97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at *www.nwr.noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristine Petersen, Portland, OR, at phone number: (503) 230-5409, e-mail: *Kristine.Petersen@noaa.gov*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs):

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): endangered Upper Columbia River.

Dated: September 15, 2005.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05–43]

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 19096.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05–43 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 14, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

6 SEP 2005
In reply refer to:
I-05/008862

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

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. 05-43, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost $41 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
1. **Transmittal**
2. **Policy Justification**
3. **Sensitivity of Technology**

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on Armed Services
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 05-43

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:** Spain

(ii) **Total Estimated Value:**

Major Defense Equipment*	$37 million
Other	$ 4 million
TOTAL	$41 million

(iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 94 SM-1 Block VIB Tactical STANDARD missiles, 94 SM-1 MK 56 Dual Thrust Rocket Motors, containers, exercise heads, devices, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, engineering and technical assistance, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) **Military Department:** Navy (ANH)

(v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** FMS case AMB - $34 million - 17Dec99

(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:** 6 SEP 2005

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Spain – SM-1 Block VIB STANDARD Missiles

The Government of Spain has requested a possible sale of 94 SM-1 Block VIB Tactical STANDARD missiles, 94 SM-1 MK 56 Dual Thrust Rocket Motors, containers, exercise heads, devices, support and test equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, engineering and technical assistance, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is $41 million.

Spain is a major political and economic power in southern NATO and the Atlantic and a key democratic partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability in this region. The U.S. Government contracts maintenance and the use of facilities in Spain. It is vital for the U.S. to assist Spain's development and maintenance of a strong self-defense capability that is consistent with U.S. regional objectives. SM-1 sales promote those objectives and contribute to greater interoperability and cooperation between our navies.

More capable weapons already exist in the region: the U.S. Navy employs the SM-2 Block IIIB from cruisers/destroyers forward deployed in North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Central Command. Canada, Germany, Spain and The Netherlands all employ the SM-2 Block IIIA from their first-tier frigates and destroyers. In addition, other regional Navies use SM-1: Egypt, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, The Netherlands and Poland. The German and Hellenic Navies, like the U.S. Navy, have divested themselves of the SM-1.

SM-1 and SM-2 missiles are in Spanish frigates and allow Spain to defend critical sea-lines of communication. Spain has six FFG 7-class ships with SM-1 and is building four-to-six new F100-class ships with SM-2. It has already integrated the SM-2 Block IIIA into its F100-class and conducted successful firings from F101 and F102 ships. It is finishing a new Intermediate-Level Maintenance Depot capable of maintaining both the SM-1 and SM-2, and is planning to upgrade this facility to maintain and support the newest Evolved Surface-to-air Missile systems and SM variants. The proposed sale of additional SM-1 Block VI-series missiles and replacement MK 56 rocket motors provides Spain's FFG 7-class improved capability against current anti-ship cruise missile, attack helicopter, and surface ship threats.

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

The principal contractors will be:

Raytheon Company	**Tucson, Arizona**
(two locations)	**Camden, Arkansas**
Aerojet General Corporation	**Sacramento, California**

Offset agreement associated with this proposed sale are expected, but at this time the specific offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractors.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Spain.

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 STANDARD Missile-1 (SM-1) Block VI-series (VI/VIA/VIB) is a former-U.S. Navy surface-launched guided missile (completely divested from the U.S. Navy Fleet) and is classified Confidential. It is operationally deployed on small frigates for use against air and surface threats (aircraft, missiles, helicopters, and ships). The FFG-7's MK 92 missile fire control system employs a continuous wave illuminator which locks on a target. The SM-1 homes on illuminator energy reflected from the target. Propulsion is provided by a solid propellant, dual thrust rocket motor that is an integral part of the missile airframe. The SM-1 Target Detecting Device (TDD) is a complex fuze optimized to destroy targets of varying sizes and speeds.

2. The guidance and control system and the TDD represent technology which, if compromised, could reveal areas of missile performance and potentially result in the development of SM-1 countermeasures or equivalent systems capable of reducing weapon system effectiveness. This information could also be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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