

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****[Transmittal No. 03–25]****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/COMPT/RM, (703) 604–6575

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 03–25 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**  
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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

24 SEP 2003  
In reply refer to:  
I-03/008799

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 (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 03-25, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Pakistan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$97 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tome H. Walters, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

TOME H. WALTERS, JR.  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF  
DIRECTOR

Attachments

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. 03-25

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:** Pakistan
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 0 million
Other	<u>\$97 million</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$97 million</b>
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 40 Bell 407 helicopters with commercial avionics package, support equipment, spare/repair parts, publications/technical data, personnel training/equipment, and U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (UZZ)
- (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:** none
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 24 SEP 2003

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION****Pakistan – Bell 407 Helicopters**

The Government of Pakistan has requested a possible sale of 40 Bell 407 helicopters with commercial avionics package, support equipment, spare/repair parts, publications/technical data, personnel training/equipment, and U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$97 million.

This proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security of the United States by providing Pakistan increased technological capacity to support the U.S. Government Operation Enduring Freedom efforts.

The proposed sale of Bell helicopters will have a significant impact on Pakistan's ability to secure its borders. At the same time, this technology poses no threat to the balance of power in the region. This proposed sale will have a dramatic impact on Pakistan's ability to support U.S. objectives in the Global War on Terror. The terrain along Pakistan's border is extremely rugged and difficult to secure. Its dense mountainous regions, rugged terrain and vast borders make it virtually impossible to secure without the mobility provided by aviation assets. Vehicle support is limited to utility trucks, and there is limited cross-country capability. The lack of mobility for observation, transportation and interdiction seriously limits Pakistan's ability to stop border-crossing violations. The addition of U.S. provided helicopters would add the following capabilities required for anti-terrorist and border security operations: (1) observation platform to better patrol the mountainous border region, and (2) transportation platform to move personnel to areas of suspected infiltrations.

The prime contractor will be Bell Helicopter of Fort Worth, Texas. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of a contractor representative in Pakistan for two years.

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