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## **Belgium - Multi-Functional Information Distribution System Terminals**

On 04 September 2002, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Belgium of Multi-Functional Information Distribution System Terminals as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$50 million.

The Government of Belgium has requested a possible sale of 90 AN/USQ-140(V) Multi-Functional Information Distribution System Terminals, modification kits, personnel training and training equipment, data link testing, support and test equipment, software support, publications and technical data, spare and repair parts, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics assistance and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$50 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Belgium and further weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

Belgium needs these additional Multi-Functional Information Distribution System Terminals to implement the Link-16 capability in their F-16 aircraft.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be: Rockwell Collins/Data Link Solutions of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and VIASAT Incorporation of Carlsbad, California. 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 Belgium.

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.