

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel – High Mobility Medium Tactical Trucks

The Government of Israel has requested a possible purchase of 256 American Truck Company (ATC) 6x6 High Mobility Medium Tactical (HMMT) trucks without cranes, 49 ATC 6x6 High Mobility Medium Tactical (HMMT) trucks with cranes, 10 ATC 6x6 HMMT driver training trucks, associated support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications, personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$65 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of the HMMT trucks will upgrade and enhance Israel's fleet with a Medium Tactical Truck between the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks in their inventory. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing these trucks into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of these trucks will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor is American Truck Company of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of four contractor representatives for three months to Israel.

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

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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 03-32 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

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