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Netherlands –AIM-9X-2 SIDEWINDER Missiles

WASHINGTON, October 17, 2012 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress October 16 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of the Netherlands for 28 AIM-9X-2 SIDEWINDER Block II All-Up-Round Missiles and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$60 million.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested a possible sale of 28 AIM-9X-2 SIDEWINDER Block II All-Up-Round Missiles, 20 CATM-9X-2 Captive Air Training Missiles, 2 AIM-9X-2 NATM Special Air Training Missiles, 2 CATM-9X-2 Block II Missile Guidance Units, 2 AIM-9X-2 Block II Tactical Guidance Units, 2 Dummy Air Training Missiles, containers, missile support and test equipment, provisioning, spare and repair parts, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support. The estimated cost is \$60 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve security of a NATO ally which has been, and continues to be, an important force for political stability and economic progress in Northern Europe.

The Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNAF) is modernizing its fighter aircraft to better support the Netherlands' air defense needs. This proposed sale of AIM-9X missiles will improve the RNAF's capability to conduct self defense and regional security missions, and enhance its interoperability with the U.S. and other NATO members. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of these missiles and related support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona. There are no known offset proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require travel of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the Netherlands on a temporary basis for program technical support and management oversight.

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

This notice of a potential sale is required by law and does not mean the sale has been concluded.