Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 96–091. Applicant: University of California, San Diego, Department of Medicine 0931, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093–0931. Instrument: Digital Sleep Recorder, Model VitaPort 2. Manufacturer: TEMEC Instruments BV, The Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used to study the effects of microgravity on the human body, especially sleep functions, circadian rhythm changes and pulmonary function. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 22, 1996.

Docket Number: 96–092. Applicant: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, 200 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213–2582. Instrument: Microvolume Stopped-Flow Spectrometer, Model SX.18MV. Manufacturer: Applied Photophysics, Ltd., United Kingdom.

Intended Use: The instrument will be used for studies of water, proton and small non-electrolyte transport across biological membranes and membrane properties of barrier epithelia. Experiments will be conducted to gain an understanding of water and solute flow across biological membranes. This includes detailed measurements of the permeability properties of membranes which can only be satisfactorily measured with this instrument. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 23, 1996.

Docket Number: 96–093. Applicant: The Ohio State University, 2041 College Road, Columbus, OH 43210. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model CM300. Manufacturer: Philips, The Netherlands. Intended Use: The instrument will be used for general morphological and structural studies of ceramics and metals, including high-temperature superconductors, high temperature metal alloys, evaporated metal thin films, silicon bicrystals, soils and geological minerals, polymers and possibly some biological samples. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 23, 1996.

Docket Number: 96–094. Applicant: University of Oklahoma, Purchasing Department, 660 Parrington Oval, Room 321, Norman, OK 73019. Instrument: Eye Movement Measuring Device. Manufacturer: Dr. Bouis, Germany, Intended Use: The instrument will be used in studies to determine how the printed frequency of two adjacent words influence the benefit of having parafoveal preview of the second word as part of continuing research that contributes to the understanding of how much information readers can process on a single fixation. The device will also be used for educational purposes in undergraduate and graduate level courses that provide practical research experience to students. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 28, 1996.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff. [FR Doc. 96-23919 Filed 9-17-96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510-DS-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 96-73]

36(b) 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) 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: Mr. A. Urban, DSAA/COMPT/FPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of the letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 96-73, with attached transmittal, policy justification and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: September 12, 1996.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

06 SEP 1996 In reply refer to: I-04292/96

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. 96-73, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Brunei for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$81 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

This report represents a re-notification to the Congress of the previous Transmittal No. 96-51, due to a significant change in program cost while maintaining the original program scope.

Sincerely,

H. Diehl McKalip Acting Director

Same ltr to:

O: 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

Attachments

Transmittal No. 96-73

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

(i) <u>Prospective Purchaser</u>: Brunei

(ii)	<u>Total Estimated Value:</u>	
	Major Defense Equipment*	\$66 million
	Other	\$ <u>15 million</u>
	TOTAL	\$81 million

- (iii) <u>Description of Articles or Services Offered</u>: Forty-eight HARPOON missiles with containers, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services and other related elements of logistics support.
 - (iv) <u>Military Department</u>: Navy (LAB)
 - (v) <u>Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to</u> <u>be Paid</u>: None
- (vi) <u>Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense</u> <u>Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold</u>: See Annex attached.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 06 SEP 1996
- * as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Brunei - HARPOON Missiles

The Government of Brunei has requested the purchase of 48 HARPOON missiles with containers, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$81 million.

This sale is consistent with the stated U.S. policy of assisting friendly nations to provide for their own defense by allowing the transfer of reasonable amounts of defense articles and services.

This is the first procurement by Brunei of the HARPOON missile which will be used as the primary surface-to-surface anti-ship weapon installed on new off-shore patrol vessels. Brunei will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its inventory for use in the defense of its coastline and surrounding islands.

The sale of these missiles and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be the McDonnell Douglas Missile Systems Company, St. Louis, Missouri. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will require the assignment to Brunei of two U.S. Government personnel and four contractor representatives for a period up to six months to provide program support commencing with delivery of the missiles.

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

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Annex

Item No. vi

(vi) <u>Sensitivity of Technology</u>:

1. The Guidance Section Components of the HARPOON missile are classified Confidential including applicable technical and equipment documentation and manuals.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used in the development of countermeasures or equivalent systems which could 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 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.

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Department of the Air Force

USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The F–22 Executive Advisory Group, USAF Scientific Advisory Board, will meet on 18 October 1996 at Marietta, GA. from 8:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide advice and recommendations on scientific and technical management issues related to the development of the F-22 through continued study and analysis of program progress.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697–8404.

Patsy J. Conner,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 96–23817 Filed 9–17–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3910–01–P

Department of the Army

Advisory Committee Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Army Center of Military History in DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

1. In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee. Date: 26 Oct 96.

Place: Franklin Court Building, U.S. Army Center of Military History, 1099 14th Street NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20005–3402.

Time: 0900-1500.

Proposed Agenda: Review and discussion of the status of historical activities in the U.S. Army.

2. Purpose of meeting: The Committee will review the Army's historical activities for FY96 and those projected for FY97 based on reports and manuscripts received throughout the period and formulate recommendations through the Chief of Military History to the Chief of Staff, Army, and the Secretary of the Army for advancing the use of history in the U.S. Army.

3. Meeting of the Advisory Committee is open to the public. Due to space limitations, attendance may be limited to those persons who have notified the Advisory Committee Management Office in writing, at least five days prior to the meeting of their intention to attend the 26 October meeting.

4. Any members of the public may file a written statement with the Committee before, during or after the meeting. To the extent that time permits the Committee chairman may allow public presentations of oral statements at the meeting.

5. All communications regarding this Advisory Committee should be addressed to Dr. Jeffrey J. Clarke, U.S. Army Center of Military History, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005– 3402. Telephone number, (202) 761– 5402.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer. [FR Doc. 96–23872 Filed 9–17–96; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3710–08–M