

this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 351.201 and 351.221.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-55]

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

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

**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 Pub. L. 104-164 dated July 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-55, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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## DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

27 Aug 1998

In reply refer to:

I-71922/98

Honorable Newt Gingrich  
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. 98-55 and under separate cover the classified annex thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$69 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Sincerely,

  
H. Diehl McCalip  
Acting Director

**Attachments**

**Separate Cover:**  
**Classified Annex**

**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. 98-55

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

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States pursuant to P.L. 96-8
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 58 million        |
| Other                    | \$ <u>11 million</u> |
| TOTAL                    | \$ 69 million        |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:  
One hundred thirty-one MK 46 MOD 5(A)S torpedoes, containers, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, engineering and technical assistance, supply support and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) Military Department: Navy (AKA and AKB)
- (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 under separate cover.
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 27 Aug 1998

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the  
United States - MK 46 MOD 5(A)S Torpedoes

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO) in the United States has requested a possible sale of 131 MK 46 MOD 5(A)S torpedoes, containers, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, engineering and technical assistance, supply support and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$69 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with United States law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

Taiwan will use these torpedoes on their S-70 helicopters to maintain an operational Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability. Taiwan currently has air launched MK 46 torpedoes in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional torpedoes 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 Hughes Missile System Company, Mukilteo, Washington. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

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

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