

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

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology*: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

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

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress*: November 4, 2025

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 25-49]

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b) 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 25-49 and Policy Justification.

Dated: January 26, 2026.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
2800 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-2800

October 31, 2025

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. 25-49, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Singapore for defense services estimated to cost \$353 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Michael F. Miller]

Michael F. Miller
Director

Enclosures:

- 1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification

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Transmittal No. 25-49

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 Singapore

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Value. Major Defense Equipment \* \$ 0, Other \$353 million, TOTAL \$353 million

Funding Source: National Funds

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case SN-D-GFU was below congressional notification threshold at \$27 million (\$0 in MDE) and included United States (U.S.)

government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The Government of Singapore has requested the case be amended to include construction services at Ebbing Air National Guard Base and other related elements of logistics and program support. This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold, and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

**Major Defense Equipment (MDE):**

None

**Non-Major Defense Equipment:**

Construction services at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, including studies and surveys; transportation support; U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Air Force (SN-D-GFU)

(v) *Prior Related Cases, if any:* None

(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:* None

(viii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* October 31, 2025

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

**POLICY JUSTIFICATION**

**Singapore—Ebbing Air National Guard Base Construction Services**

The Government of Singapore has requested to buy construction services at Ebbing Air National Guard Base and other related elements of logistics and program support that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case, valued at \$27 million (\$0 in MDE), included U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$353 million.

This proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. by improving the security of a strategic partner that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Asia.

The proposed sale will improve Singapore's capability to maintain operational readiness and

interoperability with U.S. and coalition forces. Singapore will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

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

There are no principal contractors associated with this potential sale. At this time, the U.S. government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. government or contractor representatives to Singapore.

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**

**Modifications to the Reimbursement of Childbirth Support Services Under the TRICARE Childbirth and Breastfeeding Support Demonstration**

**AGENCY:** Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of reimbursement modification.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director of the Defense Health Agency (DHA) is notifying the public of modifications to the reimbursement of certified labor doulas (CLDs) performing childbirth support services under the Childbirth and Breastfeeding Support Demonstration (CBSD).

**DATES:** The new reimbursement methodology will be effective for rates beginning March 1, 2026.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erica Ferron, 303-676-3626, [erica.c.ferron.civ@health.mil](mailto:erica.c.ferron.civ@health.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 746 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 directed the Secretary to establish a five-year demonstration project under TRICARE to evaluate the cost, quality of care, and impact on maternal and fetal outcomes of covering the services of doulas and lactation consultants or counselors not otherwise TRICARE authorized, and to determine whether it would be appropriate to add permanent coverage to the TRICARE benefit. This demonstration was

implemented as the CBSD, with details announced in a **Federal Register** notice (FRN) published by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, now referred to as the Assistant Secretary of War for Health Affairs (ASW(HA)) on October 29, 2021 (86 **Federal Register** (FR) 60006). The FRN prescribed the qualifications for the three extra medical maternal health providers (CLDs, certified lactation consultants, and certified lactation counselors), the number and type of services to be reimbursed, and the reimbursement rates for the services. The CBSD began on January 1, 2022, in the United States. The CBSD was modified for implementation overseas by an FRN published August 2, 2023 (88 FR 50850), with overseas coverage implemented on January 1, 2025. On April 11, 2024, the Director, DHA, published an FRN announcing a new reimbursement methodology for CLDs intended to create a Medicare-like reimbursement, where payment is adjusted annually to create a rate between Medicaid rates and private pay rates (89 FR 25617). The rate was to be updated on March 1 each year and could go up or down depending on state Medicaid rates. This methodology was expected to be durable but resulted in higher-than-expected variability from year to year.

This notice announces changes to the reimbursement methodology for childbirth support services intended to stabilize reimbursement of CLDs. For example, if DHA were to use the previously announced methodology for rates beginning March 1, 2026, the reimbursement rate for continuous labor support would be expected to decrease between \$100.00 to \$200.00 (depending on final Medicaid rates at the end of 2025) because state Medicaid programs added doula benefits with lower reimbursement rates, which drives down the TRICARE rate. Such a substantial decrease will likely result in fewer CLDs agreeing to provide care under the CBSD, negatively impacting beneficiary access to care and DHA's ability to complete its evaluation of the CBSD.

Due to concerns about this volatility, DHA is modifying reimbursement for childbirth support services so that the rate approved for March 1, 2025, will be considered a "baseline." The baseline will be updated each year by an inflation factor (the Medicare Economic Index (MEI)). This rate will then be adjusted by the Medicare Geographic Adjustment Factor (GAF) to develop rates for each locality.

To prevent TRICARE rates from falling below Medicaid reimbursement,