

contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice: Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

New Application Received

Jane Provancha (1214) requests authorization to take listed green and loggerhead sea turtles for scientific research in Mosquito Lagoon, FL. The purpose of the research is to continue work that began under NMFS Permit 942, granted in 1995; specifically, to: (1) Continue the comparison of current marine turtle population structure and distribution in Mosquito Lagoon to baseline data collected in 1976–1979, (2) evaluate current seasonal distribution and occurrence of sea turtles, (3) evaluate distribution patterns relative to submarine resource distribution, (4) determine regional “importance value” of this lagoon relative to other studied juvenile habitats on the east coast of Florida, and (5) determine the sex ratio of the subadult marine turtles inhabiting Mosquito Lagoon.

Modification Issued

Notice is hereby given that on February 26, 1999, NMFS issued modification 1 to scientific research Permit 1174 to Mr. Harold Brundage III, of Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc. The applicant possesses a 5-year permit to sample for and collect shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River and Estuary system and in the lower Susquehanna River/Chesapeake Bay Complex. This sampling program is under contract to the NMFS Northeast Region, Protected Resources Division. The objectives of the study are to collect data on current distribution, abundance, length structure and movements of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River Estuary and in the lower Susquehanna River and Chesapeake Bay. Modification 1 increases the authorized annual take of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River to generate a statistically valid population estimate, due to evidence that the population of shortnose sturgeon in the Delaware River may be substantially higher than previously thought.

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Kevin Collins,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99–11]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation 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 Pub. L. 104–164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (793) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 99–11, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

26 MAR 1999

In reply refer to:
I-99/03075

Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
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. 99-11, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Korea for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$350 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,


A.R. KELTZ
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. 99-11

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Korea
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 0 million
Other	\$ <u>350 million</u>
TOTAL	\$ 350 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** A Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Agreement (CLSSA) requisition case (FMSO II) for the support of F-4D/E, RF-4C, F-5A/B/E/F, RF-5A, A/T-37, T-38, F-16C/D, and C-130H aircraft; AN/FPS-117 and AN/FRN-45 radar systems; and AIM-7, AIM-9 and AIM-120 missile components. These items are of U.S. origin and are being operated by the Republic of Korea.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (KCI and KCJ)
- (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:** None
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 26 MAR 1999

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Republic of Korea - Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement**

The Republic of Korea has requested a possible sale of spare parts under a Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Agreement (CLSSA) requisition case (FMSO II) for the support of F-4D/E, RF-4C, F-5A/B/E/F, RF-5A, A/T-37, T-38, F-16C/D, and C-130H aircraft; AN/FPS-117 and AN/FRN-45 radar systems; and AIM-7, AIM-9 and AIM-120 missile components. These items are of U.S. origin and are being operated by the Republic of Korea. The estimated cost is \$350 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 Northeast Asia.

The Republic of Korea needs these additional spare parts to maintain the aircraft, radar, and missile systems previously procured from the United States in a mission capable status.

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

Procurement of these items of support will be from the many contractors providing similar items to the U.S. armed forces. 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 the Republic of Korea.

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