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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**[Transmittal No. 15-30]**

**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 July 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah A. Ragan or Heather N. Harwell, DSCA/LMO, (703) 604-1546/ (703) 607-5339.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15-30 with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: August 11, 2015.

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Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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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. 15-30, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Bahrain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$150 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. W. Rixey".

for J. W. Rixey  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Regional Balance (Classified Document Provided Under Separate Cover)



## Transmittal No. 15-30

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: Government of Bahrain
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million         |
| Other                    | <u>\$150 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$150 million        |
- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: a proposed sale for follow on support for Bahrain's existing F-16 fleet. Support will include support equipment, communications equipment, ammunition, personal training and training equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program, U.S. Government and contractor technical, logistics, and engineering support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (QAT, Amendment 18)
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any:  
FMS case QAT-\$153M-11Feb00  
FMS case SGA-\$301M-21Apr87  
FMS case SGG-\$193M-20Feb98
- (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: None
- (viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 4 August 2015

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

## POLICY JUSTIFICATION

### Bahrain – F-16 Follow-On Support

The Government of Bahrain has requested a possible sale of follow on support for Bahrain's existing F-16 fleet. Support will include support equipment, communications equipment, ammunition, personal training and training equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documentation, Electronic Combat International Security Assistance Program, U.S. Government and contractor technical, logistics, and engineering support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping improve the security of a Major Non-NATO Ally, which has been and continues to be a key security partner in the region.

The follow-on support is required to maintain the operational readiness of the Royal Bahrain Air Force's (RBAF) F-16 fleet. The RBAF's F-16s are aging and periodic maintenance is becoming increasingly expensive. The age of the fleet, combined with an increased operational tempo due to recent involvement in Operation Inherent Resolve has led to increased focus on maintenance and sustainment. Bahrain will have no difficulty absorbing this additional support into its armed forces.

The principal contractor is unknown at this time. Contracts will be awarded when source of supply determines that defense articles and services are not available from stock or considered lead-time away. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. or contractor representatives in Bahrain.

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