

4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>.

For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, special shift and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 60306, published on November 9, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 13, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive

issued to you on November 3, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Oman and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1999 and extending through December 31, 1999.

Effective on July 21, 1999, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Sultanate of Oman:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
334/634	160,580 dozen.
335/635	268,159 dozen.
338/339	616,454 dozen.
340/640	286,380 dozen.
341/641	222,814 dozen.
347/348	1,065,332 dozen.
647/648/847	359,756 dozen.

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 99-17]

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 P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 99-17, with attached transmittal, policy justification, Sensitivity of Technology, and Sec. 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961.

Dated; July 13, 1999.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

1 JUL 1999
In reply refer to:
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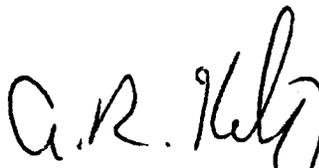
Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

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. 99-17, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Greece for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$52 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

You will also find attached a certification as required by Section 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, that this action is consistent with Section 620C(b) of that statute.

Sincerely,


A.R. KELTZ
ACTING DIRECTOR

Attachments

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

Transmittal No. 99-17**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Greece
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	\$49 million
Other	<u>\$ 3 million</u>
TOTAL	\$52 million
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** Three hundred fifty-eight M26A1 Extended Range Rocket pods (six rockets per pod) with M77 grenades for the Multiple Launch Rocket System, production verification testing, spare and repair parts, support vehicles, publications and technical documentation, support and test equipment, and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (XJO and XIR, Amd 1)
- (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:** 1 JUL 1999

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Greece - Extended Range Rocket Pods for the Multiple Launch Rocket Systems**

The Government of Greece (GOG) has requested a possible sale of 358 M26A1 Extended Range Rocket (ERR) pods (six rockets per pod) with M77 grenades for the Multiple Launch Rocket System, production verification testing, spare and repair parts, support vehicles, publications and technical documentation, support and test equipment, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$52 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Greece and enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability of this important NATO ally.

The GOG will use these ERR pods with their MLRS which have already been delivered in FY 95 and FY 97. Greece has previously purchased ERR pods and, therefore, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional pods. The pods will be provided to Greece in accordance with and subject to the limitations on use and transfer of the Arms Export Control Act, as embodied in the terms of sale. This sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, Dallas, Texas. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

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

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

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Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Extended Range Rocket (ERR) pods is Confidential. The highest level of information which could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Secret. MLRS-ERR technical data and information includes Confidential and Secret reports and data, as well as performance and capability data, classified Confidential/Secret.

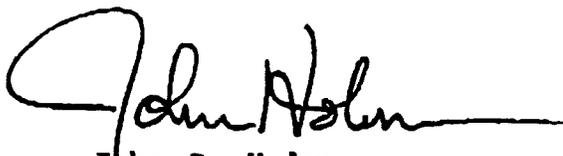
2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that Greece 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.

Certification Under Section 620C(d)
Of The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, As Amended

Pursuant to § 620C(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the Act), Executive Order 12163 (sec. 1-201(a)(13)) and the Secretary of State's memorandum of March 30, 1999, I hereby certify that the furnishing to Greece of 358 M26A1 ERR pods (six missiles per pod) with M77 grenades for use in the MLRS systems, production verification testing, spare and repair parts, support vehicles, publications and technical documentation, support and test equipment, and other related elements of program support is consistent with the principles contained in § 620(b) of the Act.

This certification will be made part of the notification to Congress under § 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act regarding the proposed sale of the above-named articles and services and is based on the justification accompanying said notification, of which said justification constitutes a full explanation.



John D. Holum
Senior Adviser for Arms Control and
International Security