

352/652 to 2,898,411 dozen¹ of which not more than 1,941,519 dozen shall be in Categories 352-K/652-K², as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing.

The guaranteed access level for Categories 352/652 remains unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Monday, March 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Upholstered Furniture

The Commission will consider options for Commission action to address the risk of fires caused by small open flame ignition of upholstered furniture.

2. Minoxidil

The staff will brief the Commission on a proposed rule requiring child-resistant packaging under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act for preparations containing more than 14 mg of minoxidil.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

² Category 352-K: only HTS numbers 6107.11.0010, 6107.11.0020, 6108.19.9010, 6108.21.0010, 6108.21.0020, 6108.91.0005, 6108.91.0015, 6108.91.0025, 6109.10.0005, 6109.10.0007, 6109.10.0009, 6109.10.0037; Category 652-K: only HTS numbers 6107.12.0010, 6107.12.0020, 6108.11.0010, 6108.11.0020, 6108.22.9020, 6108.22.9030, 6108.22.9020, 6108.22.9030, 6108.92.0005, 6108.92.0015, 6108.92.0025, 6109.90.1047 and 6109.90.1075.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various matters.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: February 19, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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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 and OMB Number: Modeling the Individual Enlistment Decision; OMB Number 0702-[to be determined].

Type of Request: New collection.

Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 4,000.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,000.

Needs and Uses: The career decision survey captures the attitudes of 16-21 year old youth toward service, as well as other available career options. It also

addresses qualification for service, primarily in terms of aptitude, and their availability. This administration will be used to identify the items that best predict enlistment propensity, and to segment the population by quality and availability factors. The data collected will be used by analysts within the Army Research Institute and its prime contractor, HumRRO, to investigate the viability of alternative means of indirectly assessing cognitive ability and enlistment propensity. If the collection were not conducted, the Army would not have the information of improved relevance and validity needed to fulfill and improve upon its recruiting mission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C.

Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer 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, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

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. 98-22]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

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 98-22,

with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: February 18, 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

11 FEB 1998

In reply refer to:

I-57986/97

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. 98-22, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Italy for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$110 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Diehl McKalip", is positioned above the printed name and title.

H. Diehl McKalip
Acting 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. 98-22

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Italy
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 85 million |
| Other | \$ <u>25 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 110 million |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
Seven hundred thirty-four STINGER Block 1 International missiles including 504 complete missile rounds without gripstocks, 194 partial weapon rounds without gripstocks, and 36 lot acceptance missiles; 194 gripstock control group guided missile launchers; support equipment; training devices; spare and repair parts; publications and technical data; support equipment; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services; a Quality Assurance Team; and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army (XSO)
- (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: 11 FEB 1998

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Italy - STINGER Block 1 International Missiles

The Government of Italy has requested a possible sale of 734 STINGER Block 1 International missiles including 504 complete missile rounds without gripstocks, 194 partial weapon rounds without gripstocks, and 36 lot acceptance missiles; 194 gripstock control group guided missile launchers; support equipment; training devices; spare and repair parts; publications and technical data; support equipment; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services; a Quality Assurance Team; and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$110 million.

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

Italy will use the STINGER missiles to upgrade its air defense capability. Italy, which already has STINGER missiles in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles.

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

The prime contractor will be Hughes Aircraft Company, Tucson, Arizona. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require a Quality Assurance Team for two weeks in-country. Two contractor representatives representing varying technical skills and disciplines will be required to provide in-country support for six years.

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

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Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
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Annex
Item No. vi

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The STINGER Block 1 International missile system, gripstock, hardware, software and documentation contain sensitive technology and are classified Confidential. The guidance section of the missile and tracking head trainer contain highly sensitive technology and are classified Confidential.

2. Missile system hardware and fire unit components contain sensitive/critical technologies. STINGER critical technology is primarily in the area of design and production know-how and not end-items. This sensitive/critical technology is inherent in the hybrid microcircuit assemblies; microprocessors; magnetic and amorphous metals; purification; firmware; printed circuit boards; laser range finder; dual detector assembly; detector filters; automatic text and associated computer software; optical coatings; ultraviolet sensors; semi-conductor detectors; infrared band sensors; compounding and handling of electronic, electro-optic, and optical materials; equipment operating instructions; primary and reserve battery; energetic materials formulation technology; energetic materials fabrication and loading technology; warhead components seeker assembly and the Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) system with Mode 3 capabilities.

3. Information on vulnerability to electronic countermeasures and counter-countermeasures, system performance capabilities and effectiveness, and test data are classified up to Secret.

4. Loss of this hardware and/or data could permit development of information leading to the exploitation of countermeasures. Therefore, if a technologically capable adversary were to obtain these devices, the missile system could be compromised through reverse engineering techniques which could defeat the weapon systems effectiveness.

5. 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.