

Workgroup will meet from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on January 15, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on January 16, 2008. The Workgroup will also meet from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on February 12, 2008 and from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on February 13, 2008.

These meetings are being convened to address issues relevant to the Council's consideration of implementing a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAP) for the commercial snapper grouper fishery in the South Atlantic region.

Items for discussion by the Workgroup January 15-16, 2008 include: (1) Analyses completed on initial allocation methodologies for several economically important species and (2) Preferred ownership caps for various species.

Items for discussion by the Workgroup February 12-13, 2008 include: (1) Sector allocation programs, cooperatives, ownership of LAPs by regional fishery associations and communities and 2) Finalization of the LAP Workgroup Working Document.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) 3 days prior to the meetings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2007-0049]

Change in Publication Format of Patent and Trademark Office Notices and Changes in Display of Patent and Trademark Office Notices in Electronic Official Gazette

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is discontinuing the separate weekly publication in paper form of Patent and Trademark Office notices, and the annual publication in paper form of the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures. In addition, notice is hereby

given that the weekly electronic Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office—Patents (the eOG:P) will display the Patent and Trademark Office notices with volume/page numbers, and the last weekly eOG:P of each calendar year will include the annual publication of consolidated notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures.

DATES: The last separate weekly publication in paper form of Patent and Trademark Office notices will be December 25, 2007. The last annual publication in paper form of the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will be December 25, 2007. Volume/page numbers will be displayed in the notices in the weekly eOG:P beginning January 1, 2008. The first annual publication in the eOG:P of the consolidated notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will be December 30, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Electronic Information Products Division at (571) 272-5600 or e-mail at IPD@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 10 and the Presidential E-Government Initiatives to utilize technology in ways that will improve how Federal Agencies serve the public, the USPTO will begin electronically publishing the weekly Patent and Trademark Office notices in 2008. The separate weekly publication in paper form of the Patent and Trademark Office notices will be discontinued after December 25, 2007.

In the period since the last paper version of the weekly Official Gazette on September 24, 2002, the separate weekly paper publication of the notices has shown the notices with volume/page numbers while the display of the notices in the weekly eOG:P has not. Beginning January 1, 2008, the volume/page numbers that have been shown in the separate weekly paper publication of the notices will be carried forward to the notices as they are displayed in the weekly eOG:P. The presence of volume/page numbers in the notices as they are displayed in the weekly eOG:P will enhance the readability of the electronic notices and will facilitate citations of them.

As with the weekly Patent and Trademark Office notices, the annual publication of the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will occur electronically, not in paper, beginning in 2008. The last listing of consolidated notices in paper form will be published December 25, 2007. Thereafter the last

weekly eOG:P of each calendar year will include the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures. The first such annual publication of the consolidated notices in the eOG:P will take place December 30, 2008.

The eOG:P displaying the weekly notices with volume/page numbers will be available on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog> each Tuesday beginning January 1, 2008.

The first annual publication in the eOG:P of the consolidated notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will be available on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog> on December 30, 2008.

The eOG:P on CD-ROM with the above-described changes will be published and distributed close to issue date. The eOG:P CD-ROM product with the above-described changes will be available from the Information Products Division, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, as an annual subscription for \$460 per year and as single copies for \$20 per issue.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 08-29]

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 08-29 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 18, 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 06 2007
In reply refer to:
I-07/014886-CFM

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. 08-29, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Saudi Arabia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$220 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 black ink, reading "Richard J. Millies".

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

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

Same ltr to:

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. 08-29

**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:** Saudi Arabia
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$100 million |
| Other | <u>\$120 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$220 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 40 AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER Advanced Targeting Pods, aircraft installation and checkout, digital data recorders/cartridges, pylons, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (QAJ)
- (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:** DEC 06 2007

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Saudi Arabia – AN/AAQ-22 SNIPER Targeting Pods

The Government of Saudi Arabia has requested a possible sale of 40 AN/AAQ-33 SNIPER Advanced Targeting Pods, aircraft installation and checkout, digital data recorders/cartridges, pylons, spare and repair parts, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$220 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 which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve the operational capability of the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF) by upgrading the long-range target detection and identification systems of the Saudi F-15s. The proposed sale will provide an upgraded capability of the RSAF's existing 1980's LANTIRN pod technology. This sale also will increase the RSAF AWACS sustainability and interoperability with the U.S. Air Force, the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, and other coalition air forces.

The proposed sale of a modern F-15 SNIPER targeting system will greatly improve the RSAF's capabilities against offensive air force capabilities. Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this improved system capability 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 Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control Company in Dallas, Texas. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of approximately four contractor representatives to Saudi Arabia to provide technical assistance to integrate the aircraft into the operational units. Also, this program will require U.S. government and contractor personnel to conduct annual, one-week Program Management Reviews in Saudi Arabia.

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

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of the Arms Export Control Act (U)**

**Annex
Item No. vii**

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The SNIPER (AN/AAQ-33) targeting system is Unclassified, but contains technology representing the latest state-of-the-art in several areas. Information on performance and inherent vulnerabilities is classified Secret. The software object code is classified Confidential. Sensitive elements include the forward-looking infrared (FLIR) sensors, Laser Pulse Interval Modulation (PIM) and doublet coding, the AGM-65 Missile Boresight Correlator (MBC), and Electronic counter-countermeasures features that increase capability in a jamming environment. The SNIPER system to be released will not include the Lockheed Martin (LM) proprietary XR image processing algorithm (no extended range capability).

2. 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.

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