POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) requested a possible sale of five hundred (500) AGM–114R Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles. The estimated cost is $80 million.

This sale directly contributes to the foreign and national security policies of the United States by enhancing the close air support capability of the UK in support of NATO and other coalition operations. Commonality between close air support capabilities greatly increases interoperability between our two countries’ military and peacekeeping forces and allows for greater burden sharing.

The proposed sale improves the UK’s ability to meet current and future threats by providing close air support to counter enemy attacks on coalition ground forces in U.S. CENTCOM’s area of responsibility. The UK currently has Hellfire missiles in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

There is no principal contractor for this sale as the missiles are coming from U.S. Army stock. 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 UK.

There will be no adverse impact on United States defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale. All defense articles and services are approved for release by our foreign disclosure office.

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(vii) Sensitivity of Technology: 1. AGM–114R Hellfire. The AGM–114R Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles are rail-launched guided missiles developed and produced by Lockheed Martin. The weapon system hardware, as an “All Up Round,” is UNCLASSIFIED. The highest level of classified information to be disclosed regarding the AGM–114R Hellfire II missile software is SECRET. The highest level of classified information that could be disclosed by a proposed sale or by testing of the end item is SECRET and the highest level that must be disclosed for production, maintenance, or training is CONFIDENTIAL. Software sensitivity is primarily in the programs that instruct the system on how to operate in the presence of countermeasures.

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

3. A determination has been made that the UK can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the AGM–114R Hellfire II missiles as the United States Government. Transfer of these missiles to the UK is necessary in the furtherance of United States foreign policy and national security objectives.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of the United Kingdom.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The following DTR Part IV Appendices have been rescinded:
Appendix V.E.3 (CSS)
Appendix V.F.3 (Best Value)
Appendix V.G.3 (TPPS)
Appendix V.J.3 (Shipments Management)

Intra-Country type personal property shipments will be solicited under SDDC International Tender provisions (e.g., channel, code of service, rate filing etc.), and/or under Military Services Personal Property Shipping Office Direct Procurement Method contract provisions.

A complete version of the DTR is available via the Internet on the USTRANSCOM homepage at http://www.transcom.mil/dtr/dtrp4.cfm.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Transportation Regulation, Part IV

AGENCY: United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense has rescinded the Defense Transportation Regulation Part IV (Personal Property), (DTR 4500.9R), Appendices in connection with the Defense Personal Property Program (DP3) Phase III Intra-Country Moves (iCM).

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