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Israel - JP-8 Aviation Jet and Diesel Fuel

WASHINGTON, August 24, 2007 - The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of JP-8 Aviation Jet and Diesel fuel. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$308 million.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 90,000,000 gallons of JP-8 aviation jet fuel and 42,000,000 gallons of diesel fuel. The estimated cost is \$308 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 JP-8 aviation fuel will enable Israel to maintain the operational capability of its aircraft inventory. The diesel fuel will be used for ground forces vehicles and other equipment used in keeping peace and security in the region. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing this additional fuel into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of these two types of diesel fuel will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The Defense Energy Supply Center is unable to identify the vendors at this time due to the competitive bid process for the supply sources(s). There are no known 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 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.