

nature of these trailing-gear interactions may result in serious injuries long after the whale is initially sighted. It is unclear at this point whether to classify these as serious injuries or not, but by including them in Table 1, the injuries are effectively tallied as a "take", which is more conservative than excluding them for lack of classification. The 1997 incident of a humpback whale swimming away with a salmon hook and many feet of monofilament falls in this category and is retained in Table 1.

*Comment 29:* The Commission suggested adding a figure showing population trend data of blue whales (Eastern North Pacific stock) to allow the reader to evaluate the apparent decline suggested under Current Population Trend.

*Response:* A figure showing line-transect abundance estimates from 1991–2001 in California waters has been added to this SAR to indicate trend.

Dated: June 14, 2005.

**James H. Lecky,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 20, 2005.

*Title and OMB Number:* Survey to Determine Economic Costs and Impact to Employers of Mobilized Reserve Component Members; OMB Control Number 0704–TBE.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,745.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 1,699.

*Average Burden per Response:* .72.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 1,223.

*Needs and Uses:* As the duration and frequency of reliance on Reserve members increases, the number of employers operating with reduced work forces for longer periods is also increasing. Understanding how employer operations are impacted, the adjustments they make to sustain operations, and the cost to make these adjustments is the focus of this research. The self-administered survey will be mailed to a nationally representative sample of United States employers of Guard and Reserve members mobilized since 2002. Collected information will be used to identify unmet needs, to evaluate the economic effects of DoD policy on the civilian economy, and to guide development of or revisions to policy and program initiatives.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal government.

*Frequency:* One Time.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Lewis Oleinick.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Oleinick at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DoD Clearance Officer:* Ms. Patricia Toppings.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Ms. Toppings, WHS/ESD Information Management Division, 1225 South Clark Street, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202–4326.

Dated: June 7, 2005.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 05–27]

#### 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 Pub. L. 104–164 dated July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/OPS–ADMIN, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 05–27 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: June 14, 2005.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**

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

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## DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

06 JUN 2005

**In reply refer to:  
I-05/005532**

**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. 05-27, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$104 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard J. Millies".

**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. 05-27****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:** Japan
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
- |                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Major Defense Equipment* | \$100 million        |
| Other                    | \$ <u>4 million</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>\$104 million</b> |
- (iii) **Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:** 40 SM-2 Block IIIB Tactical Standard missiles with MK 13 MOD 0 canisters; 24 SM-2 Block IIIB Telemetry Standard missiles with MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, AN/DKT-71A telemeters, and conversion kits; containers; spare and repair parts; supply support; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Navy (ANW and ANX)
- (v) **Prior Related Cases, if any:** numerous FMS cases pertaining to the Standard missiles
- (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:** 06 JUN 2005

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

## **POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

### **Japan - SM-2 Block IIIB Standard Missiles**

**The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale for 40 SM-2 Block IIIB Tactical Standard missiles with MK 13 MOD 0 canisters; 24 SM-2 Block IIIB Telemetry Standard missiles with MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, AN/DKT-71A telemeters, and conversion kits; containers; spare and repair parts; supply support; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$104 million.**

**Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring the peace and stability of this region. The U.S. Government shares bases and facilities in Japan. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.**

**The SM-2 missiles will be used on ships of the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force fleet and will provide enhanced capabilities in providing defense of critical sea-lanes of communication. Japan has already integrated the SM-2 Block IIIB in to ship combat systems. It maintains two Intermediate-Level Maintenance Depots capable of maintaining and supporting the SM-2 and is upgrading these facilities to maintain and support the newest SM variants. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.**

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

**The principle contractors will be: Raytheon Missile Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona; Raytheon Company of Camden, Arkansas; United Defense, Limited Partnership (UDLP) of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and UDLP of Aberdeen, South Dakota. There are no 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 Japan.**

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

**Transmittal No. 05-27****Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer  
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)  
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex  
Item No. vii****(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:**

**1. The possible sale of SM-2 Block IIIB Standard missiles will result in the transfer of sensitive technology and information as well as classified and unclassified defense equipment and technical data. The Standard missile hardware guidance section and target detection device are classified Secret. The warhead, rocket motor, steering control section, safe and arming device, auto-pilot battery unit, and telemeter are classified Confidential. Certain operating frequencies and performance characteristics are classified Secret. Confidential documentation to be provided includes: parametric documents, general performance data, firing guidance, kinematics information, Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA)-level maintenance, and flight analysis procedures.**

**2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Meeting Notice****AGENCY:** DoD, Retirement Board of Actuaries.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Board has been scheduled to execute the provisions of Chapter 74, Title 10, United States Code (10 U.S.C. 1464 et. seq.), The Board shall review DoD actuarial methods and assumptions to be used in the valuation of the Military Retirement System. Persons desiring to: (1) attend the DoD Retirement Board of Actuaries meeting, or (2) make an oral presentation or submit a written

statement for consideration at the meeting, must notify Inger Pettygrove at (703) 696-7413 by July 8, 2005.

Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**DATES:** August 11, 2005, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**ADDRESSES:** 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 270, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inger Pettygrove, DoD Office of the Actuary, 4040 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 308, Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 696-7413.

Dated: June 14, 2005.

**Jeannette Owings-Ballard,**  
*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,*  
*Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Revised Non-Foreign Overseas Per Diem Rates****AGENCY:** DoD, Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee.**ACTION:** Notice of revised non-foreign overseas per diem rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee is publishing Civilian Personnel Per Diem Bulletin Number 240. 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. AEA changes announced in Bulletin Number 194 remain in effect. Bulletin Number 240 is being published in the **Federal Register** to assure that