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## **Sweden – Avionics Modernization Program Upgrade of C-130H Aircraft**

On 22 July 2004, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Sweden of an Avionics Modernization Program upgrade of C-130H aircraft as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$120 million.

The Government of Sweden has requested a possible sale of upgrade services for eight C-130H aircraft. The Avionics Modernization Program upgrade includes navigation, communications, LCD displays with a heads-up display, software development/integration; associated support equipment, modification kits, spare and repair parts, test equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$120 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 Europe.

This proposed sale would ensure the capability of performing all-weather, around the clock, combat delivery missions. The C-130H system requires upgrades to radar, navigation and communication systems, as well as the man-machine interface. Sweden will have no difficulty absorbing the upgraded aircraft into its armed forces.

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 Long Beach, California. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

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

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.