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## **Japan - PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Guided Missiles**

On 7 September 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Japan of PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Guided Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$79 million.

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of 20 PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) (10 packs containing 2 missiles each) guided missiles, support equipment, modification kits, fire solution computer, publications, personnel training, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$79 million.

Japan is one of the major political and economic powers in East Asia and the Western Pacific and a key ally of the United States in ensuring the peace and stability of that region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist Japan to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability, which will contribute to an acceptable military balance in the area. This proposed sale is consistent with these U.S. objectives and with the 1960 Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

This proposed sale is in support of a PATRIOT PAC-3 ground systems co-production program. The proposed sale will provide Japan with an effective, state-of-the-art, anti-tactical missile capability and will greatly improve the defense posture of Japan. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these PAC-3 missiles into its inventory.

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

The prime contractor will be Lockheed-Martin in Dallas, Texas. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of two U.S. Government and eight contractor representatives to Japan following delivery of the missiles.

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.