

and sub-surface targets. The MH-60R Multi-Mission Helicopter is capable of carrying the Airborne Low Frequency Sonars (ALFS), GAU-61 Digital Rocket Launchers, Advanced Precision Kill Weapons System (APKWS), GAU-21 crew-served guns, and M240 crew-served guns.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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 that 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 Norway 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Norway.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 21-34]

### Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Arms sales notice.

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**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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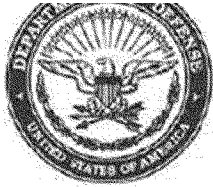
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 21-34, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 11, 2024.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

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

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**DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY**  
2800 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20301-2800

April 17, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-209, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. 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. 21-34 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Turkey for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$259 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch  
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology
4. Section 620C(d) Certification

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Transmittal No. 21-34

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:* Government of Turkey

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 0 million
Other .....	\$ 259 million
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 259 million</b>

*Funding Source:* National Funds  
(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:*

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*

None

*Non-MDE:*

The Government of Turkey has requested to buy defense articles and services to support upgrading its fleet of F-16 aircraft, to include software upgrades of the Operational Flight Program (OFP) avionics with the Automatic

Ground Collision Avoidance System (AGCAS) capability; hardware modifications to enable integration of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System Block Upgrade II (MIDS BU II), procured separately; hardware and software upgrades to include aircraft major modification; both classified and unclassified software and software support; integration and test support; support equipment; training and training equipment; spare and repair parts;

publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Air Force (TK-D-VAL)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any*: TK-P-LKT, TK-D-SFA, TK-D-SLA, TK-D-SMB, TK-D-NCU

(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 Attached Annex.

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: April 17, 2023

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### Turkey—F-16 Avionics Upgrade

The Government of Turkey has requested to buy defense articles and services to support upgrading its fleet of F-16 aircraft, to include software upgrades of the Operational Flight Program (OFP) avionics with the Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System (AGCAS) capability; hardware modifications to enable integration of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System Block Upgrade II (MIDS BU II), procured separately; hardware and software upgrades to include aircraft major modification; both classified and unclassified software and software support; integration and test support; support equipment; training and training equipment; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$259 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Black Sea region.

The proposed sale will improve Turkey's capability to meet current and future threats by providing a critical flight safety and tactical integration capability to assist in defending its homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Turkey has demonstrated a willingness to modernize its F-16 capabilities since it purchased the aircraft in the mid-1980s and will have no difficulty absorbing these capabilities into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Fort Worth, TX. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Turkey.

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

##### *Sensitivity of Technology*:

1. The Automatic Ground Collision Avoidance System capability is used as a flight safety mitigation tool in order to reduce incidents of controlled flight into terrain and ground collisions, which account for seventy-five percent of F-16 pilot fatalities worldwide. The system consists of a series of collision avoidance and autonomous decision-making algorithms that utilize precise navigation, aircraft performance, and digital terrain data to determine if a collision is imminent. If the system determines a collision is imminent, the system commands an autonomous maneuver to prevent impact, although the pilot may override this functionality.

2. The highest level of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is CONFIDENTIAL.

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 system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Turkey.

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## ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

### Testing and Certification Program Manuals

AGENCY: Election Assistance Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) is publishing two documents for public comment. Version 3.1 of the Testing and Certification Program Manual and version 3.1 of the Voting System Testing Laboratory (VSTL) Program Manual. The EAC is seeking public comments on these manuals. The public comment period will last 60 days. These versions replace version 3.0 of both documents.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5 p.m. eastern on Friday November 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** To view these documents, see: <https://www.eac.gov/voting-equipment/manuals-and-forms> under Draft Manuals. Comments on both manuals should be submitted electronically via <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket IDs: EAC-2024-0003). Written comments on the proposed document can also be sent to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, 633 3rd Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20001, Attn: Testing and Certification.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Le, Senior Election Technology Specialist, Testing and Certification Program. Telephone: 202-870-1140. Email: [TestingCertification@eac.gov](mailto:TestingCertification@eac.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In late 2002, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), which created the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) and vested it with the responsibility of setting voting system standards and for providing for the testing and certification of voting systems. This mandate represented the first time the Federal Government provided for the voluntary testing, certification and decertification of voting systems nationwide. In response to this HAVA requirement, the EAC has developed the Voting System Testing and Certification Program. The manuals provide the procedural requirements of the Program. Participation in the Program is voluntary, but if voting system manufacturers and laboratories decide to participate then they must conform to the Program's procedural requirements. The manuals are reviewed periodically and updated to meet the needs of the EAC, manufacturers, laboratories, election officials, and the greater election community.

*Public Comments:* Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that