

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is a necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by August 31, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military

Personnel Policy/Compensation), ATTN: Thomas R. Tower, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call (703) 693-1059.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Application for Annuity Certain Military Surviving Spouses, Form #: DD Form 2769, OMB Number: 0704-0402.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is necessary to identify and pay surviving spouses who meet the criteria established for benefits under the provisions of The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law 105-85, Section 644, as amended. The DD Form 2769, "Application for Annuity—Certain Military Surviving Spouses," used in this information collection, provides a vehicle for the surviving spouse to apply for the annuity benefit. The Department will use this information to determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouse. The respondents of this information collection are a never-remarried surviving spouse of a member of a Uniformed Service who (1) died before March 21, 1974, and was entitled to retired or retainer pay on the date of death, or (2) was a member of a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces who died before October 1, 1978 and on the date of death would have been entitled to retired pay except for not yet being 60 years of age.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

The National Defense Authorization Act of FY 1998, Public Law 105-85,

section 644, requires the Secretary of Defense to pay an annuity to qualified surviving spouses. As required by the Act, no benefit shall be paid to any person under this section unless an application for such benefit is filed with the Secretary concerned by or on behalf of such person. This information collection is needed to obtain the necessary data so that the Department can determine if the applicant is eligible for the annuity benefit and make payment to the surviving spouse.

Dated: June 25, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 01-20]

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)(91) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 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 01-20 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 25, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

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

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

18 JUN 2001
In reply refer to:
I-01/005626

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, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 01-20 and under separate cover the classified offset certificate thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Hungary for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$370 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Reporting of Offset Agreements in accordance with Section 36(b)(1)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, requires a description of any offset agreement with respect to this proposed sale. Section 36(g) of the AECA, as amended, provides that reported information related to offset agreements be treated as confidential information in accordance with section 12(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2411(c)). Information about offsets for this proposed sale are described in the enclosed confidential attachment.

Sincerely,

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

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

Attachments
As stated

Separate Cover:
Offset certificate

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 01-20

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Hungary

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

Major Defense Equipment*	\$ 6 million
Other	<u>\$364 million</u>
TOTAL	\$370 million

- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** In support of the proposed F-16A/B aircraft lease being notified separately, four F-16A Block 10 operational capabilities upgrade aircraft for cannibalization and regeneration/upgrade of aircraft and engines, together with spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support.

- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (SAE)

- (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:** See Annex attached

- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 18 JUN 2001

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Hungary - Support for F-16A/B Aircraft**

The Government of Hungary has requested a possible sale of four F-16A Block 10 operational capabilities upgrade aircraft for cannibalization and regeneration/upgrade of aircraft and engines, together with spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support in support of an F-16 lease. The estimated cost is \$370 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Hungary while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

The Hungarian Air Force (HAF) currently operates MiG-29 aircraft. These former Warsaw Pact fighters are expensive to operate and maintain, lack essential NATO interoperability capabilities, and are nearing the end of their useful service lives. This proposed sale and the associated lease aircraft will enhance NATO interoperability while simultaneously providing operational capabilities as the Soviet-era aircraft in Hungarian inventory are eventually retired. This proposed sale would not impact the regional military balance of power. It will also allow the HAF to meet training requirements, as well as national air defense and NATO commitments, starting in early 2004.

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems of Fort Worth, Texas and Pratt and Whitney of East Hartford, Connecticut. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of 11 U.S. Government and two contractor representatives for a period of up to three years to provide program support commencing with delivery of the aircraft to Hungary.

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. vi**

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The F-16A Block 10 operational capability upgrade aircraft and Pratt and Whitney F-100-PW-200 engine are unclassified. The aircraft does not contain state-of-the-art technology.

2. The F-100-PW-200 engines and the associated component parts used in F-16A aircraft are unclassified. However, several manufacturing processes, design practices, and metallurgical fabrication techniques used are advanced technology methods found only in the U.S. propulsion technology industry. The sale of the engines to Hungary will not include the transfer of sensitive technology since the proposed sale does not include manufacturing processes, design practices, or metallurgical fabrication techniques.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Hungary can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Postponement of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Board of Advisors**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

ACTION: Notice of postponement of June 27, 2001 meeting.

SUMMARY: On Monday, June 18, 2001 (66 FR 32795), the Department of Defense published a notice of meeting of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Board of Advisors scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2001. The meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled and announced at a later date.

Dated: June 25, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RP01-412-001]

Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

June 26, 2001.

Take notice that on June 21, 2001, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Fourth Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheet, to be effective on June 7, 2001:

Fourth Revised Volume No. 1
Sub Second Revised Sheet No. 610

Algonquin states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the directives of the Commission's Letter Order dated June 6, 2001, in Docket No. RP01-412-000 (June 6 Order).

On May 7, 2001, Algonquin filed revised tariff sheets in order to permit customers to electronically request service and execute service agreements via the LINKr System.

Algonquin states that the June 6 Order accepted certain tariff sheets in Algonquin's May 7 tariff filing, effective June 7, 2001, and required that Algonquin submit revised tariff sheets, as necessary, implementing the electronic version of the service request form on Algonquin's website and reflecting the elective nature of the electronic process.

Algonquin states that copies of its filing have been mailed to all affected customers and interested state commissions.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC