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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

**[Transmittal No. 15-54]**

#### **36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation  
Agency, Department of Defense.

**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:**

Sarah A. Ragan or Heather N. Harwell,  
DSCA/LMO, (703) 604-1546/(703) 607-5339.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15-54 with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: October 23, 2015.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

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ARLINGTON, VA 22202-5408

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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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. 15-54, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Spain for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$243 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J. W. Rixey  
Vice Admiral, USN  
Director

## Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology



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## Transmittal No. 15-54

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:* The Government of Spain

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment *	\$ 80 million
Other .....	\$163 million
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$243 million</b>

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

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*

Four (4) MQ-9 Block 5 Remotely Piloted Aircraft

Twenty (20) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Guidance Unit

(EGI) (3 per aircraft, and 8 spares)

Two (2) Mobile Ground Control Stations (MGCS)

Five (5) Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems (MTS-B) (1 per aircraft, 1 spare)

Five (5) Synthetic Aperture Radar, Lynx AN/APY-8 (1 per aircraft, 1 spare)

Also provided are a unique and common spares package, support equipment, United States Air Force (USAF) technical orders, country specific technical orders, Contractor Logistics Support for two (optional three) years, contractor provided aircraft components, spares, and accessories, personnel training, and other related

elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department: Air Force* (X8-D-SAA)

(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: 05 Oct 2015*

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

##### Spain—MQ-9 Block 5 aircraft

The Government of Spain requested a possible sale of:

*Major Defense Equipment (MDE):*

Four (4) MQ-9 Block 5 Remotely Piloted Aircraft

Twenty (20) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Guidance Unit (EGI)

(3 per aircraft, and 8 spares)

Two (2) Mobile Ground Control Stations (MGCS)

Five (5) Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems (MTS-B) (1 per aircraft, 1 spare)

Five (5) Synthetic Aperture Radar, Lynx AN/APY-8 (1 per aircraft, 1 spare)

Also provided are a unique and common spares package, support equipment, United States Air Force (USAF) technical orders, country specific technical orders, Contractor Logistics Support for two (optional three) years, contractor provided aircraft components, spares, and accessories, personnel training, and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated MDE cost is \$80 million. The estimated total cost is \$243 million.

This proposed sale enhances the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capability of the Spanish military in support of national, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), United Nations, and other coalition operations. Commonality of ISR capabilities increases interoperability between U.S. and Spanish forces and provides a common interface with other MQ-9 NATO operators, including the United Kingdom, France, and Italy. The Spanish Air Force intends to use the MQ-9s for homeland security, peacekeeping, peace enforcement, counterinsurgency, and counterterrorism operations. The proposed sale improves Spain's ability to meet current and future threats by providing improved ISR coverage that

promotes increased battlefield situational awareness, anticipates enemy intent, augments combat search and rescue, and provides ground troop support.

Spain requests these capabilities to provide for the defense of its deployed troops, regional security, and interoperability with the United States. Spain will have no difficulty absorbing this additional capability.

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

The principal contractor will be General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. in San Diego, California. Other sole source requests identified in the Letter of Request are Raytheon Company in McKinney, Texas, and L-3 Communications Systems—West in Salt Lake City, Utah. The purchaser requested offsets. At this time, offset agreements are undetermined and will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require multiple trips for U.S. contractor representatives to Spain and potentially deployed locations to provide initial launch, recovery, and maintenance support.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale. All defense articles and services have been approved for release by the USAF foreign disclosure office.

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The MQ-9 is a long-endurance, high-altitude Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) used for surveillance, military reconnaissance, and targeting missions. MQ-9 is capable of performing real-time and pre-programmed flight missions. Real-time missions are flown under the control of a pilot in a Ground Control Station (GCS). A data link is maintained that uplinks control commands and downlinks video with telemetry data. The data link can be a Line-of-Sight (LOS) C-Band communication or Beyond Line-of-Sight (BLOS) Ku-Band Satellite Communication (SATCOM). Missions are preprogrammed by pilots in the GCS or hand flown under the control of an onboard suite of redundant computers, controls, and sensors. A pilot initiates a pre programmed mission once the aircraft is airborne and lands the aircraft when the mission is completed. Pilots can change

preprogrammed mission parameters as often as required. The aircraft can also be handed off to other strategically placed ground- or sea-based GCSs.

