

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Deputy to the USD(P) for Policy Support/Policy Automation Directorate announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 September 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 2000 Defense Pentagon, ATTN: Ronnie R. Larson, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address, or call the Policy Automation Directorate, Office of

the Deputy Under Secretary, at (703) 697-5495.

*Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number:* Request for Visit

Authorization; DD Forms 1823 and 1823-C; OMB Number 0704-0221.

*Needs and Uses:* This information requirement is necessary for the Department of Defense to coordinate the approval/disapproval of requests from foreign countries and international organizations for their personnel to visit DoD activities on official business.

*Affected Public:* Individuals (representing foreign governments and international organizations).

*Annual Burden Hours:* 6,805.

*Number of Respondents:* 64.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 638.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 10 Minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Respondents are employees of foreign governments or international organizations requesting approval to visit Defense installations or Defense contractors on official business. The information collected provides the DoD approving authority with the data necessary to evaluate visit requests. It is also used to coordinate these visits and release information necessary to satisfy the visit purpose. Each request is limited to a visit to one location for multiple visitors on a specified subject. The visit request must be approved before the visitors are allowed to conduct business with their Defense counterparts. The transfer of this information and response has been automated and is currently 99 percent electronic from the point of origination

in foreign embassies to locations throughout DoD.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 98-46]

**36(B)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-46, with attached transmittal, policy justification and sensitivity of technology.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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## DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

14 JUL 1998

In reply refer to:

I-04083/97

Honorable Newt Gingrich  
Speaker of the House of  
Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 98-46, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$22 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diana L. Blundell", is positioned above the typed name.

Diana L. Blundell  
Acting Director

**Attachments**

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
House Committee on National Security  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
House Committee on Appropriations

## Transmittal No. 98-46

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Japan
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$16 million        |
| Other                    | <u>\$ 6 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$22 million        |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:  
Eighteen SM-2 Block III STANDARD missiles, containers, canisters, spare and repair parts, supply support, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (ANU)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None
- (vi) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:  
See Annex attached.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 14 JUL 1998

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Japan - SM-2 Block III STANDARD Missiles**

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of 18 SM-2 Block III STANDARD missiles, containers, canisters, spare and repair parts, supply support, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$22 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security 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 Asia.

Japan will use these missiles to update older or less reliable missiles currently in the Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force fleet. Japan, which already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Standard Missile Company, McLean, Virginia. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

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

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. vi**

**(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The sale of STANDARD SM-2 missiles will result in the transfer of sensitive technology and information as well as classified and unclassified equipment and technical data. The STANDARD missile guidance section, Target Detecting Device (TDD), warhead, rocket motor, steering control section, safety and arming unit, and auto-pilot battery unit are classified Secret. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified Secret. STANDARD missile documentation to be provided will include:

- a. Parametric documents (C)
- b. Missile Handling Procedures (U)
- c. General Performance Data (C)
- d. Firing Guidance (C)
- e. Dynamics Information (C)
- f. Flight Analysis Procedures (C)

2. 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.

3. A determination has been made that Japan 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.