

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal Nos. 07–45]

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 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 07–45 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

Dated: August 8, 2007.

C.R. Choate,*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.***BILLING CODE 5001–06–M**



DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

AUG 03 2007

In reply refer to:
I-07/009081-CFM

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6501

Dear Madam 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. 07-45, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Morocco for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$29 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Millies".

Richard J. Millies
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

Same ltr to:

House
Committee on Foreign Affairs
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

Senate
Committee on Foreign Relations
Committee on Armed Services
Committee on Appropriations

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**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:** Morocco
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$18 million |
| Other | <u>\$11 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$29 million |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 60 M109A5 155mm self-propelled howitzers, 30 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle engines, 233 wheel assemblies, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, Quality Assurance Team support services, U. S. Government logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Army (URT)
- (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:** none
- (viii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** AUG 03 2007

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Morocco - M109A5 155mm Self-propelled Howitzers**

The Government of Morocco has requested a possible sale of 60 M109A5 155mm self-propelled howitzers, 30 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle engines, 233 wheel assemblies, spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, Quality Assurance Team support services, U. S. Government logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$29 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in North Africa.

Morocco currently operates M109A1B self-propelled howitzers and will use this new procurement to re-equip existing units, retire older artillery pieces, and modernize the Army's fire support capability. Morocco will have no difficulty absorbing the howitzers into its armed forces.

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

No contractor is involved for this purchase of the howitzers. Equipment is considered long supply and is no longer utilized by the U.S. Government.

There will be a U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team in country for one year to check out the equipment. A Technical Assistance Field Team also will participate for two-week intervals twice annually to participate in program management and technical reviews.

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