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Turkey – Possible Sale of PERRY Class Frigates

On 23 January, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Turkey of two Oliver Hazard Perry class frigates with associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$110 Million.

The Government of Turkey has requested a possible sale of two FFG-7 OLIVER HAZARD PERRY class guided missile frigates ESTOCIN (FFG-15) and SAMUEL E. MORISON (FFG-13). In addition to the frigates, this sale would also include two MK 15 MOD 0 Close-in Weapons Systems, two MK 75 MOD 0 76mm gun mounts, two MK 13 MOD 4 guided missile launch systems, two AN/SLQ-32(V)2 Countermeasures Sets, two AN/SQR-19(V)2 Sonar Receiving Sets, two AN/SQS-56 Sonar Sets, two MK 92 Mode 2 Fire Control Systems, two AN/SPS-49(V)4 Radar Sets, upgrade modification kits for 50 SM-1 STANDARD missiles, four M2 machine guns, 10,000 20mm ammunition rounds, sonobuoys and other related ammunition items, and shipyard/port support services and post transfer activities. The Government of Turkey could also purchase U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel support services, publications, repair and calibration services for shipboard equipment, publications and technical data/drawings, personnel training and training equipment, support equipment, spare and repair parts and other elements of logistics necessary to prepare the frigates for transfer to Turkey in a "Safe to Steam" condition with all shipboard and weapon systems operational. The estimated cost is up to \$110 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Turkey, while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability. Turkey already has seven U.S. Navy PERRY class frigates in its Navy fleet. Turkey needs these frigates to continue its naval modernization program and enhance its Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) capability. The frigates will be provided in accordance with, and subject to the limitation on use and transfer provided under the Arms Export Control Act, as embodied in the terms of sale. This sale will not adversely affect either the military balance in the region or U.S. efforts to encourage a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question.

The PERRY vessels will be transferred on a "hot ship" basis. The primary effort for transfer will be completed through the Naval Sea Systems Command. There are no prime contractors for provision of the weapon systems applicable to this platform. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. The U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics in-country personnel requirements will be determined following consultations with representatives of the Turkish navy.

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.

