

population segment), 200 gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), 100 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), 200 harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*), 200 Dall's porpoises (*Phocoenoides dalli*), 800 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), 1,000 spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), 1,500 short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), 1,500 long-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus capensis*), 600 Pacific white sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), 300 pantropical spotted dolphin (*Stenella attenuata*), 300 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and 2,000 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), annually. The permit would be valid for two years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 19, 2021.

Amy Sloan,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 21-29]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karma Job at karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil or (703) 697-8976.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) arms sales notification is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996. The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 21-29 with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: March 19, 2021.

Aaron T. Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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March 16, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-209, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

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. 21-29 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Netherlands for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$190 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,

Heidi H. Grant
Director

Enclosures:

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

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Transmittal No. 21-29

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:* Government of the Netherlands

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment* .. \$ 0 million
Other \$190 million

TOTAL \$190 million

(iii) *Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:* Foreign Military Sales Case NE-B-WJP, implemented on December 29, 2016, was below congressional notification threshold at \$77.3 million for the Royal Netherlands Air Force AH-64 pilot training program and logistics support at Fort Hood, Texas. The Netherlands

has requested the case be amended to include additional support, which will push the current case above the notification threshold and thus requires notification of the entire case.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
None

Non-MDE: Support for the Royal Netherlands Air Force AH-64 training program, to include fuel; base operating support; facilities; publications and technical documentation; pilot training;

AH-64D to AH-64E conversion training support; personnel training and training equipment; weapon system and software support; U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics personnel services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) *Military Department: Army (NE-B-WJP)*

(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: March 16, 2021*

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

The Netherlands—AH-64 Pilot Training and Logistics Support

The Government of the Netherlands has requested support for the Royal Netherlands Air Force AH-64 training program, to include fuel; base operating support; facilities; publications and technical documentation; pilot training; AH-64D to AH-64E conversion training support; personnel training and training equipment; weapon system and software support; U.S. Government and contractor technical, engineering, and logistics personnel services; and other related elements of logistical and

program support. The total overall estimated value is \$190 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the Netherlands' capability to maintain a set of highly trained and deployment-ready Royal Netherlands Air Force Apache units via continued training activities at Fort Hood, Texas. This training includes the AMERICAN FALCON exercise, which serves as a certifying event for Dutch military units and personnel to deploy abroad, often supporting U.S.-led coalition operations. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing this training and support into its armed forces.

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

This proposed sale does not contain any principal contractor. There are no known 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 the Netherlands.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 21-28]

Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karma Job at karma.d.job.civ@mail.mil or (703) 697-8976.

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Dated: March 19, 2021.

Aaron T. Siegel,

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