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Japan -- SM-2 Block III STANDARD Missiles

On 2 August, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale of Standard Missiles and associated equipment and services.

The Government of Japan has requested a possible sale of 16 SM-2 Block IIIA STANDARD missiles, 16 MK 13 MOD 0 canisters, containers, spare and repair parts, supply support, U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$27 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the East Asia.

Japan will use these missiles to update older or less reliable missiles currently in the Japanese Self Defense Force fleet. Japan, which already has STANDARD missiles in its inventory, 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 Missile Systems Company in Tucson, Arizona. There are no 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 Japan.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.