



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of defense articles, to include technical data, and defense services to Japan for the production of the MK41 Vertical Launching System (VLS).

The United States government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. S. Adams", written in a cursive style.

David S. Adams
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 12-085

The Honorable

John A. Boehner,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.