

**Summary of Information Collection**

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 1998, Public Law 105–85, section 644, requires the Secretary of Defense to pay an annuity to qualified surviving spouses. As required by the Act, no benefit shall be paid to any person under this section unless an application for such benefit is filed with the Secretary concerned by or on behalf of such person. This information collection is needed to obtain the necessary data so that the Department can determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouse.

Dated: July 15, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

**[Transmittal No. 04–08]**

**36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense  
Security Cooperation Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**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/OPS–ADMIN, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 04–08 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

15 JUL 2004  
In reply refer to:  
I-04/001754

**The 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, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 04-08, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to India 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,**

  
**Richard J. Millies  
Deputy Director**

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Transmittal No. 04-08**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

**Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
House Committee on Armed Services  
Senate Committee on Armed Services  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Senate Committee on Appropriations**

**Transmittal No. 04-08**

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** India
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$20 million        |
| Other                    | <u>\$20 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$40 million        |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** three aircraft self-protection systems which consist of three components:
- AN/AAQ-24 Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures System  
AN/ALE-47H Countermeasure Dispensing System  
AN/ALQ-211 Early Warning Suite Controller and Radar Warning
- Also included, associated support equipment, installation, test support, spare and repair parts, publications, personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (QJC)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** none
- (vi) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** none
- (vii) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 15 JUL 2004

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

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **India – Aircraft Self-protection Systems**

**The Government of India has requested a possible sale of three aircraft self-protection systems that consist of three components:**

**AN/AAQ-24 Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures System  
AN/ALE-47H Countermeasure Dispensing System  
AN/ALQ-211 Early Warning Suite Controller and Radar Warning**

**Also included, associated support equipment, installation, test support, spare and repair parts, publications, personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$40 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 and strategic partner which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in South Asia.**

**India will install the self-protection systems on three new Boeing 737 aircraft. They will use the system for the movement and protection of their Head of State. India will have no difficulty absorbing these systems into its armed forces.**

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

**The prime contractor will be L3 Communications of Greenville, Texas. Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangements established. There are no known offset agreements in connection with this proposed sale.**

**Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of ten each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for two-week intervals annually to participate in program management and technical review.**

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

**Transmittal No. 04-08****Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex  
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) with a multi-band laser on large infrared signature aircraft reduces the number of required transmitters and increases effectiveness against threats from modern Man-Portable Air Defense Systems. This aircraft self-protection suite will provide fast and accurate threat detection, processing, tracking, and countermeasures to defeat current and future generation infrared missile threats. DIRCM is designed for installation on a wide range of rotary and fixed-wing aircraft. The ALQ-211 Suite of Integrated RF Countermeasures provides advanced radar warning, situational awareness, and electronic countermeasures capabilities. The AN/ALE-47 is a chaff/flare dispensing system.

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

3. A determination has been made that India 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.

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