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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 24-47]

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 36(b)(1) 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 24-47, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 26, 2025.

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Department of Defense.




DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY
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Washington, DC 20301-2800

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. 24-47, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$60.2 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,



James A. Hursch
Director

Enclosures:

1. Transmittal
2. Policy Justification
3. Sensitivity of Technology

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	\$55.5 million
Other	<u>\$ 4.7 million</u>
TOTAL	\$60.2 million

Funding Source: National Funds

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Seven hundred twenty (720) Switchblade 300 (SB300) All Up Rounds (AURs)
(includes 35 fly-to-buy AURs)

One hundred one (101) SB300 fire control systems (FCS)

Non-MDE:

The following non-MDE will also be included: first line spares packs; operator manuals; operator and maintenance training; logistics and fielding support; Lot Acceptance Testing (LAT); United States (U.S.) Government technical assistance, including engineering services, program management, site surveys, facilities, logistics, and maintenance evaluations; quality assurance and de-processing team; field service representative(s); transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (TW-B-ZEC)

(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: See Attached Annex

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: **June 18, 2024**

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States – Switchblade 300 Anti-Personnel and Anti-Armor Loitering Missile System

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy seven hundred twenty (720) Switchblade 300 (SB300) All Up Rounds (AURs) (includes 35 fly-to-buy AURs) and one hundred one (101) SB300 fire control systems (FCS). The following non-Major Defense Equipment will also be included: first line spares packs; operator manuals; operator and maintenance training; logistics and fielding support; Lot Acceptance Testing (LAT); U.S. Government technical assistance, including engineering services, program management, site surveys, facilities, logistics, and maintenance evaluations; quality assurance and de-processing team; field service representative(s); transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$60.2 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractor will be AeroVironment, Inc., located in Simi Valley, CA. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of eight U.S. Government and two contractor representatives for a duration of up to five years to support equipment fielding, training, and program management.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness because of this proposed sale.

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Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Switchblade 300 (SB300) is a loitering, self-contained, tube-launched, lightweight, man-portable, day/night, direct-fire precision guided-missile system. It is capable of line-of-sight and beyond line-of-sight engagements, enabled by a live video feed from the missile to the fire control system (FCS). This capability provides small tactical units with organic, responsive precision fires. An operator can fly to the target area, loiter, wave off, or engage a target. A small, forward-firing fragmentation warhead defeats stationary or moving personnel and light vehicles while reducing potential collateral damage.
2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is Controlled Unclassified Information.
3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.
4. A determination has been made that the recipient 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.
5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the recipient.