

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Service Academy Gender Relations Survey; OMB Control Number 0704–0623.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 12,000.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 12,000.

Average Burden per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 6,000.

Needs and Uses: The legal requirements for the Service Academy Gender Relations (SAGR) surveys can be found in the following:

- 10 United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 4361, as amended by John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, Section 532
- 10 U.S.C., Section 481
- DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6495.02

These legal requirements mandate that the SAGR solicit information relating to sexual assault, sexual harassment, and gender discrimination in the Military Service Academies (MSAs), as well as the climate at the MSAs and social perspectives. MSAs include the U.S. Military Service Academy (USMA), the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), and U.S. Air Force Academy (USAFA). The requirements state that the assessment cycle consists of surveys and focus groups during alternate years. They also give the Department authority to conduct such surveys under the guidance of the USD(P&R). The U.S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), the only Federal Military Academy within the Department of Homeland Security, is not required to participate in the assessments codified by U.S.C. 10. However, USCGA officials requested the Coast Guard be included, beginning in 2008, to evaluate and improve their programs addressing sexual assault and sexual harassment. Similarly, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA), under the Department of Transportation, requested their inclusion beginning in 2012. USCGA and USMMA will continue to participate in the assessments. Surveys of USCGA and USMMA are not covered under this DoD licensure and will not be mentioned further.

The Office of People Analytics (OPA) administers both web-based and paper-and-pen surveys to support the personnel information needs of the USD(P&R). The SAGR survey expands a series of surveys that began in 2004 with the DoD Inspector General's first survey,

subsequently transferred to OPA. OPA conducted the SAGR survey at the MSAs in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, and 2024. The 2020 administration of the survey was postponed due to the COVID–19 pandemic. The first focus group assessment was conducted in 2007, with subsequent focus groups in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, and 2023. Information from the SAGR surveys will be used by DoD policy offices, the Military Departments, the MSAs, and Congress for program evaluation and, specifically, to assess and improve policies, programs, practices, and training related to gender relations at the MSAs. OPA will provide reports to DoD policy offices, each Military Department, the MSAs, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Congress.

The target population of the SAGR consists of all students at the MSAs: USMA, USNA, and USAFA, including the Preparatory Schools. Excluded are Service Academy Students who are (1) non-citizens and (2) are visiting from another MSA. Students under 18 years of age are also excluded. Working with the MSAs, we estimate the approximate numbers of cadets and midshipmen to be 14,200. The survey will be administered to all cadets/midshipmen (*i.e.*, a census). Based on the 2022 SAGR survey that had an 81% response rate, we estimate a 75% response rate. To achieve sufficient statistical analytical power, we will include a census of the population of interest in the study to achieve sufficient coverage.

Each Academy notifies students about the survey with an electronic message explaining the overall survey process and providing them instructions on how to select a session for administration of the survey. OPA staff is on location during the survey week to brief students and administer the survey in person using a paper survey. Sessions are typically scheduled from 0700 through 1500 and follow the Academy's class periods. Attendance is checked when a student arrives for their session (attendance is only for purposes of following up and not for identifying survey responses by individuals). Academy officials follow up with students who do not appear at their designation session and reschedule accordingly. OPA staff provides an overview briefing on the purpose for the survey. Students are advised they may leave at any time after the briefing if they choose not to complete the survey.

Data will be weighted, using an industry standard process, to reflect each Academy's population as of the time of the survey. Weighting produces survey estimates of population totals, proportions, and means (as well as other statistics) that are representative of their respective populations. OPA creates variance strata so precision measures can be associated with each estimate. We produce precision measures for reporting categories using 95% confidence intervals with the goal of achieving a precision of 5% or less (*e.g.*, 80% (+/– 5%)) of cadets/midshipmen are satisfied with their training).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Biennial.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Reginald Lucas.

Dated: December 11, 2024.

Aaron T. Siegel,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 24–15]

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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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 24–15, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 10, 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

December 8, 2023

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On December 8, 2023, the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, determined that an emergency exists which requires the immediate sale of the defense articles and defense services identified in the attached transmittal to the Government of Israel through the Foreign Military Sales process, including any further amendment specific to costs, quantity, or requirements occurring within the duration of circumstances giving rise to this emergency sale.

Please find attached (Tab 1) the Secretary of State Determination and Justification waiving the congressional review requirements under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Hursch".

James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

1. Secretary of State Determination and Justification Letter
2. Transmittal
3. Policy Justification
4. Sensitivity of Technology

UNCLASSIFIEDDETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 36(b)(1) OF THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL
ACT

Pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, I hereby determine that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale through the following foreign military sales case, including any further amendments specific to the cost, quantity, or requirements of these cases, in the national security interest of the United States:

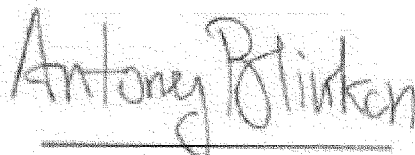
For Israel:

- 120mm Tank Cartridges

This determination shall be published in the *Federal Register* and, along with the accompanying Memorandum of Justification, shall be transmitted to Congress with the applicable notifications.

