

Transmittal No. 02-22

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

**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-9X represents a substantial increase in missile acquisition and kinematics performance over the AIM-9M. The missile includes a high off-bore-sight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, low drag/high angle of attack airframe and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The software algorithms are the most sensitive portion of the AIM-9X missile. The software continues to be modified during the testing phase in order to improve its counter-countermeasures capabilities. No software source code or algorithms will be released. Sensitive and/or classified (up to Secret) elements of the AIM-9X missiles include equipment/hardware, software, training, maintenance, documentation, and operation/performance.

2. The external view of the AIM-9X Sidewinder missile is unclassified and not sensitive. The AIM-9X features a high off-bore-sight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, improved acquisition range and the ability to integrate with aircraft sensors. The seeker/guidance and control section and the target detector are confidential and contain sensitive state-of-the-art technology. Specifically, the infrared seeker sensitivity is a significant improvement over the previous AIM-9 variants. Manuals and technical documents for the AIM-9X that are necessary or support operational use and organizational maintenance have portions classified up to Secret. Performance and operating logic of the counter-countermeasures circuits are Secret. The hardware, software, and data identified are classified to protect vulnerabilities, design and performance parameters and similar critical information.

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 Switzerland can provide essentially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the policy justification portion of the notification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Defense Policy Board
Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense
Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board
Advisory Committee will meet in closed
session at the Pentagon on July 10-11,
2002, from 0900 to 1730.

The purpose of the meeting is to
provide the Secretary of Defense,
Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under
Secretary of Defense for Policy with
independent, informed advice on major
matters of defense policy. The Board
will hold classified discussion on
national security matters.

In accordance with section 10(d) of
the Federal Advisory Committee Act,
Public Law No. 92-463, as amended (5

U.S.C. App II (1982)), it has been
determined that this meeting concerns
matters listed in 5 U.S.C.
552B(c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly
this meeting will be closed to the
public.

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