

## Transmittal No. 03-11

**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) (C) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The AEGIS Weapon System (AWS) hardware is unclassified, with the exception of the RF oscillator used in the Fire Control transmitter, which is classified Confidential. AEGIS documentation in general is unclassified. However, seven operation and maintenance manuals are classified Confidential, and one AEGIS maintenance manual supplement is classified Secret. The manuals and technical documents are limited to that necessary for operational and organizational maintenance.

2. While the hardware associated with the SPY-1D(V) radar and AN/SQQ-89 Surface Ship Undersea Combat System are unclassified, the computer programs are classified Secret. It is the combination of the SPY-1D(V) and AN/SQQ-89 sonar hardware and the computer programs that constitutes the technology sensitive aspects. The SPY-1D(V) radar and AN/SQQ-89 sonar hardware design and computer program documentation will not be released and the U.S. Navy will perform life cycle maintenance of the AEGIS weapons system computer programs.

3. The 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 including: guidance section, Target Detecting Device, warhead, rocket motor, steering control section, safety and arming unit, and auto-pilot battery unit 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, dynamics information, and flight analysis procedures.

4. 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.

5. A determination has been made that Japan 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.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 03-14]

**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 21 July 1996.

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The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Transmittal 03-14 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

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