

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 98-34]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**AGENCY:** The 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 Public Law 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 98-34, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

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Officer, Department of Defense.***BILLING CODE 5000-04-M**



DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

21 APR 1998

In reply refer to:
I-63637/98

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. 98-34 and under separate cover the classified annex thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Norway for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$47 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Sincerely,


H. Diehl McKalip
Acting Director

Attachments

**Separate Cover:
Classified Annex**

**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**

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Norway
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 32 million |
| Other | \$ 15 million |
| TOTAL | \$ 47 million |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
Sixteen ALQ-131 Block I Electronic Countermeasure Jamming Pods which will be upgraded to a Block II configuration with receiver/processor and low band capability, modification kits, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical support, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (DAU)
- (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 under separate cover.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 21 APR 1998

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Norway - Electronic Countermeasure Jamming Pods

The Government of Norway has requested a possible sale of 16 ALQ-131 Block I Electronic Countermeasure Jamming Pods which will be upgraded to a Block II configuration with receiver/processor and low band capability, modification kits, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical support, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$47 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Norway, while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability.

The proposed sale will increase the effectiveness of the Norwegian Air Force to operate in an electronic warfare environment and participate in multinational operations. This increased capability will enhance NATO deterrence. Norway will have no difficulty absorbing these pods into its armed forces.

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

The prime contractor will be Northrup Grumman, Baltimore, Maryland. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require one contractor representative for two years in-country. There may be U.S. Government personnel required in-country periodically as the program proceeds.

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