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Australia – RGM-84L Harpoon Missiles

On 11 October 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Australia of RGM-84L Harpoon Missiles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$90 million.

The Government of Australia has requested a possible sale of up to 64 RGM-84L Harpoon Block II missiles, maintenance training and equipment, spare and repair parts, training, shipboard equipment, support and test equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$90 million.

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

Australia currently deploys Harpoon missiles on surface ships, submarines and aircraft. Australia will use these additional missiles to augment its present Harpoon missile inventory and enhance its overall military capability. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these additional Harpoon 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 the Boeing Company of St. Louis, Missouri. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of five contractor engineering technical representatives for one-week intervals to participate in program review and technical reviews to Australia.

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.