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**Thailand – Evolved SEASPARROW Missiles (ESSM)**

WASHINGTON, August 8, 2012 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress August 7 of a possible Foreign Military Sale to the Government of Thailand for nine Evolved SEASPARROW Missiles (ESSM) and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of \$18 million.

The Government of Thailand has requested a possible sale of nine Evolved SEASPARROW Missiles (ESSM); three MK25 Quad Pack canisters; and four MK783 shipping containers; spare and repair parts; support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering; technical and logistics support services; and technical assistance and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated cost is \$18 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by increasing the ability of Thailand to contribute to regional security and improving interoperability with the U.S. Military in operational and exercise scenarios. It is consistent with U.S. national interests to assist Thailand in developing and maintaining a strong and ready ship self-defense capability which will contribute to the military balance in the area.

ESSM provides ship self-defense capability. The proposed sale will add to Thailand's capability to meet current and future threats from anti-ship weapons.

The proposed FMS case includes support equipment, training and technical assistance required for the RTN to effectively incorporate the ESSM into its fleet. With this support, the RTN will have no difficulty absorbing the ESSM into its frigates and being fully operational.

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

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

The prime contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona and BAE Systems in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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.