effective against modern diesel and nuclear submarines. It has advanced logic that allows it to detect and prosecute threat submarines operating in challenging littoral environments. It is also effective in the presence of advanced countermeasures that may be deployed by threat submarines. The assembled MK 54 torpedo and several of its individual components are classified CONFIDENTIAL. The MK 54 operational software is classified as SECRET as is any hardware upon which the software has been installed. Mexico has not requested nor will it be provided the source code for the MK 54 operational software. The MK 54 has a feature referred to as ''Memory Scuttle'' that erases the operational software at the conclusion of any exercise firing so that the software will not be compromised if the torpedo is not recovered after the exercise firing. Possession of MK 54 Torpedoes and associated equipment should not lead to any vulnerability disclosures.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which 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 the Government of Mexico 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 the furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 17–0C]

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(5)(C) 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 17–0C with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: January 11, 2018.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 17-0C. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 16-30 of August 18, 2016.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hooper
Lieutenant General, USA
Director

Enclosure:
1. Transmittal



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Transmittal No. 17–0C

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(c), AECA)

(i) *Purchaser:* NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) as lead-nation for Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Greece, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Spain

(ii) *Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.:* 16–30

Date: 18 August 2016

Military Department: Air Force

(iii) *Description:* On August 18, 2016, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 16–30, of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of Five hundred (500) Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Guidance Kits, KMU–556 F/B Forty (40) JDAM Guidance Kits, KMU–557 F/B, one thousand five hundred (1,500) JDAM Guidance Kits, KMU–572 F/B, one thousand (1,000) MAU 210 E/B

Computer Control Groups for 1,000-lb Enhanced Paveway IIs, three hundred (300) MAU 210 E/B Computer Control Groups for GBU–49s, one thousand twenty-five (1,025) MAU 169 L/B Computer Control Groups for GBU–12s, one thousand three hundred fifty (1,350) Joint Programmable Fuzes, FMU–152 A/B, sixty (60) Bomb Fin Assembly and Airfoil Group 650–MXU K/B for GBU–12s, one thousand twenty-five (1,025) Bomb Fin Assembly and Airfoil Group, MXU–650 K/B AFG for GBU–12s. Non-MDE: Detector Sensing Unit (DSU)–38A/B Laser sensors, DSU–330/B proximity sensors, Wireless Paveway Avionics Kit (WIPAK) interfaces for Enhanced Paveway II bombs, FMU–139C/B electronic bomb fuzes, repair and return services, transportation, engineering services, and other support services. The estimated total cost was $231 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted $151 million of this total.

The original notification listed ''kit'' components to build one thousand (1,000) GBU–48 (1,000-lb) Enhanced Paveway IIs (EPII) (MDE items), three hundred (300) GBU–49 (500-lb) EPIIs (MDE items), and one thousand and twenty-five (1,025) GBU–12 (500-lb) Paveway II (PWII) (MDE items). Each ''kit'' includes a Computer Control Group (CCG) and Air Foil Group (AFG) to convert a general purpose bomb into EPII or PWII.

This transmittal reports the replacement of one thousand (1,000) MAU–210 E/B (MDE items) with one thousand (1,000) MAU–210 F/B (MDE items) for the GBU–48 1,000-lb EPII and three hundred (300) MAU–210 E/B (MDE items) with three hundred (300) MAU–210 F/B (MDE items) for the GBU–49 500-lb EPII, to reflect the change from Lot 3A to Lot 5 for the moving target variant CCGs being procured to build EPIIs.

This transmittal also supplements the description of the AFGs kit components to include one thousand (1,000) MXU–667 H/B AFGs for the GBU–48 and three hundred (300) MXU–650 K/B AFGs for the GBU–49.

This transmittal also increases the number of FMU–152 A/B fuzes (MDE items) from one thousand three hundred and fifty (1,350) to four thousand three hundred and sixty five (4,365) to match the total number of JDAM and Paveway Kits. The numbers reflect their substitution for FMU–139 C/B fuzes (non-MDE) previously notified.

The upgrade of the MAUs from Lot 3A to Lot 5, enumerating the MDE status of the tail groups, and increasing the number of fuzes will result in a net increase in the MDE cost of $49 million. The total case value will increase to $280 million.

(iv) *Significance:* This notification reports the replacement of the EPII MAU–210E/B with the EPII MAU–210F/B, the further clarification of AFGs for EPIIs, and upgrades the fuze type from FMU–139 C/B to FMU–152 A/B for this sale. Upgrading these MDE items results in an increase in capability over what was originally notified. The MAU–210F/B adds 3–D proportional navigation, improved accuracy for high speed (>70 mph) and maneuvering targets, wider laser field of view, and an improved Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU). This transmittal provides information about the airfoil groups required to match the total number of EPIIs notified on Transmittal 15–33. The sensitivity of technology statement contained in the original transmittal applies to the FMU–152 A/B reported here.

(v) *Justification:* The proposed sale improves NATO members' capability to meet current and future ground threats with precision. They will use the enhanced capacity as a deterrent to regional threats, and to increase interoperability within contingency operations. Many of the purchasing nations already have precision-guided munitions in their inventories and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions. The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to NATO. There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

(vi) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* January 5, 2018

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID DOD–2018–OS–0001]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995,* the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 19, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Advisory Committee Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09B, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at *http://www.regulations.gov* as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at *http://www.regulations.gov* for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to: Defense Security Service, ATTN: Mr. Troy Littles, Chief of Staff, 27130 Telegraph Road, Quantico, VA 22134.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title and OMB Number: Personnel Security Investigation Projection for Industry Census Survey; OMB Number 0704–0417.