

Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for the purposes of enhancing the survival and recovery of the species, and for scientific research. The research seeks to assess the efficiency with which monk seals assimilate and metabolize amino acids and fatty acids from common prey types, and elucidate and monitor how reproductive and metabolic activity of male seals are related.

The permit holder requests authorization to train seals to accept a rectal temperature probe and to take daily temperature measurements on the three monk seals held at Waikiki Aquarium.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: DOD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs/TMA.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs/TMA announces the revision of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on

the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed extension of collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology,

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity, Office of Resource Management, Skyline Drive, Suite 810, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206. ATTN: Major Rose Layman, (703) 681-8910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call Major Rose Layman, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), TRICARE Management Activity, (703) 681-8910.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Third Party Collection Program; DD Form 2569; OMB Control Number 0704-0323.

Needs and Uses: The information contained in the DD Form 2569 will be used to collect reimbursement from private insurers for medical care provided to family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance. Such monetary benefits accruing to the Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) will be used to enhance healthcare delivery in the MTF. Information will also be used by MTS staff and CHAMPUS Fiscal Intermediaries to determine eligibility for care, deductibles, and copayments and by Health Affairs for program planning and management.

Affected Public: Family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance.

Annual Burden Hours: 55,221.
Number of Respondents: 1,262,194.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Average Burden Per Response: 2.5 minutes.

Frequency: Yearly or on occasion when insurance information changes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The DD Form 2569 is used to collect third party insurance information from family members of retirees and deceased Service members having health insurance. This information is collected either during the inpatient stay admission and/or discharge process or during the visit when a patient presents for an outpatient procedure.

Dated: March 8, 2000.

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. 00-23]

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. 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 00-23 with attached transmittal, policy justification and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

28 FEB 2000
In reply refer to:
I-00/001419

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. 00-23, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$58 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. S. Davison, Jr.", is written above the typed name.

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
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. 00-23**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:**

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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 42million |
| Other | \$ <u>16 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$ 58 million |
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered: Forty- one AGM-142D air-to-ground missiles with data links (including 33 with Z-seeker heads and eight without seeker heads), containers, captive air training missile sets, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support**
- (iv) **Military Department: Air Force (YEP, Amendment 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: 28 FEB 2000**

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel - AGM-142D Air-to-ground Missiles

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 41 AGM-142D air-to-ground missiles with data links (including 33 with Z-seeker heads and eight without seeker heads), containers, captive air training missile sets, spare and repair parts, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$58 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.

This proposed sale of the AGM-142D missile allows Israel to increase its capability to engage high value and hardened/buried targets. The proposed sale will contribute significantly to U.S. strategic and tactical objectives by strengthening the unity of the coalition forces throughout the region. Israel, which already has AGM-142D air-to-ground 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 Lockheed-Martin Electronics and Missiles of Orlando, Florida. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

Transmittal No. 00-23**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The AGM-142 stand-off air-to-ground missile hardware and software contain the following sensitive technologies which are classified Confidential: missile seeker hardware, range capability, data link capabilities and launch software (guidance algorithms). The missile has a range of 40-50 NM and can utilize either electro-optical or infrared seekers, and has an 800 lb. warhead. Terminal guidance for the weapons is achieved through the use of data link from either the launch aircraft or another suitable platform.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software involved in this proposed sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or systems which could 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 Israel can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.