

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3722

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer of naval vessels to certain foreign recipients.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Naval Vessels Transfer
5 Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSFERS BY GRANT.**

2 The President is authorized to transfer vessels to for-
 3 eign recipients on a grant basis under section 516 of the
 4 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), as fol-
 5 lows:

6 (1) LITHUANIA.—To the Government of Lith-
 7 uania, the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ships
 8 KINGFISHER (MHC-56) and CORMORANT
 9 (MHC-57).

10 (2) PORTUGAL.—To the Government of Por-
 11 tugal, the OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided
 12 missile frigates GEORGE PHILIP (FFG-12) and
 13 SIDES (FFG-14).

14 (3) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey,
 15 the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ship BLACK
 16 HAWK (MHC-58).

17 **SEC. 3. TRANSFERS BY SALE.**

18 The President is authorized to transfer vessels to for-
 19 eign recipients on a sale basis under section 21 of the
 20 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761), as follows:

21 (1) TAIWAN.—To the authorities in Taiwan, the
 22 OSPREY class minehunter coastal ships ORIOLE
 23 (MHC-55) and FALCON (MHC-59).

24 (2) TURKEY.—To the Government of Turkey,
 25 the OSPREY class minehunter coastal ship
 26 SHRIKE (MHC-62).

1 (3) MEXICO.—To the Government of Mexico,
2 the AUSTIN class amphibious transport dock ships
3 OGDEN (LPD–5) and CLEVELAND (LPD–7).

4 **SEC. 4. GRANTS NOT COUNTED IN ANNUAL TOTAL OF**
5 **TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.**

6 The value of a vessel transferred to another country
7 on a grant basis pursuant to authority provided by section
8 2 shall not be counted against the aggregate value of ex-
9 cess defense articles transferred to countries in any fiscal
10 year under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of
11 1961.

12 **SEC. 5. COSTS OF CERTAIN TRANSFERS.**

13 Notwithstanding section 516(e)(1) of the Foreign As-
14 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)(1)), any expense
15 incurred by the United States in connection with a trans-
16 fer authorized under section 2 shall be charged to the re-
17 cipient.

18 **SEC. 6. REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT IN UNITED STATES**
19 **SHIPYARDS.**

20 To the maximum extent practicable, the President
21 shall require, as a condition of the transfer of a vessel
22 under this section, that the country to which the vessel
23 is transferred have such repair or refurbishment of the
24 vessel as is needed before the vessel joins the naval forces

1 of that country performed at a shipyard located in the
 2 United States, including a United States Navy shipyard.

3 **SEC. 7. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO**
 4 **FOREIGN NATIONS BY VESSEL CLASS.**

5 Section 7307(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
 6 amended by inserting “or vessels of that class” after “that
 7 vessel”.

8 **SEC. 8. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.**

9 The authority to transfer a vessel under this Act shall
 10 expire at the end of the 2-year period beginning on the
 11 date of the enactment of this Act.

Passed the Senate September 7 (legislative day, Sep-
 tember 6), 2006.

Attest:

Secretary.

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