July 24

8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Budget Committee.

9:00 a.m. - *9:15 a.m.*—Receive a report of the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring Committee.

9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Ad Hoc Sustainable Fisheries Committee and Law Enforcement Committee.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Receive a report on the Council Chairman's Meeting.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report on the NMFS Billfish/Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panels meetings.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Receive a report on the U.S. Coast Guard Enforcement Workshop.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive a report on the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation (G&SAFDF) Shrimp Effort Meeting.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive a report on the G&SAFDF Red Snapper Meeting.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.—Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) Marine Reserve Workshop Report.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Receive the SAFMC Liaison Report.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Receive Directors' Reports.

12:00 noon - 12:15 p.m.—Other business to be discussed.

July 20

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene a joint meeting of the Shrimp, Stone Crab, and Spiny Lobster Management Committees to consider the Options Paper on the Sustainable Fisheries Act Amendment.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to consider reports on overfishing of shrimp stocks, the Tortugas shrimp fishery, and fishing violations in the Tortugas Shrimp Sanctuary.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to consider actions of the SAFMC on Amendment 9 and take final action. Also to consider further regulatory action in setting TAC.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring Committee to receive an update on Vessel Monitoring System Trials.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Convene the Budget Committee to receive a status

report on the CY 1998 Budget and to consider cost saving policies.

5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.—Convene a joint meeting of the Ad Hoc Sustainable Fisheries Committee and the Law Enforcement Committee to consider allowable gear regulations.

July 21

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene a joint meeting of the Mackerel, Reef Fish, and Red Drum Management Committees to review the Options Paper on the SFA Amendment.

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to consider recommendations for final action on the Draft EFH Generic Amendment.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by July 13, 1998.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 98–18308 Filed 7–9–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 3510–22–F

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Forms, and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS), Appendix F, Material Inspection and Receiving Report; DD Forms 250, 250C, 250–1; OMB Number 0704–0248.

Type of Request: Extension. Number of Respondents: 34,180. Responses Per Respondent: 228. Annual Responses: 7,800,000. Average Burden Per Response: 8 minutes (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 988,000. Needs and Uses: The collection of this information is necessary to process inspection and receipt of materials and payments to contractors under Government contracts. The information collection includes the requirements of DFARS Appendix F, Material Inspection and Receiving Report; the related clause at DFARS 252.246-7000; and the DD Form 250; DD Form 250C; and, DD Form 250-1. The clause at DFARS 252.246-7000 is used in contracts that require separate and distinct deliverables. The clause requires the contractor to prepare and furnish to the Government a material inspection and receiving report (DD Form 250) in a manner and to the extent required by DFARS Appendix F. The report is required for material inspection and acceptance, shipping, and payment.

Affected Public: Business or Other For-Profit; Not-For-Profit Institutions. Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, CA 22202–4302.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

Paticia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense. [FR Doc. 98–18313 Filed 7–9–98; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-49]

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/RM, (703) 604–6575

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98–49, with attached transmittal, policy justification and sensitivity of technology.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

22 June 1998

In reply refer to: I-67379/98

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. 98-49, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$26 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR. LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA DIRECTOR

Attachments

Transmittal No. 98-49

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

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

 Major Defense Equipment* \$ 25 million
 Other \$ 1 million
 TOTAL \$ 26 million
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
 Sixteen HARPOON missiles, containers, spare and repair
 parts, support and test equipment, supply support,
 publications, training, contractor technical assistance
 and other related elements of logistics support.
 - (iv) Military Department: Navy (AQY)
 - (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 attached.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 22 June 1998

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel - HARPOON Missiles

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 16 HARPOON missiles, containers, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, supply support, publications, training, contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$26 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 the Middle East.

Israel will use these HARPOON missiles to augment their current HARPOON missile inventory as well as use them with their SAAR 4 and five patrol boats. Israel, which already has HARPOON missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Boeing Company, St. Louis, Missouri. Under this sale, the contractor will incur offset obligations under an existing industrial cooperation agreement.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government personnel to Israel. However, it is estimated one or two contractor representatives will be required for up to two years on an interim basis.

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

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Annex Item No. vi

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

- 1. The HARPOON missile contains sensitive technology and has the following classified components, including applicable technical and equipment documentation and manuals:
 - a. Guidance Section Components
 - b. Missile Characteristics and Performance Data
- 2. 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.
- 3. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification. Moreover, the benefits to be derived from this sale, as outlined in the Policy Justification, outweigh the potential damage that could result if the sensitive technology were revealed to unauthorized persons.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-44]

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/RM, (703) 604–6575

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98–44, with attached transmittal, policy justification and sensitivity of technology.

Dated: July 6, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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