

Specification for Slip-Resistant Bathing Facilities, which ASTM withdrew in 2016.¹ Under the PRA, an agency must publish the following information:

- A title for the collection of information;
- A summary of the collection of information;
- A brief description of the need for the information and the proposed use of the information;
- A description of the likely respondents and proposed frequency of response to the collection of information;
- An estimate of the burden that will result from the collection of information; and
- Notice that comments may be submitted to the agency and OMB.

44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D). In accordance with this requirement, the Commission provides the following information:²

Title: Bathtub Slip Resistance Study.
OMB Number: New.

Type of Request: New information collection requirement.

Type of Review Requested: Regular.

Requested Expiration Date of Approval: Three years from date of approval.

Summary of the Collection of Information: The objective of this study is to conduct human slip research on three bathtubs on the market and to measure the friction demand of participants stepping into and out of the bathtubs when dry and wet. CPSC contracted with Arizona State University (ASU) to conduct this study. Participants will be recruited from the Phoenix, Arizona metro area. The experiments will be conducted at ASU's Locomotion Research Laboratory. The study will involve a total of three sessions to test three bathtub surfaces, where participants will walk into the tub and step out, while wearing fall arresting harness systems for safety. During these sessions, resistance forces under the foot and motion of the foot movements will be measured. The study will quantify the minimum frictional performance required for a bathing

surface to reduce slips and falls. CPSC staff will share the results of the study with the ASTM F15.03 Committee on Safety Standards for Bathtub and Shower Structure working on replacing ASTM F462.

Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use of the Information: Falls are the leading cause of injury and death for older adults 65 and older.³ Information collected as part of the bathtub slip resistance study is needed initially to support CPSC staff in efforts to work with the ASTM F15.03 Committee on Safety Standards for Bathtub and Shower Structures to replace the obsolete ASTM F462 standard for bathing surface friction that ASTM withdrew in 2016. This study will be used to inform CPSC staff of major requirements needed to achieve an efficient and effective slip-resistance standard.

Affected Public: Adults between ages 18 and 95 years old.

Estimated Number of Respondents: We expect up to 200 respondents annually. Over the full authorized period of the study, which is three years, up to 600 respondents may participate.

Frequency: One.

Total Estimated Annual Burden: Though response times will vary, on average, it will take 2.5 hours for respondents to fully participate in the study. Therefore, the annual estimated response burden is 500 hours (200 responses × 2.5 hours per response).

Total Estimated Annual Burden Cost: There are no costs to respondents and no respondent recordkeeping requirements associated with the study. There are no operating, maintenance, or capital costs associated with the collection. Participants will receive \$100 for participation in the study.

Request for Comments:

CPSC requests that interested parties submit comments regarding this proposed information collection (see the **ADDRESSES** section at the beginning of this notice). Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the Commission specifically invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of CPSC's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of CPSC's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information the Commission proposes to collect; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 23–73]

Arms Sales Notification

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

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

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

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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 with attached Transmittal 23–73, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 31, 2024.

Stephanie J. Bost,

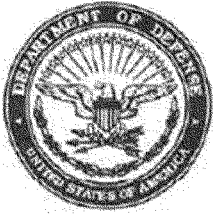
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¹ ASTM F462–79 *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Slip-Resistant Bathing Facilities* (2007) (withdrawn 2016), available at <https://www.astm.org/f0462-79r07.html>.

² On December 26, 2024, the Commission voted (5–0) to publish this notice.

³ Chowdhury et al., U.S. Consumer Prod. Safety Comm'n., *Consumer Product-related Injuries and Deaths Among Adults 65 Years of Age and Older*, 67–68 (2021), available at <https://tinyurl.com/2t88v33m>.



DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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February 2, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
 Speaker of the House
 U.S. House of Representatives
 H-209, The Capitol
 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. 23-73, 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 \$150 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

James A. Hursch
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 Director

Enclosures:

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

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Transmittal No. 23-73

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 *	\$140 million
Other	\$ 10 million
TOTAL	\$150 million

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
 Up to three hundred eighty-six (386) Hellfire Air-to-Ground Missiles, AGM-114R2

Non-MDE:
 Also included is U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) Security Assistance Management Directorate (SAMDM) technical assistance; Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions (TAGM) Project

Office technical assistance; non-standard books, publications, and other Hellfire publications; integration support; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army (NE-B-YAY, NE-B-YAZ)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* NE-B-WFV

(vi) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None known at this time

(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*: February 2, 2024

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

The Netherlands—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to buy up to three hundred eighty-six (386) Hellfire Air-to-Ground Missiles, AGM-114R2. Also included is U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) Security Assistance Management Directorate (SAMD) technical assistance; Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions (TAGM) Project Office technical assistance; non-standard books, publications, and other Hellfire publications; integration support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States (U.S.) by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the Netherlands' capability to strengthen its homeland defense and deter regional threats. This will contribute to its military goals of updating capability while further enhancing interoperability with the U.S. and other allies. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation in Orlando, FL. The purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale will require U.S. Government or contractor representatives to travel to the Netherlands for program management reviews to support the program.

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

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Annex

Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AGM-114R2 Hellfire Missile is used against heavy and light armored targets, thin skinned vehicles, urban structures, bunkers, caves, and personnel. The missile is Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) based, with a variable delay fuse, and improved safety and reliability.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

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

4. A determination has been made that the Government of the Netherlands 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.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the Netherlands.

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