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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Lebanon—M1152 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs)

The Government of Lebanon has requested to buy up to three hundred (300) M1152 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWVs) (2 purchases of one hundred fifty (150) each). Also included are spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated cost is \$55.5 million.

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

The proposed sale will provide sufficient modern transport vehicles to improve Lebanon's capability to meet current and future threats by improving

its ability to move troops and supplies around the country to counter violent extremist organizations and to secure its border. Lebanon will have no difficulty absorbing this additional equipment and services into its armed forces as they currently operate over one thousand (1,000) HMMWVs of various variants.

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

The principal contractor will be American General, South Bend, Indiana. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two (2) U.S. contractor representatives to Lebanon for a duration of up to thirteen (13) weeks to conduct HMMWV operator and maintenance training.

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 No. 20-78]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karma Job at karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil or (703) 697-8976.

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 20-78 with attached Policy Justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 21, 2020.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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December 4, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
 Speaker of the House
 U.S. House of Representatives
 H-209, The Capitol
 Washington, DC 20515

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. 20-78 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$132.2 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,

Heidi H. Grant
 Director

Enclosures:

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

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Transmittal No. 20-78

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 Australia

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$0
Other	\$132.2 million
Total	\$132.2 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

None

Non-MDE:

M825A1 155mm White Phosphorous projectile munitions, M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery, M762A1 electronic-timed fuzes, M231 and M232A2 propelling charges, percussion primers, technical publications and books, technical

data for operational maintenance, technical assistance and services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army (AT-B-ULC)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* AT-B-UGN

(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

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POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Government of Australia—155mm Ammunition and Accessories

The Government of Australia has requested to buy M825A1 155mm White Phosphorous projectile munitions, M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery, M762A1 electronic-timed fuzes, M231 and M232A2 propelling charges, percussion primers, technical publications and books, technical data for operational maintenance, technical assistance and services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$132.2 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region.

This purchase will enable effective training and extend the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) capability to conduct combined operations. The ADF already has these rounds in service, and is trained and equipped to use them. Australia will not have any difficulty absorbing these weapons 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 determined at a later date. The material could potentially be sourced from a combination of DoD stocks and new procurement. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of 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.

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The M825A1 is a 155mm artillery projectile which utilizes a payload of

white phosphorous impregnated felt to produce a smoke screen at a target location. The Government of Australia has stated their commitment to use these rounds exclusively for its intended purpose, which is to provide signaling and to obscure enemy visibility on the battlefield.

2. The M782 Multi-Option Fuze for Artillery (MOFA). The M782 is a selectable multi-option fuze that provides height of burst capability to artillery rounds. The M782 is a sensitive military technology and has been approved for release to the Government of Australia.

3. Also included in this case are propelling charges and other fuzes that enable the effective use of the M825A1 end item. While these technologies are controlled military hardware they do not represent a significant technology transfer risk.

4. The highest level of classified information associated with the sale of this equipment is SECRET.

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

6. 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 proposed sale is necessary to further the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Australia.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TRICARE; Proposed Rates for Reimbursing Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) and Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (PEN) Items Not on the Medicare DMEPOS and PEN Fee Schedule

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise interested parties of a Military Health

System reimbursement change to certain DMEPOS and PEN items not included in Medicare's fee schedule. For these items, the Defense Health Agency (DHA) will create a TRICARE-specific fee schedule based on similar payment rules, to the extent practicable, as Medicare's DMEPOS and PEN fee schedule. A TRICARE-specific fee schedule will allow DHA to control costs, reduce beneficiary out-of-pocket expenses, discourage potential fraud and abuse, and prevent excessive TRICARE reimbursement rates when compared to state Medicaid programs and private health insurance. Under this change, TRICARE will align its reimbursement of certain DMEPOS and PEN items with similar reimbursement rules established under Medicare's DMEPOS and PEN fee schedule to the extent practicable, without incorporating any reimbursement rules associated with Medicare's Competitive Bidding Program (CBP).

DHA is soliciting comments on the proposed rates (located on the DHA website below) and other alternative payment options for reimbursing DMEPOS and PEN items without Medicare pricing. The comment period will end 30 days after the publication of this notice. DHA will receive and consider comments, but will not issue responses to comments unless such comments drive a substantive change to the methodology outlined in paragraphs A through C below, in which case a new notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The comment period will end on January 28, 2021. This change will be effective July 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Defense Health Agency, TRICARE, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Section, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011–9066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jahanbakhsh Badshah, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Section, TRICARE, telephone (303) 676–3881. Questions regarding payment of specific claims should be addressed to the appropriate TRICARE Managed Care Support Contractor in whose jurisdiction a claim would be filed.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Currently under TRICARE, DMEPOS and PEN items without Medicare pricing are reimbursed at the lower of the state prevailing charge or the billed charge. The state prevailing charge is calculated annually by TRICARE contractors on a statewide basis, using the 80th percentile of all qualified billed