

- (iv) *Military Department: Navy (GY-P-ALF)*
 (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 Attached Annex*
 (viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 7, 2023*
 * As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Germany—MK 54 Lightweight Torpedoes

The Government of Germany has requested to buy up to eighty (80) MK 54 All Up Round Lightweight Torpedoes (LWT). Also included are MK 54 Mod 0 LWT spare parts; Recoverable Exercise Torpedoes (REXTORPs) with containers; handling shapes and containers; torpedo spare parts; tools for mounting and dismounting of Air Launch Accessories (ALAs); equipment for analysis of REXTORP exercise shots; REXTORP maintenance equipment; training; publications; support and test equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total program cost is \$300 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political and economic stability in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Germany's capability to meet current and future threats by upgrading Anti-Submarine Warfare capabilities on its P-8A aircraft. Germany will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment 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 Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems, Portsmouth, RI. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Germany; however, U.S. Government Engineering and Technical Services may be required on an interim basis for training and technical assistance.

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

Transmittal No. 23-88

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 MK 54 Torpedo is a conventional torpedo that can be launched from surface ships, rotary and fixed wing aircraft. The MK 54 is an upgrade to the MK 46 Torpedo. The upgrade to the MK 54 entails replacement of the torpedo's sonar and guidance and control systems with modern technology. The new guidance and control system uses a mixture of commercial-off-the-shelf and custom-built electronics. The warhead, fuel tank, and propulsion system from the MK 46 torpedo are re-used in the MK 54 configuration with minor modifications.

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 hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Germany 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 Germany.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-0U]

Arms Sales Notification

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

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

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

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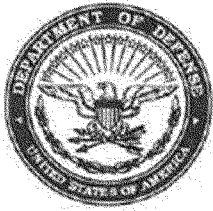
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(5)(C) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives with attached Transmittal 23-0U.

Dated: November 21, 2024.

Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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

December 5, 2023

The Honorable Mike Johnson
 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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 23-0U. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 14-12 of May 13, 2014.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
 Director

Enclosure:

I. Transmittal

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Transmittal No. 23-0U

*REPORT OF ENHANCEMENT OR
 UPGRADE OF SENSITIVITY OF
 TECHNOLOGY OR CAPABILITY (SEC.
 36(B)(5)(C), AECA)*

(i) *Purchaser:* Government of Australia

(ii) *Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.:* 14-12

Date: May 13, 2014

Military Department: Navy

(iii) *Description:* On May 13, 2014, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 14-12, of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of up to 350 AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Tactical Missiles; 35 AIM-9X Special Air Training Missiles (NATM); 95 AIM-

9X-2 Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM); 22 AIM-9X-2 Tactical Guidance Units; 19 CATM-9X-2 Guidance Units; and 3 DATM-9X. Also included were containers, test sets and support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications and technical documents, personnel training and training equipment, United States (U.S.) Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$534 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$476 million of this total.

On January 9, 2018, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 0W-17 of the change from 350 AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Tactical Missiles to reflect 300 AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II+ Tactical Missiles

and 50 AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Tactical Missiles. Additionally, this transmittal reported the inclusion of 11 CATM-9X-2 Missile Guidance Units. The total notified cost of MDE remained \$476 million. The total notified case value remained \$534 million.

On December 4, 2020, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 0A-21 of the addition of four (4) AIM-9X Block II+ Tactical Missile Guidance Units. The total MDE value increase by \$1 million to \$477 million. The estimated total case value remained \$534 million.

This transmittal notifies inclusion of the following MDE: an additional ten (10) AIM-9X Block II Sidewinder Tactical Guidance Units; thirty-two (32) AIM-9X Block II+ Sidewinder Tactical Guidance Units; and ninety (90) AIM-

9X Block II Sidewinder CATM Guidance Units. The estimated total value of the new items is \$28 million. The net cost of MDE will increase by \$28 million, resulting in a revised MDE value of \$505 million. The estimated total case value will remain \$534 million.

(iv) *Significance*: The proposed sale will improve Australia's capability to effectively maintain its current force projection and enhance interoperability with U.S. forces.

(v) *Justification*: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology*:

The AIM-9X Block II and Block II+ (Plus) SIDEWINDER Missile represents a substantial increase in missile acquisition and kinematics performance over the AIM-9M and replaces the AIM-9X Block I Missile configuration. The missile includes a high off-

boresight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, low drag/high angle of attack airframe, and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The most current AIM-9X Block II/II+ Operational Flight Software developed for all international partner countries, which is authorized by U.S. Government export policy, provides fifth-generation infrared missile capabilities such as lock-on-after-launch, weapons data link, surface attack, and surface launch. No software source code or algorithms will be released.

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to additional items reported here.

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

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: December 5, 2023

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23-15]

Arms Sales Notification

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

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

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

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Dated: November 21, 2024.

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