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The Netherlands – F-16 Pilot Training and Logistics Support

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, 2009 – Today the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible foreign military sale to the Government of The Netherlands of F-16 pilot training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$133 million.

The Government of Netherlands has requested a possible sale for the continuation of a Continental United States (CONUS)-based Royal Netherlands Air Force F-16 Formal Training Unit (FTU), 12,000 RR-188 Training Chaff, 2,250 BDU-33 (ZP61C) low-drag training bombs, 20,000 MJU-7 (F071A) Infrared Decoy Flares, pilot training, JP-8 fuel, air refueling support, airlift services, CONUS base start up, base operating support, facilities, training munitions, technical data and publications, personnel training and training equipment, contractor technical and logistics personnel services, and other related elements of logistical support.

This proposed sale contributes to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the U.S. by improving the military capabilities of The Netherlands and enhancing standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Springfield-Beckley Air National Guard Base, Ohio, is the location where the Netherlands Air Force will train aircrews in aircraft operations and tactics. This training will enhance the Royal Netherlands Air Force's ability to continue contributions to Overseas Contingency Operations and to North Atlantic Treaty Organization air policing operations in Afghanistan, as well as, to possible future coalition operations.

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

The U.S. Air Force will provide program management for the FTU. The Ohio Air National Guard will provide instruction, flight operations, and maintenance support and facilities. There is no prime contractor involved in this program. 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 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.