12/8/23

Date



Antony J. Blinken
Secretary of State

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(U) MEMORANDUM OF JUSTIFICATION
FOR EMERGENCY ARMS TRANSFERS TO ISRAEL UNDER SECTION 36(b)(1) OF
THE ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT

(U) On October 7, Hamas launched the worst attack on Israel since the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Thousands of rockets were fired and continue to be fired indiscriminately, hitting locations and civilians as far as Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Hamas gunmen crossed into Israel, entering towns and communities as far as 15 miles from Gaza, slaughtering men, women, and children. More than 230 hostages were captured and dragged back into Gaza, including U.S. citizens. As of today, Hamas' act of terrorism has claimed the lives of more than 1,200 in Israel, including at least 31 U.S. citizens, and wounded thousands more. The attack is the single deadliest day for the Jewish people since the Holocaust, and is reminiscent of the worst rampages of ISIS. The following day, the Government of Israel formally declared war on Hamas in accordance with its Basic Law.

(U) Israel has the right to defend itself, and the United States supports Israel taking necessary action to defend its country and protect its people from Hamas terrorists, consistent with international law and, specifically, the law of war. Following the attack, the President directed surging additional military assistance to the Israeli Defense Force, to include ammunition and interceptors to replenish the Iron Dome. The Department of State and the Department of Defense are coordinating with Israeli partners to meet their military requirements and ensure Israel has what it needs to defend itself, its people, and U.S. citizens living, working, and traveling in Israel.

(U) Israel faces further credible security threats on its northern border with Lebanon and Syria. Since October 7, sporadic violence has occurred across the Blue Line, which marks the *de facto* boundary between Israel and Lebanon, and Israel remains at immediate risk of other parties in Lebanon or Syria exploiting Hamas' appalling attack.

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(U) The United States' commitment to Israel's security is ironclad, which is reflected in decades of close political-military dialogues and high-level defense policy exchanges. The historic ten-year U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding to provide Israel with \$38 billion in security assistance is a bulwark against regional threats; however, Israel requires urgent support to respond to the immediate threat raised by Hamas' horrific attack, to replenish stocks of key defense articles that maintain its Qualitative Military Edge in the region, and to deter and guard against the threat of broad scale regional conflict.

(U) Given the scale and scope of Hamas' offensive, it is in the United States' national security interest to swiftly provide Israel with the defense systems it requires to defend itself and reinforce deterrence against other regional threats, which we have undertaken since October 7. Israel has communicated an urgent requirement for 120mm tank rounds. The urgency of this requirement has been validated by the Department of Defense in consultation with the Department of State. We anticipate Israel will continue its military operations in Gaza in the near-term. In order to effectively do so and ensure it is prepared for any other attacks, it has an immediate need for these defense articles. These 120mm rounds are readily available in DoD stock and can be quickly transferred to Israel. The immediacy of the challenge at hand requires overcoming the statutory 15-day Congressional Notification timeline to expedite transfers to Israel.

(U) For the reasons cited above, an emergency exists requiring immediate provision of these defense articles to Israel in the national security interest of the United States. This transfer, through a Foreign Military Sale, will provide Israel as soon as possible with defense articles that are necessary to allow it to defend itself in its war with Hamas. The Secretary of State, therefore, has certified an emergency exists under sections 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, thereby waiving the congressional review requirement of that provision.

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Transmittal No. 24–15

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 Israel

(ii) *Total Estimated Value*:

Major Defense Equip- ment *	\$ 99.9 million
Other	\$ 6.6 million

TOTAL \$106.5 million

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing and National Funds

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Thirteen thousand nine hundred eighty-one (13,981) 120mm M830A1 High Explosive Anti-Tank Multi-Purpose with Tracer (MPAT) Tank Cartridges

Non-MDE:

Also included are publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department*: Army (IS–B–VBS)

(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 8, 2023

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel—M830A1 120mm Tank Cartridges

The Government of Israel has requested to buy thirteen thousand nine hundred eighty-one (13,981) 120mm M830A1 High Explosive Anti-Tank Multi-Purpose with Tracer (MPAT) tank cartridges. Also included are publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$106.5 million.

The Secretary of State has determined and provided detailed justification that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale to the Government of Israel of the above defense articles (and defense services) in the national security interests of the United States, thereby waiving the Congressional review requirements under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended.

The United States is committed to the security of Israel, and it is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Israel to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

Israel will use the enhanced capability as a deterrent to regional threats and to strengthen its homeland defense. Israel 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.

This will be a sale from U.S. Army inventory. 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 Israel.

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 120mm M830A1 High Explosive Anti-Tank Multi-Purpose with Tracer (MPAT) tank cartridge is a line-of-sight, full-bore, multipurpose munition for the Abrams tank. It requires the gunner to manually select the fuze mode to either point detonate against buildings, bunkers, and light armor vehicles or similar target sets, or proximity for anti-helicopter self-defense capabilities.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is Controlled Unclassified 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 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 Israel will 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 Israel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23–86]

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: December 10, 2024.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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