy six (6) Evolved Seasparrow tactical missiles (ESSM) and two (2) Evolved Seasparrow telemetry missiles. Also included are one (1) MK56 VLS launcher (8-cell), eight (8) MK30 canisters, eight (8) MK783 shipping containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, training, USG/ Contractor technical and engineering support services, and technical assistance. The total estimated value is \$41 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic regional partner. The sale of these shipboard systems to Mexico will significantly increase and strengthen Mexico's maritime capabilities. Mexico intends to use these defense articles and services to modernize its armed forces and expand its existing naval and maritime support of national security requirements.

Mexico intends to use the weapons systems on its Sigma 10514 Class ship. The systems will provide enhanced capabilities in effective defense of critical sea lanes. The proposed sale of these systems and support services will increase the Mexican Navy's maritime partnership potential and align its capabilities with existing regional navies. Mexico has not purchased these systems previously. Mexico will have no difficulty integrating 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 Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this potential sale.

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

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 sale of Evolved Seasparrow missiles (ESSM) under this FMS case will result in the transfer of classified missile equipment to Mexico. Both classified and unclassified defense equipment and technical data will be transferred. The missile includes the guidance section, warhead section, transition section, propulsion section, control section and Thrust Vector Control (TVC) of which the guidance section and transition section are classified CONFIDENTIAL. Standard missile documentation to be provided under this FMS case will include:

- a. Parametric documents (CONFIDENTIAL)
- b. Missile Handling/Maintenance Procedures (UNCLASSIFIED)
- c. General Performance Data (CONFIDENTIAL)
- d. Firing Guidance (CONFIDENTIAL)
- e. Dynamics Information (Confidential)

2. The sale of the Evolved Seasparrow Missiles (ESSM) under this FMS case will result in the transfer of sensitive technological information and/or restricted information contained in the missile guidance section. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified SECRET because it could be used to develop tactics and/or countermeasures to reduce or defeat the missile effectiveness.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of

the specific hardware and software elements, primarily performance characteristics, engagement algorithms, and transmitter specific frequencies, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness.

4. A determination has been made that the recipient country 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 18–11]

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: DSCA at dsca.ncr.lmo.mbx.info@mail.mil or (703) 697–9709.

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 18–11 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

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