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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08-16]

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 Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-16 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 25, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.



**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
2800 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800**

**SEP 08 2008
In reply refer to:
USP002184-08**

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501**

Dear Madam Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 08-16, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$445 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey A. Wieringa".

**Jeffrey A. Wieringa
Vice Admiral, USN
Director**

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

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**House
Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

**Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations**

Transmittal No. 08-16

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** United Arab Emirates
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$398 million |
| Other | \$ <u>47 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$445 million |
- (iii) **(Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 288 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) Air Intercept Missiles, 2 Air Vehicle-Instrumented (AAVI), 144 LAU-128 Launchers, Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (SL-AMRAAM) software, missile warranty, KGV-68B COMSEC chips, training missiles, containers, support and test equipment, missile components, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (YAE) Army (ZUH)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**
FMS Case YAB-\$179M-20Aug02
FMS Case YAD-\$325M-pending
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** SEP 08 2008

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates – Surfaced Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (SL-AMRAAM)

The Government of United Arab Emirates has requested a possible sale of 288 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) Air Intercept Missiles, 2 Air Vehicle-Instrumented (AAVI), 144 LAU-128 Launchers, Surface Launched Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (SL-AMRAAM) software, missile warranty, KGV-68B COMSEC chips, training missiles, containers, support and test equipment, missiles components, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements. The estimated cost is \$445 million.

Within the SL-AMRAAM system, only the AN/MPQ-64 F1 Sentinel Radar (export variant) software and the AMRAAM missile must be sold internationally via FMS. All other components will be sold through direct commercial sale (DCS).

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, that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of the weapons will strengthen the effectiveness and interoperability of a potential coalition partner, reduce the dependence on U.S. forces in the region and enhance any coalition operations the U.S. may undertake. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing this weapon system into its armed forces. The proposed sale of this weapon system will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be: Raytheon Corporation in Waltham, Massachusetts. The purchaser intends to request offsets; agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 10 U.S. Government personnel and 15 Contractor representatives to the United Arab Emirates for a period of three months. Also, various personnel will be required to travel to the United Arab Emirates in one week intervals, for surveys and other program requirements.

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

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of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The SL-AMRAAM is a lightweight day or night, and adverse weather non-line of sight system for countering cruise missiles and unmanned air vehicle threats with engagement capabilities in excess of 18 kilometers. The system is comprised of a Fire Control System, for command and control, and missile launcher fire unit platforms, which hold AIM-120 AMRAAM missiles. The Sentinel radar (export variant), which will be sold separately via direct commercial sale (DCS), provides surveillance and fire control data for the system.

2. The Sentinel Export configuration will be a derivative of the US Army Sentinel Radar, which will be, classified Secret at the system level, when the classified software is loaded into the hardware. Within the SL-AMRAAM system, only the AN/MPQ-64 F1 Sentinel Radar (export variant) software, and the AMRAAM missile must be sold internationally through FMS.

3. The AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a new generation air-to-air missile. The AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM hardware, including the missile guidance section, is classified Confidential. State-of-the-art technology is used in the missile to provide it with unique beyond-visual-range capability. Significant AIM-120C-7 features include a target detection device with embedded electronic countermeasures, an electronics unit within the guidance section that performs all radar signal processing, mid-course and terminal guidance, flight control, target detection and warhead burst point determination. Anti-tampering security measures have been incorporated into the AIM-120C-7 to prevent exploitation of the AMRAAM software.

4. 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.

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