DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 20-0H]

Arms Sales Notification


ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(5)(C) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 20-0H with attached Policy Justification.


Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,

Department of Defense.
July 6, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-209, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Madam Speaker:  

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 20-0H. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 16-65 of December 2, 2016.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
Charles W. Hooper  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Director  

Enclosures:  
1. Transmittal
(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Finland

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 16-65
   Date: December 2, 2016
   Implementing Agency: Navy

(iii) Description: On December 2, 2016 Congress was notified, by Congressional certification transmittal number 16-65, of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, to the Government of Finland of ninety (90) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS-JTRS) Variant(s). Also included were follow-on equipment and support for Finland's F/A-18 Mid-Life Upgrade (MLU) program including software test and integration center upgrades, flight testing, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, transportation, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost was $156 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted $57 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies inclusion of the following additional non-MDE items: U.S. program management, financial, logistics, engineering, training and transportation support; and the Common Unique Planning Component (CUPC)/Common Weapons Planning Environment (CWPE) software. The addition of these items will result in a net increase in non-MDE cost of $60 million, resulting in a revised non-MDE cost of $159 million. The total estimated case value will increase to $216 million.

(iv) Significance: The proposed articles and services will support Finland’s ability to maintain its F-18 weapons aircraft.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a trusted partner which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Finland in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

(vi) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 6, 2020

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