The MQ-9 is designed to carry 800 pounds of internal payload with maximum fuel and can carry multiple mission payloads aloft. The following payloads are being integrated into the MQ-9 being prepared for offer to Spain as part of this proposed sale: Electro-Optical/Infrared (EO/IR), Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), and laser designators.

a. The equipment proposed for the Spanish MQ-9 (Reaper) Letter of Request (LOR) is classified up to Secret.

2. The Spanish MQ-9 system includes the following components:

a. A secure Mobile Ground Control Station (MGCS) with workstations that allow operators to control and monitor the aircraft, as well as record and exploit downlinked payload data.

b. The Raytheon Multi-Spectral Targeting System (MTS-B with Laser Target Designation) and multi-use ElectroOptical (EO)/Infra-Red (IR) sensor provides long-range surveillance, high-altitude target acquisition, tracking, and range-finding.

c. Modified Weaponization Kit (UHK16205-1) is a hardware kit built into the aircraft at the time of production to include the necessary cables, mission kits, module assemblies, and switching modules that are critical in allowing mating, powering, and communicating with weapons that might be desired and authorized for use on the platform in the future. The Weaponization Kit to be provided under this proposed sale will not include the other necessary hardware required to employ weapons (aircraft pylons, bomb racks, weapons-specific components of the country specific technical orders (CSTOs) and airworthiness documents). Additionally, weapons employment will require software enhancement to the GCS prior to employment.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software in this proposed sale, any information gleaned from exploitation of hardware, publications and software could be used to develop countermeasures (electronic, infrared, or other types) as well as offensive and defensive counter-tactics and allow an adversary to exploit those vulnerabilities during combat.

4. A determination has been made that the recipient country 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2014-OS-0112]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Logistics Agency, DoD.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Logistics Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.  
**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 28, 2015

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are

received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the DLA Logistics Information Services, ATTN: Mr. Robert A Burrow, DLIS-LAE, 74 Washington Ave. N., Suite 7, Battle Creek MI 49037-3084, or call Mr. Robert A Burrow at (269)-961-4410.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; And OMB Number:* Department of Defense Electronic Mall Web site; OMB Control Number 0704-XXXX.

*Needs And Uses:* Each user of the DoD EMALL Web site must complete registration information in order to receive DoD EMALL access. Only authorized personnel of Federal, State, and Local government are able to register and log into the DoD EMALL Web site to shop, search, order, and make purchases.

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; State, local or Tribal governments.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 8,344.75.

*Number of Respondents:* 33,379.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1

*Annual Responses:* 33,379.

*Average Burden per Response:* 15 minutes

*Frequency:* On occasion.

DoD EMALL is an Internet-based Electronic Mall, which allows customers to search for an order items from the government and commercial sources. DoD EMALL is a Department of Defense program operated by the Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS). All users are required to register and be authenticated and authorized by a DLIS Access Administrator.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

### Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates

**AGENCY:** Defense Travel Management Office.

**ACTION:** Notice of Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Travel Management Office is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 299. This bulletin lists revisions in the per diem rates prescribed for U.S. Government employees for official travel in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands and Possessions of the United States when applicable. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 299 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that travelers are paid per diem at the most current rates.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 1, 2015.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sonia Malik, 571-372-1276.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document gives notice of revisions in per diem rates prescribed by the Defense Travel Management Office for non-foreign areas outside the contiguous United States. It supersedes Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 298. Per Diem Bulletins published periodically in the **Federal Register** now constitute the only notification of revisions in per diem rates to agencies and establishments outside the Department of Defense. For more information or questions about per diem rates, please contact your local travel office. Civilian Bulletin 299 includes updated rates for Puerto Rico.

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