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## **Netherlands – SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD Missiles**

On 15 September 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Netherlands of 55 SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD missiles, 55 MK 13 MOD 0 canisters as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$70 million.

The Government of the Netherlands has requested a possible sale of 55 SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD missiles, 55 MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$70 million.

The proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capabilities of the Netherlands, a NATO ally, and furthering standardization and interoperability.

The proposed sale will provide the Netherlands continued NATO anti-aircraft defense capabilities for its Navy. The evolution of the anti-aircraft warfare threat in littoral nations mandates this defense capability. The Netherlands Navy intends to use the SM-2 missiles on its destroyer class surface ships for self-defense against air and cruise missile threats in the Netherlands and the NATO theater. The Netherlands already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory and will have no difficulty absorbing these additional missiles.

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

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

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

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; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.