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Office of the Secretary

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Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Arms sales notice.

SUMMARY: The DoD (referred to herein as "the Department," "Department of War" or "DoW") is publishing the unclassified text of an arms sales notification.

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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 the attached Transmittal 26-69, Policy Justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: November 17, 2026.

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Transmittal No. RSAT 26-69

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: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment*	$ 7.3 billion
Other	$17.0 billion
TOTAL	$24.3 billion

Funding Source: National Funds

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Forty-eight (48) F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft with Conventional Takeoff and Landing
Forty-nine (49) Pratt & Whitney F135-PW-100 Engines (48 installed, 1 spare)

Non-MDE:
The following non-MDE items will also be included: AN/PYQ-10 simple key loaders; KIV-78 cryptographic appliques; secure communications, precision navigation, and cryptographic devices; electronic warfare database support; Cartridge Actuated Devices/Propellant Actuated Devices; aircraft and munitions support and support equipment; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; training aids, devices, and spare parts; engine component improvement program; major and minor modifications and maintenance support; classified and unclassified software delivery and support; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; transportation, ferry, and refueling support; personnel training and training equipment, including simulators; clothing, textiles, and individual equipment; studies and surveys; site surveys; U.S. Government and engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (SR-D-SAR; SA-D-SAS)

(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: September 17, 2026

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter Aircraft

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has requested to buy forty-eight (48) F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter aircraft with Conventional Takeoff and Landing; and forty-nine (49) Pratt & Whitney F135-PW-100 Engines (48 installed, 1 spare). The following non-MDE items will also be included: AN/PYQ-10 simple key loaders; KIV-78 cryptographic appliques; secure communications, precision navigation, and cryptographic devices; electronic warfare database support; Cartridge Actuated Devices/Propellant Actuated Devices; aircraft and munitions support and support equipment; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; training aids, devices, and spare parts; engine Component Improvement Program; major and minor modifications and maintenance support; classified and unclassified software delivery and support; classified and unclassified publications and technical documentation; transportation, ferry, and refueling support; personnel training and training equipment, including simulators; clothing, textiles, and individual equipment; studies and surveys; site surveys; U.S. Government and engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is $24.3 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a Major non-NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Gulf Region.

The proposed sale will improve Saudi Arabia's capability to deter current and future threats by strengthening its homeland defense, and improving interoperability with U.S. forces, and other regional and NATO forces. The proposed sale will also augment Saudi Arabia's operational aircraft and enhance its air-to-air, and air-to-ground self-defense capability. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment and services into its armed forces.

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

The principal contractors will be Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, located in Fort Worth, TX; and Pratt & Whitney Military Engines, located in East Hartford, CT. 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 contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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

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Annex
Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The F-35 aircraft is a single seat, single engine, all-weather, stealth, fifth-generation, multirole aircraft. It contains sensitive technology including the low observable airframe and outer mold line (OML), the Pratt and Whitney F135 Engine, AN/APG-81 radar, an integrated core processor central computer, a mission system and electronic warfare suite, a multiple sensor suite, technical data, documentation, and associated software. Sensitive elements of the F-35 are also included in operational flight and maintenance trainers. Sensitive and classified elements of the F-35 aircraft include hardware, accessories, components, and associated software for the following major subsystems:

a. The Pratt and Whitney F135 Engine is a single 40,000-pound thrust class engine designed for the F-35 and assures highly reliable, affordable performance. The engine is designed to be utilized in all F-35 variants, providing unmatched commonality and supportability throughout the worldwide base of F-35 users.

b. The AN/APG-81 Active Electronically Scanned Array is a high processing power/high transmission power electronic array capable of detecting air and ground targets from a greater distance than mechanically scanned array radars. It also contains a synthetic aperture radar, which creates high-resolution ground maps and provides weather data to the pilot, and provides air and ground tracks to the mission system, which uses it as a component to fuse sensor data.

c. The Electro-Optical Targeting System (EOTS) provides long-range detection and tracking as well as an infrared search and track and forward-looking infrared capability for precision tracking, weapons delivery and bomb damage assessment. The EOTS replaces multiple separate internal or podded systems typically found on legacy aircraft.

