

future. We believe that Atlantic white marlin does not meet the ESA definition of an endangered or threatened species; therefore, the listing of Atlantic white marlin under the ESA is not warranted.

#### References

White Marlin Biological Review Team. 2007. Atlantic White Marlin Status Review. Report to National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office. December 10, 2007. 88 pp.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: December 28, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

**[Transmittal Nos. 08-01]**

#### 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 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-01 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 27, 2007.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800**

**DEC 19 2007**  
**In reply refer to:**  
**I-07/004352**

**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi**  
**Speaker of the House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-6501**

**Dear Madam 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. 08-01, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$379 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a press statement to notify the public of this proposed sale.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R J Millies".

**Richard J. Millies**  
**Deputy Director**

**Enclosures:**

- 1. Transmittal**
- 2. Policy Justification**
- 3. Sensitivity of Technology**

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**House**

**Committee on Foreign Affairs**  
**Committee on Armed Services**  
**Committee on Appropriations**

**Senate**

**Committee on Foreign Relations**  
**Committee on Armed Services**  
**Committee on Appropriations**

**Transmittal No. 08-01**

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

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** United Arab Emirates
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$367 million        |
| Other                    | <u>\$ 12 million</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$379 million</b> |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 224 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) Air Intercept Missiles, 200 GBU-31 Guided Bomb Unit (GBU) Joint Direct Attack Munition tail kits, 224 MK-84 2,000 pound General-Purpose Bombs (GPB), 450 GBU-24 PAVEWAY III with MK-84 2,000 pound GPB, 488 GBU-12 PAVEWAY II with MK-82 500 pound GPB, 1 M61A 20mm Vulcan Cannon with Ammunition Handling System, containers, bomb components, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (YAD)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:**  
AE-D-SAA - \$114M - 8Aug00  
AE-D-YAB - \$179M - 20Aug02  
AE-D-YAC - \$380M - pending
- (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:** DEC 19 2007

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

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **United Arab Emirates – Various Munitions and Weapon Systems**

**The Government of the United Arab Emirates has requested a possible sale of 224 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) Air Intercept Missiles, 200 GBU-31 Guided Bomb Unit (GBU) Joint Direct Attack Munition tail kits, 224 MK-84 2,000 pound General-Purpose Bombs (GPB), 450 GBU-24 PAVEWAY III with MK-84 2,000 pound GPB, 488 GBU-12 PAVEWAY II with MK-82 500 pound GPB, 1 M61A 20mm Vulcan Cannon with Ammunition Handling System, containers, bomb components, spare/repair parts, publications, documentation, personnel training, training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related support elements. The estimated cost is \$326 million.**

**This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country, that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This proposed sale supports the prior sale of the Block 60 F-16s to the UAE.**

**The proposed sale of the weapons will strengthen the effectiveness and interoperability of a potential coalition partner, reduce the dependence on U.S. forces in the region and enhance any coalition operations the U.S. may undertake. The United Arab Emirates will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions into its armed forces. The proposed sale of these weapon systems will not affect the basic military balance in the region.**

**The principal contractors are the Raytheon Corporation in Waltham, Massachusetts; Boeing Corporation in St Louis, Missouri; and McAlester Army Ammunition Plant in McAlester, Oklahoma. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.**

**Several U.S. Air Force pilots and maintenance Extended Training Service Specialists already in the United Arab Emirates are expected to remain for the next five years and will be able to support this potential sale.**

**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. vii**

**(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a new generation air-to-air missile. The AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM hardware, including the missile guidance section, is classified Confidential. State-of-the-art technology is used in the AIM-120C-7 to provide the missile with its unique beyond-visual-range capability. Major advances in the latest digital technology and microminiaturized solid state electronics make the AMRAAM more reliable and maintainable. Anti-tempering security measures have been incorporated into the AIM-120C-7 to prevent exploitation of the AMRAAM software.

2. The GBU-12 Guided Bomb Unit (GBU) PAVEWAY II is a laser guidance kit and tail assembly for general-purpose bombs (Mk-82 500 pound bomb). The hardware is Unclassified and the ballistics data are Confidential. The laser seeker allows the user to select a unique code for use in the multi-laser environment.

3. The GBU-24 Guided Bomb Unit PAVEWAY III is a laser guidance kit that allows employment of a general purpose bomb at both medium and low altitudes with terminal impact angle improvements over the PAVEWAY II series. Design features include proportional navigation, increased terminal accuracy, off-axis release envelopes, trajectory shaping, and target re-acquisition capability. The hardware and penetration performance are Secret and the ballistics data are Confidential.

4. The GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munitions is actually a guidance kit that converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into precision-guided "smart" munitions. By adding a new tail section containing an Inertial Navigation System (INS) guidance/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance to existing inventories of MK-84 bombs, the cost effective JDAM provides highly accurate weapon delivery in any "flyable" weather. The INS, using updates from the GPS, helps guide the bomb to the target via the use of movable tail fins. The JDAM All Up Round and all of its components are Unclassified, technical data for JDAM is classified up to Secret. Weapon accuracy is dependent on target coordinates and present position as entered

**into the guidance control unit. After weapon release, movable tail fins guide the weapon to the target coordinates. In addition to the tail kit, other elements in the overall system that are essential for successful employment include:**

- 1) Access to accurate target coordinates.**
- 2) INS/GPS capability.**
- 3) Operational Test and Evaluation Plan.**

**5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in the proposed sale, 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.**

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