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ISRAEL – High Mobility Medium Tactical Trucks

On 3 September 2003, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of High Mobility Medium Tactical trucks as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$65 million.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible purchase of 256 American Truck Company (ATC) 6x6 High Mobility Medium Tactical (HMMT) trucks without cranes, 49 ATC 6x6 High Mobility Medium Tactical (HMMT) trucks with cranes, 10 ATC 6x6 HMMT driver training trucks, associated support equipment, spare and repair parts, publications, personnel training and training equipment, technical assistance, contractor technical and logistics personnel services and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$65 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 that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of the HMMT trucks will upgrade and enhance Israel's fleet with a Medium Tactical Truck between the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles and Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Trucks in their inventory. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing these trucks into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of these trucks will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractor is American Truck Company of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of four contractor representatives for three months to Israel.

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.