Policy Justification

Thailand—UH–60M BLACK HAWK Helicopters

The Government of Thailand (GoT) has requested a possible sale of 4 UH–60M BLACK HAWK Helicopters, 10 T700–GE–701D Engines (8 installed and 2 spares), warranty, support equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, and other related logistics support. The estimated cost is $235 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 South-East Asia.

The Government of Thailand intends to use the UH–60s to modernize its armed forces. This proposed sale will contribute to the GoT objective to update its military capabilities and improve interoperability between Thailand and the U.S., and among other allies.

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

The principal contractors will be Sikorsky Aircraft Company in Stratford, Connecticut; and General Electric Aircraft Company (GEAC) in Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government representatives to travel to Thailand for a period of 5 weeks for equipment deprocessing/fielding, system checkout and new equipment training and a Contractor Furnished Service Representative (CFSR) for a period of one year.

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

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary
[Transmittal Nos. 12–37]

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 July 21, 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 12–37 with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: July 30, 2012.

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

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The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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. 12-37, concerning the Department of the Army’s proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Colombia for defense articles and services estimated to cost $87 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,

Richard A. Genaille, Jr.  
Deputy Director

Enclosures:
1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Colombian Army (COLAR)  
(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
   Major Defense Equipment * $80 million  
   Other $ 7 million  
   Total $87 million  

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: 5 UH-60L BLACK HAWK Helicopters, 10 T700-GE-701D General Electric Engines, warranty, internal fuel tanks, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics and technical support services, and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (VGB)  
(v) Prior Related Cases, if any:  
   FMS Case UUF—$143M–13 Jun 00  
   FMS Case UTN—$116M–24 Dec 96  
   FMS Case USI—$ 37M–28 Dec 93  
   FMS Case ULY—$ 35M–29 Jun 89  
   FMS Case UKZ—$ 36M–30 Jun 87  
   FMS Case UXM—$ 96M–19 Sep 05  
   FMS Case VBR—$230M–18 Apr 07  
   FMS Case UYD—$ 30M–10 Mar 06  
   FMS Case VFP—$128M–10 Mar 11  

(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: None
(viii) Date Report Delivered to
Congress: 20 July 2012
* as defined in Section 47(6) of the
Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Colombia—UH–60L BLACK HAWK
Helicopters

The Government of Colombia has
requested a possible sale of 5 UH–60L
BLACK HAWK Helicopters, 10 T700–
GE–701D General Electric Engines,
warranty, internal fuel tanks, spare and
repair parts, tools and support
equipment, publications and technical
documentation, personnel training and
training equipment, U.S. Government
and contractor engineering, logistics,
and technical support services, and
other related elements of logistics
support. The estimated cost is $87M.

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
South America.

Colombia intends to use these
helicopters to modernize its armed
forces. The purchase of UH–60L BLACK
HAWK Helicopters by the Colombian
Army will contribute to Colombia’s goal
of updating its capabilities while
enhancing interoperability between
Colombia, the U.S., and other allies.

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

The prime contractor will be Sikorsky
Aircraft Corporation in Stratford,
Connecticut. There are no known offset
agreements proposed in connection
with this potential sale.

Implementation of the proposed sale
will require U.S. Government or
contractor representatives to travel to
Colombia for a period of 6 weeks for
equipment deprocessing/fielding, and
system checkout.

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

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