

Transmittal No. 03-20**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) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The AN/AAQ-24(V) NEMESIS Directional Infrared Countermeasures (DIRCM) with a multi-band laser on large infrared signature aircraft reduces the number of required transmitters and increases effectiveness against threats from modern Man-Portable Air Defense Systems. This aircraft self-protection suite will provide fast and accurate threat detection, processing, tracking, and countermeasures to defeat current and future generation infrared missile threats. DIRCM is designed for installation on a wide range of rotary and fixed-wing aircraft.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware or software in this proposed sale, 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 advance capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that Qatar 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. 03-21]

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 Public Law 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 03-21 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

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