



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 Significant Military Equipment abroad and 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 manufacture and export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Italy and Turkey. The agreement includes the manufacture of the F-35 Lightning II's Center Fuselage and related assemblies, subassemblies, and components including composite components associated with all variants of the F-35 aircraft. The amendment also authorizes the retransfer of hardware to the F-35 assembly checkout facility in Italy.

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 "Thomas B. Gibbons".

Thomas B. Gibbons
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DDTC 13-048

The Honorable

John A. Boehner,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.