

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service—Kansas City Center (Code DSA), Attn: Thomas L. Glover, 1500 E. 95th Street, Kansas City, MO 64197-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Mr. Thomas L. Glover, at 816-926-1262.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Statement of Claimant Requesting Re-certified Check (DD Form 2660), (formerly collected under OMB 0730-0002 which expired December 31, 1996)

*Needs and Uses:* In accordance with TFM Vol. I, Part 4, Section 7060.20 and DoD 7000.14R, Volume 5, there is a requirement that a payee identify himself/herself and certify as to what happened to the original check issued by the government (non-receipt, loss, destruction, theft, etc.). this collection will be used to identify rightful re-issuance of government checks to

individuals or businesses outside of DoD.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or businesses

*Annual Burden Hours:* 26,250 hours

*Number of Respondents:* 315,000

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1/2 hour (5 minutes)

*Frequency:* On occasion

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Summary of Information Collection**

The Statement of Claimant Requesting Re-certified Check is used to ascertain pertinent information needed by the Department of Defense in order to reissue checks to payees, if the checks have not been negotiated to financial institutions within one (1) year of the date of their issuance, when an original check has been lost, not received, damaged, stolen, etc. The form will be completed by the payee who was issued the original check. The information provided on this form will be used in determining whether a check may be reissued to the named payee.

Dated: July 16, 1997.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 97-23]

**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/CPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-23, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: July 16, 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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## DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

9 JUL 1997

In reply refer to:  
I-50456/97

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. 97-23, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Thailand for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$40 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas G. Rhame", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Thomas G. Rhame  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director

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

Attachments

## Transmittal No. 97-23

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Thailand
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	\$20 million
Other	\$20 million
TOTAL	\$40 million
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:  
Thirty-seven thousand five hundred M16A2 rifles, 4,700 M4 carbines, 2,600 M203 grenade launchers, bayonets, shop sets and repair kits for small arms, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army (WDJ)
- (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: 9 JUL 1997

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATIONThailand - M16A2 5.56mm Rifles

The Government of Thailand has requested the purchase of 37,500 M16A2 rifles, 4,700 M4 carbines, 2,600 M203 grenade launchers, bayonets, shop sets and repair kits for small arms, spare and repair parts, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$40 million.

This 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 Southeast Asia.

These rifles will augment and modernize Thailand's present M16 rifles, and the Thai Armed Forces will have no difficulty absorbing these additional small arms.

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

The prime contractor will be Fabrique Nationale, Columbia, South Carolina. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

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

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