d. The Electro-Optical Distributed Aperture System (EODAS) provides the pilot with full spherical coverage for air-to- air and air-to-ground threat awareness, day and night vision enhancements, fire control capability and precision tracking of wingmen and friendly aircraft. The EODAS provides data directly to the pilot's helmet as well as the mission system.

e. The F-35 Electronic Warfare (EW) system is a reprogrammable, integrated system that provides radar warning and electronic support measures along with a fully integrated countermeasures system. The EW system is the primary subsystem used to enhance situational awareness, targeting support and self-defense through the search, intercept, location and identification of in-band emitters and to automatically counter infrared and radiofrequency threats.

f. The F-35 Communications, Navigation, and Identification (CNI) system provides the pilot with unmatched connectivity to flight members, coalition forces and the battlefield. It is

an integrated subsystem designed to provide a broad spectrum of secure, anti-jam voice and data communications, precision radio navigation and landing capability, self-identification, beyond visual range target identification and connectivity to off-board sources of information. It also includes an inertial navigation and global positioning system for precise location information. The functionality is tightly integrated within the mission system to enhance efficiency.

g. The F-35 CNI system includes two data links: Multi-Function Advanced Data Link (MADL) and Link 16. MADL is designed specifically for the F-35 and allows for Low Probability of Intercept communications between F- 35s. Link 16 is a command, control, communications, and intelligence system incorporating jam-resistant and digital communication links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including data and voice, among air, ground, and sea elements. It provides key theater functions such as surveillance, identification, air control, weapons engagement coordination, and direction for all services and allied forces. Link-16 equipment allows the F-35 to communicate with battlespace participants using widely distributed J-series message protocols.

h. The F-35 Autonomic Logistics Global Sustainment (ALGS) provides a fully integrated logistics management solution. ALGS integrates a number of functional areas, including supply chain management, repair, support equipment, engine support and training. The ALGS infrastructure employs a state-of-the-art information system that provides real-time, decision-worthy information for sustainment decisions by flight line personnel. Prognostic health monitoring technology is integrated with the air system and is crucial to predictive maintenance of vital components.

i. The F-35Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS) provides an intelligent information infrastructure that binds all the key concepts of ALGS into an effective support system. ALIS establishes appropriate interfaces among the F-35 air vehicle, warfighter, training system, government information technology systems, and supporting commercial enterprise systems. Additionally, ALIS provides a comprehensive tool for data collection, analysis, decision support, and action tracking.

j. The F-35 training system includes several training devices to provide integrated training for pilots and maintainers. The pilot training devices include a Full Mission Simulator and Deployable Mission Rehearsal Trainer. The maintenance training devices include an Aircraft Systems Maintenance Trainer, Ejection System Maintenance Trainer, OML lab, Flexible Linear Shaped Charge Trainer, F135 Engine Module Trainer, and Weapons Loading Trainer. The F-35 Training System can be integrated, where pilots and maintainers learn in an Integrated Training Center. Alternatively, the pilots and maintainers can train in separate facilities (Pilot Training Center and Maintenance Training Center).

k. Other subsystems, features, and capabilities include the F-35's low observable air frame, Integrated Core Processor Central Computer, helmet-mounted display system (HMDS), pilot life support system (PLSS), Off-board Mission Support (OMS) system; KOV-33, KOV-34, KOV-35, CSV-02B, KG-175F, and VIPER phones, communication security equipment and devices, publications and maintenance manuals. The HMDS provides a fully sunlight readable, biocular display presentation of aircraft information projected onto the pilot's helmet visor. The use of a night vision camera integrated with the helmet eliminates the need for separate night vision goggles. The PLSS provides a measure of pilot Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear protection through use of an on-board oxygen generating system (OBOGS), and an escape system that provides additional protection to the pilot. OBOGS takes the power and thermal management system (PTMS) air and enriches it

by removing gases (mainly nitrogen) by adsorption, thereby increasing the concentration of oxygen in the product gas and supplying breathable air to the pilot. OMS provides mission planning, mission briefing, and a maintenance, intelligence, and tactical debriefing platform for the F-35.

2. The AN/PYQ-10 simple key loader is a handheld device used for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between compatible cryptographic and communications equipment.

3. The KIV-78 is a cryptographic applique for Identification Friend or Foe and can be loaded with Mode 5 classified elements.

4. The highest level of classification of information included in this potential sale is SECRET.

5. 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 system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that Saudi Arabia can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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