

agency’s Web-site. Fewer than 6 customer surveys or information collection activities a year would be conducted using this clearance. The Commission staff estimates the number of annual respondents to be about 684. The anticipated sources and respondents for surveys conducted over a three-year period include:

Hotline	350
National Injury Information Clearinghouse	300
Small Businesses	200
State Partners	54
Web-site	1000
Fast Track Product Recall Program	150
	2,054

The estimated time of the total annualized cost/burden to respondents would be approximately 65 hours. The annualized cost to respondents for the hour burden for collection of information is \$1,821.95 based on a total of 65 hours at \$28.03/hour (Bureau of Labor Statistics average hourly private industry employer compensation costs, December 2007).

C. Requests for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed extension. The Commission specifically seeks information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the surveys described above are necessary for the proper performance of the Commission’s functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collections are accurate;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 23, 2008.
Todd Stevenson,
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 08–32]

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. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601–3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08–32 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: May 16, 2008.
Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.
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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

MAY 09 2008
In reply refer to:
USP001116-08

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

Dear Madam 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. 08-32, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$700 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. J. Millies".

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

Same ltr to:

House

Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

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**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:** North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$545 million |
| Other | <u>\$155 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$700 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** two Boeing C-17 GLOBEMASTER III aircraft, four Turbofan F117-PW-100 engines installed on each aircraft (8 total engines), AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System (CMDS), AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning System, Government Furnished Equipment, spare and repairs parts, pyrotechnics, flares, other explosives, Global Positioning System security devices, crew armor, mission planning system software, COMSEC equipment and support, support and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (SAA)
- (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 Articles or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** MAY 09 2008

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Strategic Airlift Capability – C-17 GLOBEMASTER III Aircraft

An international consortium made up of allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) together with Sweden and Finland, the Strategic Airlift Capability (SAC) requests a possible sale of two Boeing C-17 GLOBEMASTER III aircraft, four Turboprop F117-PW-100 engines installed on each aircraft (8 total engines), AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System (CMDS), AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning System, Government Furnished Equipment, spare and repairs parts, pyrotechnics, flares, other explosives, Global Positioning System security devices, crew armor, mission planning system software, COMSEC equipment and support, supply support, training equipment and support, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$700 million.

The new NATO Airlift Management Organization (NAMO) will purchase, own, and manage the aircraft. A multinational military unit to be named the Heavy Airlift Wing (HAW) will conduct airlift operations

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of NATO and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces. NATO is transitioning to an expanded global role, increasing the share of its burden in the Global War on Terrorism, specifically for out-of-area operations. NATO allies have agreed to increase the capability, usability, and deployability of their forces, transforming them from their Cold War territorial defense roles. This expanded role includes peacekeeping and stability operations, as well as disaster relief around the globe. The C-17 will partially serve NATO's agreed military requirement for eight C-17 equivalents to rapidly deploy a force around the globe, including the NATO Response Force (NRF). Furthermore, member nations will be able to execute strategic airlift missions in support of national objectives, or to fulfill national contributions to multi-nation missions. This capability provides consortium member nations with an organic capability that complements global reach efforts supported by the U.S. Air Force.

NATO does not currently have a heavy airlift capability and must rely on outside sources for its military airlift needs. This assistance normally takes the form of either U.S. Air Force airlift or contract carriers that use Russian heavy airlift aircraft. The procurement of C-17s will increase interoperability with the U.S. Air Force airlift system and will enhance relationships with SAC members.

NATO has the ability to absorb and employ the C-17. It has agreed to pursue basing the C-17s at Papa Air Base, in Hungary, further adding to the synergies of operating side-by-side with NATO allies. Papa AB has already undergone significant NATO-funded infrastructure upgrades required to support operation of C-17s and other large aircraft, and this capability will qualify Papa AB for further NATO Security Investment program funding.

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

This proposed sale will involve the following contractors:

**Boeing Company
United Technologies Cooperation,
Pratt & Whitney Military Engines**

**Long Beach, California
East Hartford, Connecticut**

Additional subcontractors may be needed depending on the exact nature of the contracting arrangements established. At this time, there are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

This proposed sale will require Boeing to establish a facility at Papa AB to provide C-17 logistics support under the current GLOBEMASTER Support Partnership. The proposed plan will require approximately 7 of the personnel to be US citizens and 7 personnel to be local hires. Approximately 50 United States Air Force personnel will be stationed with the SAC HAW at Papa AB, Hungary. Implementation of this proposed sale will require the participation of up to 10 each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for annual program management and technical reviews in Europe or the US for a period of approximately two weeks per review.

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. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Boeing C-17 GLOBEMASTER III military airlift aircraft is the newest, most flexible cargo aircraft to enter the U. S. Air Force fleet. The C-17 is capable of rapid strategic delivery of up to 170,900 pounds of personnel and equipment to main operating bases or to forward operating bases. The aircraft is also capable of short field landings with a full cargo load. Finally, the aircraft can perform tactical airlift and airdrop missions and can also transport litters and ambulatory patients during aeromedical evacuation when required. A fully integrated electronic cockpit and advanced cargo systems allow a crew of three: the pilot, copilot and loadmaster to operate the aircraft on any type of mission.

2. The AN/ALE-47 Counter-Measures Dispensing System (CMDS) is an integrated, threat-adaptive, software-programmable dispensing system capable of dispensing chaff, flares and active radio frequency expendables. The threats countered by the CMDS include radar-directed anti-aircraft artillery (AAA), radar command-guided missiles, radar homing guided missiles, and infrared (IR) guided missiles. The system is internally mounted and may be operated as a stand-alone system or may be integrated with other on-board electronic warfare and avionics systems. The AN/ALE-47 uses threat data received over the aircraft interfaces to assess the threat situation and to determine a response. Expendable routines tailored to the immediate aircraft and threat environment may be dispensed using one of four operational modes. The hardware, technical data, and documentation to be provided are Unclassified. The software is classified Secret.

3. The AN/AAR-47 Missile Warning System is a small, lightweight, passive, electro-optic, threat warning device used to detect surface-to-air missiles fired at helicopters and low-flying fixed-wing aircraft and automatically provide countermeasures, as well as audio and visual-sector warning messages to the aircrew. The basic system consists of multiple Optical Sensor Converter (OSC) units, a Computer Processor (CP) and a Control Indicator (CI). The set of OSC units, which normally consist of four, is mounted on the aircraft exterior to provide omnidirectional protection. The OSC detects the rocket plume of missiles and sends appropriate signals

to the CP for processing. The CP analyses the data from each OSC and automatically deploys the appropriate countermeasures. The CP also contains comprehensive BIT circuitry. The CI displays the incoming direction of the threat, so that the pilot can take appropriate action. The hardware, technical data, and documentation to be provided are Unclassified. The Software is Secret.

4. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Dated: May 19, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.

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